

**MASSES— 16th to 23rd Apr 23**

Sun	16	9.30am	Cosmos Akaye (Thanksgiving), John Ferry (52nd Anni)
		11.30am	Mary DeVera (Thanksgiving), Kizito & Ijeoma Lemchi (10th Wed Anni) Jane Ngina (Remembrance Mass)
Mon	17	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney (spl int) (School Mass)
Tues	18	9.30am	Mick & Rose (Good health)
Wed	19	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy Lutwama (Spl int)
Thurs	20	9.30am	Jeanette Smith (12th Anni)
Fri	21	9.30am	Laetitia & family (Spl int)
Sat	22	9.30am	Josephine Lobo (B'day Remembrance)
Sun	23	9.30am	Bill Fylnn (Anni) Peter Harte & Annie Laffey (Anni)
		11.30am	Florence Ekobe (Spl int)

**Lectors**

16/04/23

9.30am Creshel, Anthonia O., (R)  
11.30am Chioma, Sharon (R)

23/04/23

Asipitha, Helena (R)  
Kenneth, Perpetua (R)

**Eucharistic Ministers**

16/04/2023

**9.30am** Sophie D. (E)  
**11.30am** Florence K. (E)

23/04/2023

Ann M. (E)  
Patricia K. (E)

**The sick of the Parish:** Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

**Anniversaries during the week:** John Anthony Whiting, Anne Crawley, Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McEleney, C. Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Master-son, Tom & Eileen Fitzsimons, Annie Sheehan, Theresa Jackie Sheehan, Catherine Hearty, Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs, Georgina Martin, Jeremiah Hoban, Grace Maguire, Sheila Mary Guinness, Feichin Patrick Fagan, Fiona Bernadette Logan, William (Bill) Flynn, Jean-ette Smith, Terence Peter Harte, Maria Scott, Elizabeth Patricia Gamble, Sheila Byrne.

**HAPPY EASTER GREETINGS!**

**As we celebrate the miracle of Jesus' Resurrection,  
We are grateful for all that He gave to the world and to our families.  
I wish that you have a blessed Easter blessed with love, peace & happiness.  
May the Risen Lord bring you and family abundant happiness.  
Have a blessed Easter!**



A.J. Missions                      St. Osburg                      Ss. Mary & Benedict                      St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter – Easter Sunday –16th to 23rd April 2023**

**BE PREPARED TO MEET THE UNEXPECTED**

It was a normal burial, except this was a haste one. Passover was approaching, it would be inappropriate to celebrate it with the bodies of condemned men hanging on the crosses. Joseph of Arimathea one of the secret admirers of Jesus, came up with a solution: “I have a tomb preserved for me and for my family. Let us keep the body of Jesus there until the Passover is done” There was some relief, but what about Joseph and his family, for sure they will reclaim their tomb at some point. For the women, led by Mary Magdalene, and Mary the wife of Cleopas, Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb, once the Passover hours were ended, early in the morning they rushed to the tomb.

The women were met with what they had not expected, the stone had been rolled away, the tomb was empty! They had no answers. Surely wild animals could not have moved such a huge stone away, the disciples could not have removed it either because they were in hiding for fear of the Jews. If they were to take it away, what other safe place could they have buried it? The suspicion falls on the garden-er walking about nearby.

The bad news of the empty tomb was immediately reported to the Apostles, who took action by going to the tomb. In order not to attract attention only Peter and another disci-ple went, the others remained in hiding. The empty tomb did not give there and then, suf-ficient proof that the resurrection had taken place, it did not point to wild animals to hav-ing eaten the body up or that it had been stolen by somebody for simple reason that some cloths had been neatly folded up and kept away. “Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of Scripture that he must rise from the dead”.

What does this mean? Faith is a journey that we take, and which God himself prepares for us, so that we may eventually discover his saving plan. Jesus expects us to make some efforts to discover who he is and what he wants of us. Jesus died in public view, we heard just the other day of his bitter agony and how having cried in a loud voice, he breathed his last. But he made his resurrection private. No one saw him rise from the dead to life, so that his resurrection and our coming back to life with him on the day of Mercy, may remain as an article of our faith.

The resurrection of Jesus changed human history and gave meaning to human suffering. The events of last week remind us that all of us will at some moment have a Good Fri-day, but that should not make us lose sight of the dawn of Easter. The gospel extracts this week, will give us various accounts of the appearance of the risen Christ. The role of women in evangelising the timid community, after Jesus appeared to them, is empha-sised. Let us always be prepared to meet with the unexpected and to respond to the chal-lenges of our faith with a clear conscience. The resurrection of Jesus will be a stumbling block to unbelievers, but it remains the greatest event of our human history. There will be attempts to deny the Christian message, but like the women and the first Christians, let us remain faithful and constant in our proclamation of the risen Lord.

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**Donations to the parish :** <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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**

**SO (Mar) : £ 2454.60 Gift Aid : £ 410.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 590.47 Total: £ 1000.47**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Readings:**

**1st Collection** : Today's collection is for the upkeep of the parish priest

**Bonus Ball :**

**Mass Attendance :** 453

**Church cleaning:** 7.30am

**Choir practice :** Fri- 7.30pm

**Confessions:** Saturday- 10.10-11.00am.

**Pious Devotions :** Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

**(RCIA): sessions :**



**Alleluia! The Lord is Risen.**

Happy Easter! Our Lord has risen, He has overcome death and He has opened the gates of Heaven to all who believe and receive the gift of salvation. Alleluia! What a glorious day we celebrate!

The Resurrection of Christ was a real historical event. But it is also an event that transcends time. It's an event that must permeate all time and transform every moment of our lives. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was much different than a simple return to life. He did not simply come back to the life He lived before He died. Instead, His resurrected state was a new beginning.

This Resurrected Jesus invites us to share in His New life. we must know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond what we can imagine. This is what we celebrate today. And this celebration must fill us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life to come.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Easter Monday Masses** at 10.00am across the Archdiocese

St Chad's Cathedral - by Archbishop Bernard Longley

Sacred Heart, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent -by Bishop Stephen Wright

St Osburg, Coventry by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick. All are welcome.

**Feast of Divine Mercy** is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter. It is preceded by a Divine Mercy Novena which begins on Good Friday. St. Marys Church is the centre of devotion to the Divine Mercy in Coventry. Prayers will begin at 2.00pm. The programme is found on the notice board.

**Funeral details of Bp. David McGough** who died on Sat. 25 March, 2023. His body will be received into Sacred Heart RC Church, Queens Avenue, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6EE, on Wed. 19 April at 6pm, followed by Holy Mass. The Funeral Mass will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Thurs. 20 April at 12 Noon led by Archbishop Bernard.

**Baptism preparation** for parents with children to be baptised, will take place on Sat. 22nd April at 6.00pm in the Lady's chapel. It is required that the faithful seek baptism from their place of worship.

**Confirmation classes** will take place on every Saturday, from 12.00noon to 1.00pm in the Lady's chapel. Classes will commence from 27th May 2023.

**Marriage Preparation** course started on Tues 4th April. Engaged couples met to start planning their life as future husbands and wives. The next meeting will take place on Tues 11th April starting at 6:00pm (Fr. Jimmy's time). Please note that marriage preparation is a must for those who want to get married in the Catholic Church.

**MASSES— 9th to 15Apr 23**

Sun	09	9.30am	Easter Sunday—People of the parish
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Mon	10	10:00am	Mass at St. Osburgs (Denary Mass)
Tues	11	9.30am	Francis, Cecilia & Mark Mathias
Wed	12	9.30am	Stephen Cheyne (RIP)
Thurs	13	9.30am	Special intention of Mary O'Brien
Fri	14	9.30am	Greg Jordan (RIP)
Sat	15	9.30am	Terrie Ward (RIP)



**Appreciation :** I wish to thank you all for supporting the parish since we began our Lenten season and particularly for the last three days of Holy week. In particular I thank the choir that has provided us with very good music. I thank the lectors that proclaimed the Word of God. I thank the altar servers that attended to the altar. I thank the people who spent their time to clean the church and Mr. Dylan D'Souza who provided flowers to adorn the church at this time. Thank you all your love and fidelity which reflects your love for the Risen Lord. It is difficult to single out every contribution made by each individual person but the Lord knows it all.

**Dona Donation machine** is now working, I thank those who use it for supporting the upkeep of the Church.

**Catholic Women Association** (CWA- Kenya), sadly announces the sudden death of their national chairlady Mrs Jane Ngina Gichanga, former Kenya National Association of Women treasurer, which occurred on Wed 5th April 2023 at the City Hospital Nottingham. She was founding member and chairperson of CWA (UK). Jane will be sadly missed by all. RIP.