

**MASSES— 13th to 20th Feb 22**

Sun	13	9.30am	Norah Griffith (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Tinoy & Christine (1st Wedding Anni), Bridie McAndrew (Spl Int), Pierre & Louis Masozera (RIP)
Mon	14	12.00noon	James Cannon (RIP)
Tues	15	9.30am	Mary Smith (RIP)
Wed	16	9.30am	Marie Curristan (RIP)
Thurs	17	9.30am	Patsy Leslie (RIP)
Fri	18	9.30am	George Dunnion (Anni)
Sat	19	9.30am	Thi Tran (RIP)
		12.00noon	Janie Patalong (RIP-1st Anni)
Sun	20	9.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Spl Int) Oyawiri (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Mary Eileen Kerrigan (RIP), Raphael Oguefidor (Wedding thanksgiving)

**Lectors**

**13/02/2022**

9.30am Naomi, Noah (R)  
11.30am Maame, Elena ®

**20/02/2022**

Godfrey, Nicholas (R)  
Valerie, Scarlett (R)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley, Teresa MacCaffer, Andrea.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Ellen Crawley, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Boman, Robert Hancock, Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama, Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash, George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd,

**SPIRITUAL QUOTES :**

"Only in quiet waters things mirror themselves undistorted. Only in a quiet mind is adequate perception of the world."  
"When you connect to the silence within you, that is when you can make sense of the disturbance going on around you."  
"Quiet the mind and the soul will speak."  
"The meaning of life is just to be alive. It is so plain and so obvious and so simple. And yet, everybody rushes around in a great panic as if it were necessary to achieve something beyond themselves."



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter—6th Sunday in ordinary Time—13th to 20th Feb 2022**

**WHAT KIND OF HOPE DO YOU INTERTAIN?**

The beatitudes are paradoxical sayings of Jesus that have put some people off thinking that Jesus was not sensitive to the feelings of others. Some people read them or listen to them and think that Jesus is standing on their side. In today's gospel, the materially poor people might think that they are all destined to heaven while the rich will be thrown out. None of these lines of thought is right because the beatitudes are promises of Jesus to those who will remain faithful until the end, irrespective of who or what they are.

In the gospel of Matt. 7:13 Jesus spoke about the wide door and the narrow door and told his disciples to try to enter by the narrow door. The wide door is spacious, easily found by so many but only a few find the narrow door meaning that not many people are ready to endure trials for their faith in God. Today Jesus speaks along those lines. There is no happiness in poverty, in hunger or in being hated, driven out or denounced as a criminal. Yet Jesus calls the people who suffer these things because they believe in him truly blessed. Why?

Jesus is not glamourizing material poverty, but calls those who feel that they miss God and who seek him truly blessed. He calls them blessed who are hungry now, he is not glamourizing lack of food, but calls them blessed those who feel that they hunger for God in their life, these will be satisfied when they see God face to face. Therefore Jesus teaches us today to remember that following him is not easy but a real sacrifice of oneself at the foot of the cross.

The gospel is a warning too for those who take life so easy those who feel that they are rich they don't need God, his love or his mercy. I have been astonished to see sometimes how leaders of governments commit real blunders or terrible crimes against people and yet have so many people praising them. The first reading has rightly put it that a curse on the man who puts his trust in man and a curse on the man who relies on things of flesh and turns away from God. A life without faith in God, a life without loving God, or a life without hope in God, is useless and empty. Jesus tells us that false prophets will always be praised but a time will come to regret all that. Brothers and sisters, all of us should be conscious that one day we shall stand individually before the judgement seat of God.

Today is racial justice Sunday, we are reminded that we are all created in the image of God, that we are born free and equal. In the eyes of God, there is no prince, no queen, no slave no rich or poor. All are his children. As Christians it is our duty to recognise at once the face of the Lord in the eyes of our brothers and sisters especially those who live on the margins of life.

As you return home today, try to ask yourself, "what kind of hope do I have in Christ"? Go and seek the Lord and depend on His Providence to sustain and support you. Jesus has made us a promise that one day we shall either rejoice and laugh or that one day we shall depart from his presence disgraced. Let us do our best by loving one another and recognise his face in every person without distinction, believing firmly that we are all brothers and sisters created for the glory and praise of God forever in heaven.

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**YOU ARE MOST WELCOME** to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here or probably you have been here before, your presence with us at this moment at our community worship is greatly appreciated. Our Parish Church is the second to be built in Coventry after the Protestant Reformation. It was built in 1893, the pews have never moved since then! Our Musical Pipe Organ was inaugurated in 1898, it was the best of its kind at the time. Our Parish has had eleven Parish priests since 1889, the present one being a Religious Missionary from the Institute of Apostles of Jesus in Uganda. Our Parish welcomes and promotes the initiatives taken by everyone for the building up and sustenance of our faith community.

**Parish Development**

Gift Aid : 172.00 SO ( Dec ) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 437.30 Total: **£609.30**

*Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.*

**2nd Collection :**

**Bonus Ball :** No. 29 Tony Byrne

**Mass Attendance :**

**Pious Devotions**

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

**Confessions:** Saturday- 10.10  
-11.00am.

**Gospel Reflection**

**It Takes a Lot of Faith!**

It takes a lot of faith to “rejoice and leap for joy” after experiencing hatred and persecution from another. Even when one is persecuted on account of his/her faith in Christ, it takes a lot of faith and a lot of love to sincerely rejoice.

Reflect, today, upon the Beatitudes. If you put your eyes upon the high calling of the Beatitudes, then you will find that our Lord will continually draw you closer to His heart, cleansing you, strengthening you, filling you with more faith, hope and love, and bringing you to an increasingly blessed level of holiness.

**Mass Intentions**

If you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Visit by Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA** a renowned preacher on Divine Mercy from Poland will visit our parish on the weekend of 30th April and 1st May 2022 following the Sunday of Divine Mercy. I invite all parishioners and to come and celebrate the Mercy of God. He will preach at both Sunday Masses

**This year's Racial Justice Sunday** falls this Sunday 13 February 2022. The theme is "In the Image and Likeness of God" celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures. The theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church.

**Prayer for the Synodal Path**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

**Ash Wednesday** will be celebrated on 2nd March. It will be an opportunity of 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let us prepare ourselves for those days of grace.

**Thanks from Missio:** for the parish gift of £53.8 towards its work and the Mill Hill Missionaries through the Red Box or regular gifts.

**New Denaries:** it has now been confirmed that Nuneaton, Bedworth, Bukington and Atherstone parishes will be joining Coventry Denary to form one body. It will be known as the Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery. The parishes in Rugby area will be joining with Warwick and become the newly formed Rugby and Warwick Deanery. This amalgamation will take effect in March 2022.

**Memorial Mass for Janie Patalong** (RIP) - will be celebrated on 19/02/22. Janie was a very holy woman who died last year at the height of the Covid19 pandemic, the family and friends did not have a chance to pray for her in her beloved parish church. This will now take place on the mentioned date. May Janie rest in peace.

**Would you like to do some voluntary work in hospital?** Now that life is returning to normal and there would be a need for more visitors and Eucharistic Ministers, Fr Sunday is asking whether there are some people who would like to volunteer as helpers at the hospital. The kind of voluntary service required must be inspired by Christian faith. The University hospital is so diverse therefore all sorts of services will contribute to the welfare of the sick and staff. If you are interested please let me know or contact Fr. Sunday.

**Attention for Altar Servers:** the Guild of St Stephen's annual Mass of thanksgiving will take place on Saturday 1st October at 12:00 in St Chad's Cathedral, and not in March as previously announced. In the previous two years Altar Servers could not meet for this special Mass with the Archbishop on 26th December feast of St. Stephen due to the pandemic. Parents of Altar Servers are asked to put this date in your diary for your children.