

MASSES 15th to 22nd Aug 2021

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| Sun | 15 | 9.30am | Winifred Busby (RIP) Adora & Kaylan (Good health) |
| | | 11.30am | CWA Dedication—Florence Ekobe,, Rita Rose (B'day Anni) Mama Magdaline Akenji , Bernard & Alwyn Rodrigues (RIP) Mary Rose De Vera & Avery Justine De Vera (Thanksgiving) |
| Mon | 16 | 9.30am | Gerry O' Roilly (B'day) |
| Tues | 17 | 10.00am | Patrick Michael Mc Nicholas—Requiem Mass |
| Wed | 18 | 9.30am | Rev. Fr. Gregory Anatuanya (20th Ordination Anni) Almeida family (Thanksgiving) |
| Thurs | 19 | 9.30am | Thi Tran (RIP), Eric D'Souza (B'day) |
| Fri | 20 | 9.30am | Anne Lee (1st Anni) |
| Sat | 21 | 9.30am | Sr. Margaret McGee (RIP) |
| Sun | 22 | 9.30am | Sean Osagie (B'day) |
| | | 11.30am | Oge (B'day), Gabriel Kwanme Awvah (RIP), Eric D'Souza & family (Thanksgiving) Mama Cecilia & Maurice Charles Ekobe (RIP) |

Lectors

15/08/2021

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9.30am Creshel, Anthonia A. (R)

Nicholas, Godfrey (R)

11.30am Mary, Florence K. (R)

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

Anniversaries during the week : Mathew Nugent, Jenny Connors , Dorothy Dewhurst, Mary McGrath, Winifred Ivy Busby, Anthony Francis O'Doherty, Albert Hunt, Grace Philomena McSweeney, Patrick Christopher Kirwan, Nora Philomena Josephine Reilly, Elizabeth Pickett, Alfred Gibson, William Green, Andy Mooney, Johannah Ward, Desmond Patrick McTigue,

Prayer for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:

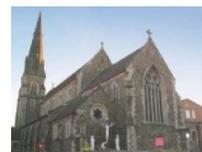
Rev. Fr. George Grynowski, Very Rev. Canon John Gunn, Rev. Fr. John Hancock, Rev. Fr. Christopher Handforth, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Bruce Harbert



Lord Jesus, High Priest, we pray for the retired priests of our Archdiocese who still have a very important mission in the church, the mission of prayer and intercession. The mission of experience and wisdom. The mission of faithfulness and love. We pray with gratitude for their love and concern for us and for one another, ever mindful of their unity in you. We ask you to bless them for the countless years of service they have provided and continue to provide to your people throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham, that they may experience peace and joy in their retirement, continuing to hold close the love of your Sacred Heart. Amen. St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter- Feast of our Lady of Assumption - 15th to 22nd Aug 2021

IT IS THE WOMAN WHO CROWNED CREATION

At the creation of the universe, nothing was perfect, nothing was complete until the woman was created. Adam had everything and had named every creature, but none of these completed the jigsaw inside his soul until Eve was created from the material of his own flesh, bones and blood. It is Eve who brought completion to everything that God had created. If the woman had not been created, Adam would have lived incomplete and unhappy life in this world.



Eve foreshadowed Mary the new Eve of the new creation. While in the garden of Eden she was named mother of all who live, Mary in the new creation through obedience to the will of God, she became the mother of all those who believe in the new Adam Jesus Christ.

The words "ascension" and "assumption" describe similar actions, but they are different. While both indicate going up into heaven, Ascension means the elevation of Christ into heaven by his own power in presence of his

disciples. But the Assumption of the Virgin Mary refers to her being taken up to Heaven by God's power and not her own. This is what we celebrate today.

The Assumption of Mary body and soul into heaven points to the promise of Jesus that he will raise up to life every person who believes in him on the last day. There is no believer in Jesus more than Mary. It points to the glory that the Church as a bride of Christ will have when she comes into the presence of her heavenly bridegroom. It reminds us that if we say 'yes' to God and remain faithful to him, we shall share in Mary's glory because we shall be like her.

The Assumption of Mary teaches us to offer our thanksgiving to God for all the things that he does in our life. In the prayer of Magnificat Mary recognised the greatness of God and her own lowliness, instead of praising herself or counting her own merits she instead praised God and thanked him.

The Assumption of Mary invites us to recognise the dignity of women, our mothers our sisters and all that is feminine in human nature. God honoured Mary as a woman. As we have heard in the first reading it is the woman who is adorned with the sun, it is a woman who is standing on the moon, it is a woman who had twelve stars on her head for a crown. The Twelve Stars of course are the 12 Apostles of the Lord. When a woman becomes a fervent believer a committed disciple and a faithful servant in our society, she crowns creation with goodness and brings perfection to the new creation in Christ.

Having said that, women especially those who believe in God have the duty to live like Mary by self respect, bringing up their children in the fear of the Lord, by prayer and constant thanksgiving to God. The faith of Mary, her trust in God and her motherly instincts to do what is right merited a Saviour for the human race.

Dear ladies who are listening to me today, as you return to your homes, I ask you to consider the special mission and privilege that God has given you through Mary in this world, just as you share in her feminine nature and all that it entails, I bade you to long for a share in her glorification by your fidelity to Jesus Christ and to his Church.

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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 : 131.00 **SO () : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 311.42 Total: 442.42

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.

Bonus Ball : No.

2nd Collection :

Mass Attendance : 141

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

Church Cleaning:

Confessions: By appointment only



Gospel Reflection:

Today's celebration is one of the four great Solemnities by which our Blessed Mother is honoured. Obviously, no other person other than our Lord is honoured and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God.

Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Talk on parenthood: Fr. Jimmy will give a talk on parenthood to CWA on Saturday 28th August from 11:00am in honour of St. Monica. You my dear parishners I request you to come and make best use of this time. Please put this date in your diary. Every parent is welcome.

Find a Catholic School for your child: as the new academic year will start soon in September, I wish to encourage you to find catholic school where your child can have catholic education. The Catholic Church has contributed to the education of the human race, therefore try your best to offer similar education that has placed you where you are. Our parish sponsored school SS. Mary and Benedict welcomes all children who seek admission there but Catholic families have greater priority as sponsors of the school.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program will start in October. If you are an adult from 10 years and above who has not been baptised or who was baptised in other churches but you would like to be received into the catholic church, you are warmly welcome.

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School will hold an Open Evening on Thursday 23 September. Guests can attend a talk by Mr Billings at 6pm or 6.45pm. There will also be the opportunity to tour the school guided by our students. Bishop Ullathorne staff and students look forward to welcoming all who wish to attend. I wish to add that Bishop Ullathorne Secondary School is a catchment School for our area. It is one of the excellent schools in the region and being a catholic sponsored school, there can be no better choice for the secondary education of your child.

Education Sunday is marked this year on 12 September 2021 – just after the new academic year starts. The theme is 'A word in season', taken from Isaiah 50:4. Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as "demanding and privileged callings." Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and to deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness.

Father Hudson's Care Annual Parish Collection: On 25-26 September, the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please Call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Catechetical bottom line:

Here you will find simple questions to help you to deepen your catechetical knowledge or to teach Catechism to your child at home:

Q 1. How did God show His great love and mercy after Adam's sin?

Ans. God showed His great love and mercy by His promise to send a Saviour.

Q. 2 What was the promised Saviour to do?

Ans. The Saviour was to win back for all humans the gift of God's life which was lost by sin.

Q. 3. Who is Jesus?

Ans. Jesus is the Son of God, the 2nd Person of the Blessed Trinity, true God and true man.

Q. 4. How many Persons are there in God?

Ans. There are Three Persons in God– the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Q. 5. What is the name of the Son of God made man?

Ans. The name of the Son of God made man is Jesus Christ.