

MASSES— 15th to 22nd Jan 23

Sun	15	9.30am	Stephanie Osagie (B'day), Arthur J. Belson (Spl int)
		11.30am	Kieran Lehane (RIP)
			People of the parish
Mon	16	12.00noon	Sr. Silvana (RIP)
		6.00pm	Reception— Jean McCarthy
Tues	17	11.00am	Requiem Mass
Wed	18	9.30am	Eda Woods (Spl int)
Thurs	19	9.30am	Olivia D. Murphy (RIP)
Fri	20	9.30am	Nora Griffith (Spl int)
Sat	21	9.30am	Glorio & Consecrao (25th Wed Anni)
Sun	22	9.30am	Pearl Iranian (B'day) Neil McHugh (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

15/01/2023

22/01/2023

9.30am	Desma, Creshel (R)	Clinton, Dan (R)
11.30am	Bishop Ullathorne Students	Michelle, Scarlett (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

9.30am	Cath Slater (E)	11.30am	Patricia, Frank (E)
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The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

Anniversaries during the week : Neil Ferry, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Daniel Langan, Baby Vanessa Ferkova, Linval George Morant, Thomas Michael Murtagh, Florence Maggs, William Williamson Stewart, Robert John Stevenson, Mary Jane Bohan, Angela Dunnion, Christopher Mooney, Dolores Kealy, Garry Mark Wood, John Dee, Eugene Pinto, Michael Hyland, Francis Hannon, Sylvia Forrest.

Saint of the week: Quotes of St. Anthony—Abbot : *“The illusions of this world soon vanish, especially if a man arms himself with the Sign of the Cross. The devils tremble at the Sign of the Cross of our Lord, by which He triumphed over and disarmed them.”*

“I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and I said groaning, “What can get through from such snares?” Then I heard a voice saying to me, “Humility.” “Reject pride and consider everyone more righteous than yourself.”

Inspirational quotes on Peace

“Peace begins with a smile.” —Mother Teresa

“Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.” —Saint Francis de Sales

“Do not let the behaviour of others destroy your inner peace.”

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” —Desmond Tutu



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –2nd Sunday in ordinary time — 15th to 22nd Jan 2023

KNOWING WHO YOU ARE IS A SIGN OF HUMILITY

When John the Baptist appeared in the Galilean wilderness, 100% of the people were convinced that he was the Christ. We know that immediately he got followers, including Andrew the brother of Simon Peter. We also know how the news spread so fast that when Nathanael who was from Bethsaida heard that the Christ was from Nazareth, he questioned whether anything good could come from such a place. It was a time of great expectation. When John preached in the wilderness, no one questioned him, and if he had claimed to be the Christ, no body would doubt it.

Jesus spoke to the people about John and described him as the greatest among those born of women. Of course John was given the privilege to announce the coming of the Messiah and to present him to the world, but there was nothing extraordinary about him. What Jesus saw that was exceptional in John the Baptist, was his humility. He did not take advantage either of the situation or of public opinion, but embraced the truth just as it was. Although he knew what people thought of who he could be, he was very humble to direct the people to who the real Messiah was. Today’s gospel has brought out that idea very well as he insisted again and again that he was not the Christ.

John points out that Jesus is the Lamb of God, a sacrifice for our restoration. He was fully aware that the shedding of his blood like the sacrificial lamb in the land of Egypt would not save the world, but that the blood of Christ would. So as Jesus passed by, and John stood there with his disciples, he pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God. He did not say, “Behold, the Messiah” or “Behold, the Son of God” instead he said “Behold, the Lamb of God.” When we pray the “Lamb of God” at Mass, we should remember that we are invoking Jesus, who willingly gave his life for us so that we could be redeemed.

John the Baptist teaches us a very important lesson, namely to know who we are and not to claim what we are not. Let us recall where we started from. John knew that he was not the Christ and he did not pretend to be one. In the world in which we live, there are so many people in every sector of life who pretend to be someone else, with intention to mislead or to deceive. I’m not talking of tricks played by grand parents on their grandchildren but about people whose business is to fraud of their income or to mislead them. For example these days we meet people who claim to be men of God, or who claim to be trustworthy business people or who claim to be honest good Samaritans but are ravenous wolves.

As you return home today, let us remember that all of us are called to become John the Baptist, pointing other people to Jesus. The work of the Pope, is to point all people to Christ. The work of the Bishop is to point his people to Christ. The work of the Parish priest is to point his parishioners to Christ. The work of parents in the home, is to point their children to Christ. This is the mission that is entrusted to all the baptised. We are not signposts pointing others to Christ without going ourselves, instead, we are fellow pilgrims to Christ. Let us support each other on our way.

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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 : 254.00 **SO (Jan) : £** **Non-Gift Aid:** 520.70 **Total: £. 774.70**

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Is. 49:3, 5-6; 1Cor :1:11-3 Jn 1:29-34

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 259

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday-
10.10-11.00am.

Gospel Reflection

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

Today, as we ponder John's words, we are able to see them more clearly. Jesus is the One Who gave His life on the Cross for the remission of sins. He is the One Whom we now receive sacramentally in Holy Communion as the "Lamb of God." It is His flesh and His blood, poured out for us, that we now consume with the deepest reverence and love.

At Mass, these are the final words spoken by the priest after the consecration and prior to Holy Communion. Every time we participate in the Holy Mass, we relive this moment in which John saw our Lord coming to Him.


As we begin this season of Ordinary Time, we are invited to come to know this Lamb of God more fully through His many teachings, miracles and actions done during His public ministry.

Reflect upon the suffering and death of the Lamb of God and the way in which He has transmitted His Saving Sacrifice to us in Holy Communion. Behold the Lamb of God within your heart, mind and soul, and prayerfully seek to know Him more fully this day.


Mass intentions:

If you wish to offer a Mass for your intentions please use the Mass intention envelopes found at the piety stall. Write down the intentions with donation £5.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Peace Sunday: is celebrated today. This year's theme is 'No one can be saved alone. Combating Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. Pope Francis asks us to think about how we can make the world a better place. How do we make sure that everyone is cared for, that everyone is treated fairly, that we live peacefully and care for creation? By doing this we will be building God's Kingdom. Let's begin from our homes to spread peace to one another. 

Sunday of the Word of God: the 3rd Sunday in ordinary time celebrates the Word of God To celebrate this Sunday I request you to bring your *personal Bibles and family Bibles with you to be blessed during the Mass. Also all the Lectors of 9.30am & 11.30am Mass will come forward to be recommissioned as parish proclaimers of the Word of God.*

 **Hearty Congratulations** to Silver Jubilarians Mr. & Mrs. Glorio & Concesao as they celebrate their 25years of married life on Sat.21st January 2023 We ask God's abundance of blessings as they journey towards perfection.

Baptismal sessions for parents with children to be baptized will take place on Sundays after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel on **15th and 22nd January**. Parents and God parents are requested to attend the sessions.

Catechism for First Holy communicants will take place on every Saturday at 11.15am in the Lady's Chapel. Parents are requested to enroll the names of the children who go to non-Catholic schools with Sr. Leena.

Volunteers are needed at St. Mary's Church: 1. Church cleaners to clean the church. 2. Counters to count the Sunday collections . 3. Lectors to proclaim the Word of God at 9.30am & 11.30am Mass. 4. Ushers 5. Choir members. If you are interested in any of these services kindly speak to me or to the sisters.

Gathering of Altar servers both old and new: I wish to invite all the altar servers who served at the altar at St. Mary & St. Benedict since 1962 for a thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 28th January at 10.00am. It will be an honour to have you in our midst as we celebrate 60 years of ministry at the altar and the establishment of St. Stephen's Guild in our parish.

Monday Club: a weekly Monday gathering of the senior members of our parish and others will resume tomorrow, 16th January with a Mass at 12.00noon. Please join this group to socialize and support one another.

A Young Adults Group, is being formed to take care of young Catholics in Coventry and Nuneaton deanery. The group is open to those aged 18 to 35 and will meet at Christ the King on the last Tuesday of each month (7-9pm), starting from Tuesday 28th February. If a young person would like to join the group please contact the Parish priest.

A vocations weekend for young is being organized by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) Sisters for women to take place in London at the beginning of February. It is open to women in their 20s and 30s. For more information contact *Sr Lynne fcj* at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Volunteering Opportunity: JCT would like to offer volunteer opportunity to support our community in our warm winter project. Volunteering with us at JCT is very rewarding. You will be working with people who have had a hard time because of homelessness, being refugees /asylum seekers or are affected by the cost-of-living crisis. more details, please contact Esperance Barutwanayo on 07510344906, HELPLINE : 07513812766