

MASSES 14th to 21st July 2019

Sun	14	9.30am	Sam Aikhionbare (B'day), James Byrne (Anni) Anna Krawczyk (RIP), Zoey Irianan (Spl int)
		11.30am	Mami Mary Mangwa, Annah Wangui Kanyiri (RIP)
Mon	15	12.00noon	Angela Lynas (RIP)
Tues	16	9.30am	Mrs. Traqn (Get well)
Wed	17	9.30am	Catriona Murphy (RIP)
Thurs	18	9.30am	Tom Bennet (RIP)
Fri	19	9.30am	Peg Byrne (RIP)
Sat	20	9.30am	Mrs. Tran (Get well)
Sun	21	9.30am	Esperanza Costa & Roque Xavier Almeida (Anni) Anna Krawczyk (RIP), Noah (B'day)
		11.30am	Mami Mary Mangwa, Annah Wangui Kanyiri (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

14/07/2019

9.30am	James M. , Elena Wood (R) Ann Mapuranga (E)
11.30am	Children of the Parish Lilian, Frank (E)

21/07/2019

Maxymilian, Desma (R) Elizabeth P. (E)
Stephanie, Petra (R) Patricia, 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, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Thi Tran.

Anniversaries during the week: Owen Ferry, Margaret Wood, Josephine Duffy , Luz Alba Florez de Taylor, Mary Reid , Josephine Shanley, Nora Nugent, Elizabeth Call, Kevin Byrne, Michael O'Brien, Michael James Murphy , Joe Ryan, James Swan, Noel Dyas, Robert Dunham , Nancy Notaro .

A Creed To Live By

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter– 15th Sunday Ordinary Time 14th - 21st July 2019

IT WAS FOR THIS HOPE THAT THEY PRESENTED YOU:

The other Sunday I was presented with a baby for baptism. In the beautiful eyes of that baby I noticed that God does not present us with a gift unless it is complete. Every aspect of the baby's physique was in its place, if it was not, we could say that she was abnormal. Yes, God gives us the best.

As a priest, I have had the privilege to celebrate the Sacraments of the Church. As I do so, I also reflect on the reasons why our parents were careful to make sure that we were sealed with these "Saving Signs—we call them Sacraments. Why did your parents present you for baptism? Why were they concerned that you received Holy Communion and Confirmation? Why was it necessary that they taught you to go to Confession? Have you ever wondered why the day of your marriage was so much celebrated by all? What exactly lies beneath the sacramental life of the Church?

You might not believe this but the reason why your parents, family and friends presented you to God through the Sacraments of the Church was because they want you to come into the presence of God, to see Him and to be with him in the glory of heaven. It is for this reason that they made choices for you which they believed were so important in their child's life here and after. Therefore they rejoice at the celebration of each Sacrament because in it they see the hope of eternal life shine on their child. Otherwise what would be the fun in celebrating these Sacraments if they were not leading us to a reality beyond themselves?

Few days ago, a young man told me that he gave up the catholic faith because Christianity was a choice made by his parents for him. "*I felt that I wanted to make my own choice*" he said. I asked him whether he had also changed his parents, his gender or his family relations, since he did not make a personal choice in these matters. I'm sure that you have come across people with such crazy ideas. However it is important to know that those who love us will never make choices for the purpose of causing us harm but to do us good. Jesus said that no parent will give a stone to a child if he asked for bread, or a scorpion if he asked for an egg' Lk. 11:11. So it is with baptism and other sacraments, our parents consecrated us to God because they were sure that, that was the best and surest means to go to heaven. God. Keep your faith.

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:** £279.53 **Non-Gift Aid:** £313.38 **Total :** £592.91

Counters : Elizabeth H & Patsy Sproul

Mass Attendance : 465 **Bonus Ball** : No. 6 Mary Mulroony

2nd collections :

2nd collection for the months of July : 14th July—Apostleship of the sea.

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm followed by Mass

Divine mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month from 6 -7pm followed by Mass

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00p`m.

Parish Rosary group every Friday at 6.00pm

Choir practice every Friday at 7.30pm /Saturday at 3.00pm

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Mass in the University: Every Tuesday at 1.10pm in Hub

The Lady's Chapel is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

Feasts during the week: **Saint Bonaventure**, Italian **San Bonaventura**, born c. 1217, Bagnoregio, Papal States—died July 15, 1274, Lyon; canonized April 14, 1482; feast day July 15), leading medieval theologian, minister general of the **Franciscan** order, and **cardinal bishop** of Albano. He wrote several works on the spiritual life and recodified the Constitution of his Order (1260). He was declared a doctor (teacher) of the church in 1587.

16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel—Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in the midst of their hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin.

Matters of Importance

Today is Sea Sunday: Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to the men and women (seafarers) who transport food and other provisions across the Seas to our ports. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the same to support their charitable work.

A fence has been erected in the car park to settle a dispute between the University and the parish.

Benefactors of our Church: I'm extremely grateful for your generosity as a people of this parish towards the Church. The carpet on the Sanctuary was donated recently by a group of Kenyan families and yesterday another young man donated a carpet which has been laid in the Lady's Chapel. A good number of you also registered for Gift Aid Donation Scheme not to mention the many sacrifices you make as individuals and as groups for the welfare of the church. Thank you for such generosity. A good clean and beautiful church reflects what goes on inside the hearts of the parishioners.

Warning and caution: a piece of a slate fell from the roof of the church without warning few days ago. I have instructed a roofing contractor to examine the condition of the Church roof and to mount a metal barrier which will hold debris and slates from falling on the ground in case a similar incident happened in the future. In the meantime be careful when you are outside the church since we do not know what made the slate to come down.

Bishop William Kenny celebrated his golden Jubilee as a priest on 29th June 2019 on the same date Eleven new deacons were ordained at Oscott College three for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The rest represent dioceses from across the United Kingdom. On 20th July, three candidates will be ordained priests for the archdiocese of Birmingham John Waters, Ryan Service and Marko Egawhary. Keep them in your prayers

Cardinal John Henry Newman to be Canonised: Pope Francis on Wednesday authorised the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to issue a decree attributing a miracle to the intercession of the Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman. This cleared the final hurdle in the cause for his canonisation. Newman was born in 1801, he was ordained as a Church of England priest and went on to found the Oxford Movement but converted to Catholicism in 1845. He was later made a cardinal. After he died at the age of 89, more than 15,000 people lined the streets for his funeral. The cause for his sainthood was opened in 1958 and he was declared Venerable by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1991. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 after his life of 'heroic virtue' was recognised. His Canonisation will take place on Sunday 13 October in St. Peter's Square Rome.