

MASSES FROM 13th to 20th Jan 2019

Sun	13	9.30am	Deceased members of Griffith family Roger (Thanksgiving), Thomas Shaughnessy
		11.30am	Mama Magdaline Akenji, Vincent Neba Ayamnde, Stanley Kanyiri (RIP)
Mon	14	9.30am	Holy souls, Tony Smith (B'day)
Tues	15	9.30am	Sr. Cressentia Bara (RIP)
Wed	16	9.30am	Sr. Assumpta Costello (RIP)
Thurs	17	9.30am	Founders of SSA, Deceased Benefactors of SSA
Fri	18	9.30am	Deceased Sisters of SSA
Sat	19	9.30am	Sr. Benjamine (RIP)
Sun	20	9.30am	Ganet & Jacob family (Spl int)
		11.30am	People of the parish



Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

13/01/19

9.30am Julia Hunt, Nicholas (R)
Elizabeth P. (E)
11.30am Noreen, Ashley (R)
Marcel, Frank (E)

20/01/19

James M. , Elena (R)
Barbara (E)
Serso, Vera (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear.

Anniversaries during this Week: Kathleen Kooghan, Isabel Carson, Thomas Shaughnessy , Margaret Cooke, Ethna Veronica Bannon, Isabel Read, Neil Ferry, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Daniel Lanaghan , Baby Vanessa Ferkova, Linval George Morant , Florence Maggs, William Williamson Stewart, Robert John Stevenson, Mary Jane Bohan, Angela Dunnion, Christopher Mooney, Dolores Kealy, Garry Mark Wood, John Dee,

Baptismal classes: The next classes will take place on **15th & 22nd Jan 2019** at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. All the sessions must be attended by the parents and God parents.

The sick and housebound: I would like to ask you to help the parish priest to locate the sick and housebound members of this parish especially those who might need a visit from a priest. Please let us make sure that they are never left out.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– Baptism of the Lord- 13th to 20th Jan 2019

THIS MIGHT PROVE PAINFUL IN THE FUTURE

Social media circulates information which is funny and educative sometimes. WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram and others are addictive. If you are not careful, you might spend too much time chatting, sending pictures, creating movies instead of doing productive work. I have heard of families splitting up because spouses no longer spend time to talk with each other, instead they are busy communicating with people they have never met or they will never meet in life. We live in a crazy world.

Are you aware that the art of conversation is fast disappearing in children? If you are not, then know that this is true. In the past before mobile phones, cable televisions and computer games came, parents sat down to listen to their children as children spoke to their parents. In my home country Uganda, the fireplace was where children learned the art of conversation. I can tell you, Ugandans and Africans in general are great storytellers, they love jokes and what might appear to other people as a bitter argument, might instead be a vibrant lively conversation.

These days not many children have the art of engaging in a conversation; if they are not asking for something, they are arguing about something and if they are not doing both, they are dead silent playing their computer games. No meaningful relationship can exist where there is no meaningful communication. For the good of your children it is important that parents engage them in conversations other than letting them be taken away by social media, often full of violence, crafty behaviour and moral corruption.

Are you aware also that Sunday football without going with your child to Sunday Mass is likely to cause you pain and loneliness? If you have not thought about it, please do. Only in the church will a child hear these words:

My son respect your father in deed as well as word. Support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life, even if his mind fails, show him sympathy (Sir 3:1-16). No football manager or computer game teaches this to children. Invest in them by filling their hearts and minds with virtues instead of football and computer games. You will live and end your life in total peace.

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.

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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: **Gift Aid:** £238.50 **Non-Gift Aid:** £390.44 **Total :** £628.94

Counters : Patsy & Elizabeth H.

Mass Attendance : 535 **Bonus Ball :**

Second collection :

Baptism classes **15th & 22nd Jan 2019** at 6.00pm

Feasts during the week : 17th Jan St. Anthony , Abbot, Christian unity Octave– 18th to 25th Jan.

Thanksgiving Mass for Married people will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral.

New year Sunday Lunch for over 60's: This special lunch is on Sunday **January 27th** after the 11.30am Sunday Mass in our Parish hall

Reflection on marriage: "The family in the modern world, as much as and perhaps more than any other institution, has been beset by the many profound and rapid changes that have affected society and culture. Many families are living this situation in fidelity to those values that constitute the foundation of the institution of the family. Others have become uncertain and bewildered over their role or even doubtful and almost unaware of the ultimate meaning and truth of conjugal and family life. Finally, there are others who are hindered by various situations of injustice in the realisation of their fundamental rights." - Pope John Paul II

Death announcement of Philomena Mulvey of Estdale Nursing Home who passed away on 10th January. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Matters of Importance

This is not right: some people have spoken to me about it, I too have noticed how much biscuits, crisps and tissues that are left in the church after Sunday Masses. This is because of some parents who literally make the time they spend for Mass to be a feeding time of their children on biscuits and crisps. You can only imagine the mess left behind. Can I ask the parents to make sure that children have some food before they come to church? Teachers in schools do not feed children on crisps and biscuits during lessons. Teach your child good manners and self discipline from his/her young days.

Unwanted gift, don't bin it donate it: during Christmas some people receive presents or purchase some goods which they eventually do not make use of. If you have some presents that you received and you do not need, kindly donate them to the parish. They can be used as tombola prizes at the parish bazaar or some can be given to needy people who come to the office seeking for help.

New Year Sunday lunch for over 60's! The Coventry Deanery with The Kenelm Youth Trust are looking to answer the call of Pope Francis and serve the poor in our local community over the weekend of World Youth Day, Saturday Jan 26th - Sunday January 27th. Volunteers from Coventry parishes and Catholic Secondary Schools have created a mission project for young people to engage in, that will run from our parish St. Marys and St. Benedict's in Hillfields. Youth leaders are asking catholic primary schools to collect items for care packages. They are asking each secondary school to select 10 students from KS3/4 and 10 students from KS5+ to actively engage in the mission project by serving the poor in different ways; collating care packages, setting out tables for guests, preparing food etc. I'm grateful to the over 60's of the parish who have given me their names to attend a Christmas luncheon to be served by the youth of Coventry denary. The names have been forwarded to the organisers for catering purposes.

The Halogen Lights in the church: are at the end of their lifespan, therefore plans are underway to replace them with new LED ones

Monday Club will resume on Monday 21st January 2019 men and women who are retired and want to form a new social grouping are very welcome to join this parish grouping which supports the elderly members of our community. That Monday Holy Mass will be at 12:00 noon.

Death is announced of Fr. Eugene Knee (RIP) a retired priest who worked as a military chaplain with US Airforce. Fr. Eugene died on Thursday 3rd January. Reception of his body will be at Christ the King on Monday 14th at 7.00pm and funeral will take place on Tuesday at 12:00noon. He was a great character.

Marriage program course: If you are planning to get married within the next six months, please contact Fr. Jimmy for a preparation course to be set up.