

**MASSES— 13th to 20th March 22**



Sun	13	9.30am	Deceased members of Menezes family, Thomas & Mary Ellen Gallagher (RIP) Weston Caetano Dsouza (B'day)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP), Gerard Okafor (40th B'day) Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving)
Mon	14	12.00noon	Teresa McCaffer (Good health)
Tues	15	9.30am	Josephine McCrove (Spl int)
Wed	16	9.30am	Patsy Leslie (RIP)
Thurs	17	9.30am	Donatus Aloba (Success in Exam)
Fri	18	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Melvis Mangwa (Spl int)
Sat	19	9.30am	Gerard Okafor (40th B/d), Thi Tran (RIP)
Sun	20	9.30am	Patsy Leslie (RIP)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (spl int), Ben McAndrew (77th B/d) CWA B'ham , Terry Kimanni (Thanksgiving)

**Lectors**

**13/03/2022**

9.30am Desma, Alex (R)  
11.30am Mary, Elena (R)

**20/03/2022**

Creshel, Anthonia O. (R)  
Preethi , Maame (R)

**The sick of the Parish:** Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Ivy Elsie Lucas, Jim(James) Crean, Rosalyn Muffitt, Margaret Ward, Micki Kijko, Patrick Flahive, Peter Doyle, Terry Fielding, Ludovic Carl Wysoeki, John J Burke, Thi Tran, Marie Murtagh .

**Dates your diary - First Holy communion: Confessions**—28th March at 6.00pm in church; Sunday 9.30am Mass for FHC - 15th May ; FHC - 21st May at 10.30am .

**WHY DID JESUS DIE**



**JESUS' DEATH IS IN FULFILLMENT OF DIVINE PURPOSE AND PROPHECY**

The death of Christ was accomplished in the mind of God before creation. Jesus' violent death was not the result of chance in an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but is part of the mystery of God's plan. Christ is the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8).

Thus, Jesus's death is the very purpose of the Incarnation. It is the reason that Christ came into the world in the first place. From the first moment of His Incarnation, the Son embraces the Father's plan of divine salvation in His redemptive mission: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work" (John 4:34).



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter— Second Sunday of Lent—13th to 20th March 2022**

**IF YOU DO NOT WONDER YOU CANNOT BE THANKFUL**

St. Peter writing to all Christians said: *"It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"* 2Peter 1: Today in the gospel, the three disciples for a brief moment touched the beauty and light of heaven and tasted the joy of paradise on Mt. Tabor . The exclamation of Peter reveals that beauty when he says : *"It is wonderful for us to be here."* Adoration and worship of God begins by realising how privileged we are, to be where we are, to see what we see and to hear what we hear. Yes it is wonderful for us to be here!

The disciples seeing Jesus in his heavenly glory, did not take away the reality of the cross but it helped them to understand that the cross was not the final destiny. They understood that it was a passage to glory for Jesus and for his followers, therefore bearing it courageously was part of God's plan.

The gospel reminds us what a feeling we should have when we spend some time in prayer, it becomes another Mt. Tabour for us because at that moment, like Jesus we are praying; God literary comes down to us, we are in his presence, he speaks to us, he listens to us and he transforms our life. Prayer should not be a burden or an obligation, but a joyful encounter with God who transforms our lives.

The voice that came from the cloud, told the disciples and tells us today to listen to Jesus. It tells us not to put our trust in anything or in anybody but in Jesus. But what does Jesus teach us during this Lenten Season, he asks us to love one another, to forgive each other, to pray so that we do not give in to temptation, to be men and women of peace, to show mercy to others, to hunger and thirst for what is right, to take up our crosses everyday and follow him, to welcome strangers. So when the voice of the Father tells us to listen to his beloved son, there are many things which we need to practice in our personal and community living.

St. Paul was a man who, having understood the love of Jesus was also given the grace to do whatever it took to listen to him. In the second reading he sets himself as someone we can imitate, because like anyone here, Paul was a sinful man who even persecuted the church. Once he discovered his life in Christ he called on his Christians to *"be united in following my rule of life"*, and his rule of life was Jesus Christ himself.

As you return home today, while we contemplate on how wonderful for us to be here in the presence of God, let us remember the suffering people of the world particularly in Ukraine and in all those parts which never make headlines in the media. We must realise that this world is not our home, God did not create us to stay on planet earth forever, we are just walking through life. St. Paul has again put it plainly in the second reading: *"our homeland is in heaven"* Therefore, greed, thirst for power and the misery that man inflicts on man is an offence to God, and one day, either in this life or in the next an account will be demanded by God. Return to your homes, thanking God for who you are and for what you have. If you do not wonder, you cannot be truly thankful. Like Peter let us wake up each day and say *"It is wonderful for us to be here"*.



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Youtube: <https://youtu.be/EHEpr5IMocc>

**Donations to the parish :** <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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 : £ 93.00 SO ( Jan) : £ 2616.09 Non-Gift Aid: 415.82 Total: £3124.91**

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

**2nd Collection : £210.19**

**Bonus Ball : No.**

**Mass Attendance : 318**

### Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

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

**Traditional Easter Monday Mass:** will take place at St. Osburgs. There will not be Mass here at Easter Monday and in other parishes. We want to come together as a people of this city to celebrate easter together. Mass will start at 10:00am.

**Second collections:** Todays second collection - **13th March** - CAFOD Lent fast day. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

### Gospel Reflection

The Transfiguration was a moment of decision for Jesus. Maybe it reflects his last chance to turn around, abandon his mission, and live. It was a moment when he needed the companionship of his closest friends, Peter, James and John, and a moment when, more than even before, he needed some reassurance that his mission was valid and his journey was from God. It was an experience set in a time of prayer and therefore it was a spiritual or mystical experience.



In our moments of crisis, we, like Jesus, can, in prayer, seek the reassurance we need that we are doing the right thing and God is with us .

### MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

**Holy Hour Prayer for Ukraine:** Two Saturdays 19th and 26th March starting with Mass at 9:30am end 11:00am. Please come and pray for peace.

**Parish penitential service** will on Monday 4th April at 6.00pm. Priests from the deanery will be here to help us with individual confessions. I request you to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family in preparation to celebrate Easter.

**Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA** a renowned Polish preacher on Divine Mercy Devotion will visit St. Mary's Parish and preach at both Masses on Sunday 1st May 2022 the Sunday following the Feast of Divine Mercy.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** will take place on Sat. 14 May 2022 after a two-year break due to Covid19. On previous pilgrimages most people travelled by coaches organised by their local parishes. Anyone who would like to take part in this year's pilgrimage is advised to speak to their parish priest in the first instance, to join a coach organised locally. For more information and assistance please contact Fr Philip Griffin the pilgrimage director on 01384 395308 or via email: [olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk) (Poster on the Notice board)

**Bishops appeal for 'spiritual and practical' support** for Ukraine . 'In the face of the shocking loss of life, bloodshed, displacement of people and destruction of property in Ukraine, we ask our Catholic communities to sustain the prayer and self-denial of Lent as a constant offering to God, begging for an end to this pointless violence. We appeal for solidarity in the daily spiritual and practical efforts for a ceasefire, for humanitarian outreach, the silencing and laying down of weapons. 'We ask all who have an instinct for God to raise their hearts and minds in prayer for peace.

### Marriage Banns:

1. John Patrick Gibbons of 23 Garrick Close Coventry, son of John & Maggie Gibbons of St. Georges Rd Coventry would like to marry Ms Caitlin Jane O'Hara of 23 Garrick Close daughter of Mr & Mrs Andrew and Deborah O'Hara of Sir Thomas White Rd.
2. Victor Okechukwu Onye son of Mr & Mrs Victor Ugwudiala Onye & Josephine Onye from Amaimo, Ikeduru Imo State Nigeria, would like to marry Obianuju Okaome Nwakaeme, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Onouha Nwakaeme & Victoria Onyemaechi Nwakaeme, Ihiala Anambra State, Nigeria. If someone knows why they should not get married to each other please inform the Parish Priest.

### Support for Ukraine Organised by Fr. Romuald at the Polish Church Coventry:

Currently needed are kindergarten supplies, crayons, markers, paints, pencils, drawing pads, flashlights, batteries, power bank, Jute sacks, shovel, First Aid kit, bandages, tourniquet. Deliveries can be made at 22 Keresley Brook Rd CV6 2FW Coventry from 5.00pm to 8.30 pm or contact number: 07557.096.032 (Malgosia Musial – coordinator).

Account to abp Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki, Archbishop of Lviv:

IBAN: DE59400602650046000700

SWIFT-BIC: GENODEM1DKM

Bank Name: DKM DARLEHNSKASSE MUENSTER EG

Recipient: Erzdiozese Lemberg Erzbischof Dr. Mokrzycki

He will confirm receiving money with his letter.

*Other collections will be updated. No food, no clothes for now.*