

MASSES 13th to 20th Sept 2020

Sun	13	9.30am	William Anderson (Anni), Catherine Bradley (RIP)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving) Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP), Ngozi Osanebi, Kathy Taylor (B'day) Mr. & Mrs. Frankincense Osanebi (Thanksgiving)
Mon	14	9.30am	Kisanet Yacob (16th B'day),
Tues	15	9.30am	Sr. Onorina (RIP), Rose Hogan (B'day) Mr. & Mrs. Frankincense Osanebi (Thanksgiving)
Wed	16	9.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Frankincense Osanebi (Thanksgiving) Shawn Aikhionbare (Spl int)
Thurs	17	9.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Frankincense Osanebi (Thanksgiving)
Fri	18	9.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Frankincense Osanebi (Thanksgiving) Nora Griffith & family (Spl int)
Sat	19	9.30am	Mrs. Thi Tran (RIP) Mr. & Mrs. Frankincense Osanebi (Thanksgiving)
Sun	20	9.30am	Pereira family (Spl int)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving) Mr. & Mrs. Frankincense Osanebi (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

13/09/2020

9.30am Caroline, Neetha (R)
11.30am Florence E. , Maame (R)

20/09/2020

Noah, Veronica C. (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Patrick Tracey, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek , Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley .

Anniversaries during the week: Teresa Brooks, Theresa Anne Carey, Molly Kelly, Bernard McHugh, Julia O'Driscoll, Margaret Lee, Peggy Moore, Tyrone Declan Evans Shields.

Feast during the week: 14th Sept, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also called Universal Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross or Holy Cross Day, liturgical feast celebrated on September 14 to honour the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross also commemorates the discovery of the True Cross. Legend holds that the relic was found by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land about 326.

15th Sept, Our lady of Sorrows; 16th Sept, Memorial of Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bp (Martyrs)

Quote for the week: LIFE OFFERS YOU SO MANY DOORS,
IT IS UP TO YOU WHICH TO OPEN
AND WHICH ONE TO CLOSE !



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—24th Sunday in ordinary time— 13th to 20th Sept 2020

THIS IS A PRISON WHOSE KEYS ARE IN YOUR HANDS:

On February 11th 1990, Nelson Mandela was released from prison after 27 years. He said: *“As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew that if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison. Forgiveness provides a sense of freedom. Often, the verbal and physical abuse that that are thrown at marginalized groups serves as an emotional shackle. Forgiving the wrong-doer and learning from the experience can help lift the internal weight on one's soul.*

Last Sunday Jesus spoke to us about what to do when one of us goes astray and needs correction. He was teaching us how to deal with those who are unwilling to repent that we should not give up on any person until we have exhausted all possibilities of achieving reconciliation. This aroused a desire in the apostles to know if this generous patience had a limit. Peter asked *“How many times must I forgive?”*

To help us to understand divine forgiveness, Jesus uses a story that set the context of daily life in the minds of the disciples since it was common for people to lend and to borrow.

A daily wage at the time of Jesus was one denarii, if this man owed ten thousand talents, it tells us what a huge debt he owed the king. The man who accumulated such great debt was not a slave, probably one of the officials. He was unable to pay back and the king decided to sell him off with his wife, children and possessions to recover a tiny bit of his money. The verdict that the man was to be sold with his wife and children made him to beg for patience; *“Have patience with me and I will repay you the whole sum”* he said. There is no indication that the king thought his servants proposal was wise, he did not grant him extension on his payment nor did he work out a plan to pay the money in instalments. He simply wrote off the debt. This reveals the dimension of forgiveness granted by the king. This generosity, undeserved as it was gave back to the servant an instant gift of life.

In this parable Jesus teaches us the magnitude of sin and the unmeasurable love of God who pardons us if we cry for his mercy. The king's gesture is a clear image of God's grace in our lives. God's salvation is a free gift which we do not merit by our own efforts but is extended to us out of God's love and mercy.

The first reading is talking about uncontrolled anger. It is natural to get angry but when anger takes us beyond normal human behaviour or when it overshadows charity, then it is a sign that we are dead as far as our relationship with God is concerned. *Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

The servant who was forgiven ten thousand talents went back to prison because he did not forgive his fellow servant who owed him 100 denarii. What would have happened if he had forgiven him too? Forgiveness does not come naturally to us, our tendency is to bear grudges and seek revenge. Many of us go to Confession but I'm afraid some of us walk away not forgiven by God unless we forgive others. You will achieve more in this world through acts of forgiving than you will through acts of retribution. Free yourself by forgiving your neighbour. If we teach how to forgive, others will learn how to forgive and we shall all live in freedom and 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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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 241.50 **SO : () £ Non-Gift Aid:** 182.12 **Total :** 423.62

Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.

Hall Hire: Bonus Ball: No. 55 Julia Hunt **Counters :**

Mass Attendance for the week : 133 2nd Collection : 20th Sept Holy places

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

Confessions :

RCIA Sessions:

Catechism for FHC :

Church Cleaning:

Dates for your diary:

Prayer to Jesus Crucified

O my dear Jesus crucified, when I approach the hour of my death and I am unable to recite my prayers to you, please listen to my prayers now in place of those prayers I would be saying at that hour.

O my sweet Jesus, when my eye sight is totally weakened and dimmed and I am unable to place my glance on to you, consider me earnestly looking at you now and have mercy on me.

When my lips are completely dry and I am unable to place my kisses on your dear wounds, remember the kisses I place on your five wounds now and have mercy on me.

When my hands are cold and stiff and I am unable to embrace your dear cross, consider the embraces I give you now and have mercy on me.

When my tongue is totally paralysed and numb and I am unable to talk lovingly to you, remember the simple invocation I make to you now, and have mercy on me.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I place my heart and soul in your loving hands Amen.

Mass Intentions

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick up one or write your intention, place it in the box provided or request by calling Tel. 07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Feast of St John Henry Newman : Following the resolution at the Spring Plenary Assembly petitioning the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments to elevate the commemoration of St John Henry Newman to a feast in England and Wales, we have now received recognition for this from the Congregation and I attach the texts that should be used on 9th October this year. The optional memorials of St Denis and Companions and St John Leonardi are subsequently transferred to 10th October in the National Calendar.

Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL): The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service is launching an initiative to find a new style of executive leader for our multi academy companies (MACs). We are at an important juncture in the delivery of education across the Archdiocese. The Diocesan Academy Strategy of ensuring each one of our 234 schools is part of a family within a multi academy offers a unique opportunity for our community to take real strategic ownership of our schools and how we deliver a Catholic education in the very broadest of senses. That is why we have developed a new post, the Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL), to lead these and other new and growing MACs. This is a CEO level position, but the job description goes beyond that. It is about delivering a Catholic strategy and ethos and a collective approach to enable our children and our faith to thrive. While the role demands a range of skills, CSELS don't necessarily have to be "educationalists" themselves but will need to have an inclusive leadership style. We are looking for Christ-centred servant leaders who are passionate about the transformative effect a Catholic education can have.

Baptism preparation sessions will continue on Monday 14th Sept in the main church at 5.00pm. Parents with children to be baptised to be present for the sessions

Masses for Bereaved: families that lost their dear ones during period Sept 2019—Sept 2020 the lockdown can now arrange with the parish priest to have a family memorial Mass celebrated in the Church for the happy repose of their souls. Due to the present circumstances of Covid 19, we shall not have communal annual Mass for bereaved families instead families are encouraged to contact the Parish priest for this purpose if they need one .

Head Teacher required: Our Lady and St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School is a successful school serving the needs of families in Leamington and the surrounding areas who want a Catholic education for their children. We are extremely proud of our most recent Ofsted report which states: "Pupils enjoy lessons, because teachers make them interesting and fun. The curriculum is ambitious." The Governors are seeking to appoint a dynamic, vibrant and skilled Headteacher with the vision and determination to take the school on the next stage of its journey. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed, please telephone the school office to make an appointment or to request an application pack - 01926 424420 Closing Date: 21st September 4pm Interview Date: 28th & 29th September 2020

Confirmation classes: If you have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and the children of this parish who go to non Catholic Schools and have reached the age of Confirmation, are reminded that classes will start on Saturday 26th 2020 from 12:00-1:00pm. All sessions must be attended. Please register your child or yourself today. Confirmation will take place on 12th November 2020.

Ordinations: Deacons Clive Dytor and Alex Taylor (now priests) were ordained priests yesterday at 12 noon in St Chad's Cathedral. Deacons Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper will be ordained priests in the cathedral at 3.00pm on Sunday 20 September. Seann Gough is a young man who visited our parish from Oscott College some years ago and spoke to us about his journey to priesthood. Their ordination reminds us that your son or even yourself can be a priest.