

MASSES— 16th to 23rd Jan 22

Sun	16	9.30am	Emma Clear (Good health)
		11.30am	O'Neil family (RIP), Charles Oibe (RIP)
Mon	17	12.00noon	Elizabeth & Patsy (spl int)
Tues	18	9.30am	Joan & Albert O'Keefe (RIP)
Wed	19	9.30am	Thi Tran (RIP), Kathleen Delaney (B'day)
Thurs	20	9.30am	Michelle Riley (RIP)
Fri	21	9.30am	Mark Dunne (RIP), Pearl Irianan (B'day)
Sat	22	9.30am	James Mapuranga (Thanksgiving)
Sun	23	9.30am	Maria Hilda Theotonio Vaz (Anni)
		11.30am	Thomas & Mary Helen Gallagher (RIP)

Lectors

16/01/2022

9.30am Nicholas, Anthonia O. (R)

11.30am Angela K., Emmanuel (R)

23/01/2022

Desma, Demisha (R)

Scarlet, Morgan (R)

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

Anniversaries during the week : 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 , Kathleen Waters, William Peyton .

SPIRITUAL QUOTES :

"RE-EXAMINE ALL YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD. DISMISS WHAT INSULTS YOUR SOUL."

"Anything that makes you weak—physically, intellectually and spiritually—reject it as poison."

"Being at ease with not knowing is crucial for answers to come to you."

"Your sacred space is where you can find yourself over and over again."

"A life of reaction is a life of slavery, intellectually and spiritually. One must fight for a life of action, not reaction."



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—Peace Sunday—16th to 23rd Jan 2022

"DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU" Jn 2:5.

The Holy Scriptures give equal share of military contributions between the men and women of Israel in the liberation of the people. It is not only Moses, Joshua or King David that liberated Israel, women did their equal share. Deborah was a female military leader, a Judge and Prophet warrior. She led Israel in taking the land of Canaan. She is the only female judge, the only one to be called a prophet, and the only one described as performing a judicial function. There are other matriarchs Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah, Miriam, Huldah the prophetess, Abigail, Rahab, and Queen Esther who was a diplomat. In these women we are given examples of how their words and actions changed the history of the people.

Today the gospel presents us with another great woman, the greatest commander of all, Mary of Nazareth. I know that many of you will be surprised if I call Mary a 'Commander'. A commander is someone who gives orders. Orders are given to bring about change, to make things better, to win the battle. When orders are given, the commander expects them to be followed. This is exactly what Mary does. The scene is set in Galilee at a wedding party, in a small village called Cana.

During the time of Jesus, weddings were elaborate and took several days it was the talk of the village and many people from the neighbourhood would be present. The wedding we are talking about was a big one. Mary was there, Jesus the famous Rabi was invited too with his entourage the apostles. In the middle of the celebration, the unexpected happened, the guests run out of wine. What an embarrassment that could be! Indeed Mary was the first to be embarrassed, could Jesus have turned up followed by other uninvited guests? What a blunder, "*Jesus they have no wine*" Jn. 2:3.

The Blessed Mother knows exactly what is lacking in our life and she teaches us today where we can obtain it from. The Blessed Mother is our spokesperson, there is nothing we can ask Jesus through her that we cannot receive. Like our earthly mothers, she is always on the look-out to make sure that we have the provisions necessary for our earthly life and for our heavenly wellbeing.

"*Do whatever he tells you*" is Mary's command to us, in other words she is warning us that the words of Jesus are not to be ignored or matters for discussion. *Do whatever he tells you* means that there is no alternative to the words of Jesus. Whatever he tells us, that is what we must do. Just as Mary did not expect wedding attendants to do something contrary to what Jesus told them, in the same way she does not expect us to deviate from the words of her son.

As you return home today, let us together take the words of Mary, that beautiful advice of our heavenly Mother to do whatever Jesus tells us. Our parish has been blessed with so many gifts. All of us here are gifts to each other, we are gifts to our families, we are gifts to the church. Let us use our giftedness to encourage one another. The gifts we have do not belong to us they are given to us by God for a purpose. Use God's gifts to build his kingdom here on earth so that you may share in its heavenly blessings.

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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 : 136.00 **SO (Dec) : £** 1818.46 **Non-Gift Aid:** 412.43 **Total:** £2366.89

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 297

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10
-11.00am.

Prayer for Unity week

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you;" regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which is according to your will.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, The Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Welcome Fr. Reginald Tarimo AJ and Sr. Lydwin Lewis Fr. Reginald works in the diocese of Wrexham in Wales as curate to the Cathedral Dean. He is here following an Ongoing Formation Program organised by his superiors. Sr. Lydwin will come to stay for two weeks as her convent in Wolverhampton is rewired. We wish them a pleasant stay.

Peace Sunday: Today, 16th January is the 55th World Day of Peace in England & Wales the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time. Let us make it a day of prayer for peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Day of Peace: **'Education, work and Dialogue between Generations: Tools for Building Lasting Peace'**. "Lord make us channels of your peace".

A Week of prayer for Christian unity starts Jan 18-25, 2022 the theme is *'We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him.'* (Matt 2:2) It was selected by the Middle East Council of Churches—Lebanon. Present times in Lebanon are extremely difficult and economically disastrous. All this combined with the effects of the Covid19 pandemic have made the situation quite stressful. The power of prayer in solidarity with those who suffer is a demonstration of Christian unity and a sign of communion.

Sunday of the Word of God (23rd January): to be held on every third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Pope Francis issued the apostolic letter entitled, *"Instituting the 'Sunday of the Word of God: for all dioceses and churches throughout the world'"* on September 30 of 2019. The Pope's intention is to encourage Catholics to study, learn and love the Holy Scriptures. Therefore enthrone the Bible in your homes and let God's Word come alive in your families and live as an instruments that awakens our faith. Bring your personal Bibles with you to have them blessed during the Mass on Sunday.



Recommissioning Lectors: members of our parish who proclaim the Word of God at Mass will be recommissioned on Sunday 30th January 2022 at 9.30am & 11.30am respectively. Please consider it as a great privilege that God uses you to communicate his message. Your parish priest is never tired of recruiting as many ministers as available.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2022 will be celebrated on Sunday 30th January Millennium Point Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG Door open at 1.30pm Event 2pm www.birmingham.gov.uk/events. Information on how to get to Millennium Point can be found at: <https://www.millenniumpoint.org.uk/getting-here>. From the city centre to the Millennium Point by bus, catch numbers 14, 55/55A 90 or 94.

Updates on Covid19: the Government has announced further amendments to the Covid, self-isolation rules. Anyone who develops symptoms or tests positive for Covid must immediately self-isolate; however, from Monday 17 January, individuals who test positive will be able to leave self-isolation after a further five full days, subject to having two negative Lateral Flow Test results, 24 hours apart. The day symptoms begin, or the individual test positive is day zero. The next day is day one of the isolation period. The rules apply whether the individual is vaccinated or not.

Message of Gratitude: from our parish Sisters to thank everyone who supported them on their journey home for holidays with their families and friends. I wish to thank the parishioners who have volunteered their time to do the work the sisters used to do.

Feasts during the week: 17th Jan; Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot, called the 'Patriarch of Monks'. 21st Jan; Memorial of St. Agnes, virgin & Martyr, who when 13years old suffered martyrdom.