

MASSES 17th to 24th May 2020

Sun	17	9.30am	Ezban, Zikhora (B'day), Augustina Nwosu & family (Spl int)
Mon	18	9.30am	Lukasz (7th B'day)
Tues	19	9.30am	Mrs. Thi Tran (RIP)
Wed	20	9.30am	Hannah family (spl int), Frances Clarkson (B'day anni)
Thurs	21	9.30am	Mathew Tanner (B'day remembrance) Phil Kenney (B'day)
Fri	22	9.30am	Patalong & Doyle family (Thanksgiving)
Sat	23	9.30am	Edwin Scott(RIP)
Sun	24	9.30am	Mabel Braganza (RIP) Patalong & Doyle family (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

Lectors: 17.05.2020 : Geraldine. & Mogan Kimani Res: Miriam
24.05.2020: Helena Wood & Naomi Res:

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Patrick Tracey, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne.

Anniversaries during the week: Sean Anthony Logan, Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Bridget Theresa Ludid, William Morrissey, Michael McDermott, Mary Devlin, Edmond Patrick Flynn, James Anthony Domican, James Mullarkey, Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh.

Children's corner : Bible quiz



1. Finish this verse from 1 Thessalonians Ch. 5: 1-25 : Pray without _____.
2. In Genesis Chapter 9: 1-18, what sign did God give to Noah to show His promise never flood the world again?
3. In the Gospel of Mathew 4: 1-11, How many days and nights did Jesus fast?
4. In 1Kings 3: 3-15 What did King Solomon ask God to give him?
5. In Exodus 20: 2-17 What will be the outcome of honouring your father and your mother?
6. Complete this verse from Ephesians 6:10-24 "In addition to all this, take up your shield of _____, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Please write your answers on a paper take photo of it and send it to **Fr. Jimmy or Sr. Leena.**

Congratulations to the winners of the Bible cross word :

Ella & Joe, N & N Menezes; E & D Almeida; A & A Tekkle D & D Miranda; J. Scretis; C. Obanore; S. Aikhionbare; Ekene P & M Sam; K & K Kado; Z & C Umeh; N & S Ihionu; Raphael. Thank you for your clearly thought-through answers. Check for another Bible quiz on page four of this newsletter.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 6th Sunday of Easter- 17th—24th May 2020

AFTER THE VIRUS: WILL IT BE A TIME FOR COVERSION OR A TIME FOR DISSENT?

A child asked me one day: Fr. Jimmy why do you call the Bishop to Confirm us when you are here, we rarely see the bishop we want you to Confirm us not the bishop. I replied: *I call the bishop because that is what the first Christians did; they called Peter and John from Jerusalem, they went to the Samaritans and prayed over them and laid their hands over them and they received the Holy Spirit.* This is the message from the first reading. The elders in faith confirm us in the faith.

The second reading invites us to know our catechism very well. And to have reasons why we do things that we do: for example why do you believe in God? Why do you practice the Christian faith as taught by the Catholic church? Why do you make so many sacrifices for your family and for those you love? We need to have answers to these questions on our fingertips. An enterprise of any kind carried out without a cause cannot bear fruit. A foolish war is that one fought without a good cause, such wars cause more pain and suffering to the people rather than promoting justice or restoring peace. St. Peter has told us in the second reading that *you must have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope you have.* There must be a reason why I'm protective of my family, protective of my marriage, protective of my priesthood, protective of my faith. Many times we are badly attacked and criticised by people for the sound Christian and human values we hold. We end up physically fighting back or giving up what we know to be right. St. Peter has told us that we do not need to fight or quarrel, when you are criticised or attacked, give answers with courtesy, respect and with a clear conscience. The answers we give might involve suffering, but it is more rewarding to suffer for doing the right thing than to suffer for doing a wrong thing.

Last Wednesday the easing of the lockdown announced by the P/M on Sunday took effect but remember what I spoke to you last Sunday: the lion is not yet caught it is still on the loose. Until we have a cure or a vaccine, we are not safe. Please continue to take all precautions possible to stop the spread of corona virus. It is indeed part of our Christian duty to protect others from danger. We are our brother's and our sister's keeper!

In the gospel Jesus tells us that he is going to send to us *an advocate, the spirit of truth the spirit the world can never receive.* Coronavirus pandemic has had many interpretations. As the world moves towards normality ask yourself: *"Is my experience going to be a time of return to God, a time of return to the church or it is going to be a time of further dissent and estrangement from the faith!* You yourself know how far you had gone astray from God and from the church. You also know how close you can return. But God knows too how much close you can return to him because he knows our efforts and our abilities.

If a small virus hardly seen by our eyes can bring the world to a standstill, we should be reminded of the power of God, the weakness of man and the foolishness of our minds and hearts when we make things or take decisions or live a lifestyle that is against God's plan. A gruesome experience of the cross converted the centurion, indeed this was a son of God. Will the experience of this virus bring you closer to God or take you further from him?

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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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid:

SO : Monthly : £698.94

Non-Gift Aid:

Total : £

Hall Hire:

Counters :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance :

Second Collection :

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

Confessions :

RCIA Sessions:

Catechism for FHC :

Church Cleaning:

Dates for your diary:

READ YOUR BIBLE: How can we find direction in life under this quarantine? Where can we turn for some words of wisdom to endure? ***“You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true: Remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures— from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus....this is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work”***
2 Tim 3:14-17.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions forward that request by calling Tel. **07547242375** all the Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible. The intentions will be mentioned at the beginning of each Mass.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Below are some resources you can use during the time of no public congregations at Mass.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

Thank you for taking care of us in various ways, we have received several calls asking how we are and some food has been brought to us. We are so grateful for such great gestures of hospitality and friendship.

Message to my teenage parishioners: In the Silence, we discover what God wants us to do: for us who are above 50, lockdown is not challenging as for those below 40. I'm thinking of you teenage girls, you like to get out and make your presence felt. I'm also thinking of you teenage boys who like to get on with football. Getting out of the house for these activities puts you into noisy encounters. I wish to encourage you teenage boys and girls to take advantage of this lockdown and discover the beauty of silence. It is when we keep still and silent that God speaks to us. Being out of school for some weeks now might leave you wondering whether your goal posts will change. The fact is that they will not change unless you change them yourself. If you are a hardworking focussed teenager, this lockdown will make you work even harder. If you are a respectable young person nothing will take that away from you. If you are a bad guy disrespectful to your parents, lazy and sleeping all the time, the lockdown will not improve you either.

But as a young person remember that the lockdown is packed with challenges which can be used for your advantage and growth. I did not know that you can hold conferences over the computer, I did not know that you can work at home for more than a month and you get your full pay without leaving your house. You see, this is a new world in which you young people are going to live for the rest of your lives. In doubts and difficulties take heart. As we move towards Pentecost may the Holy Spirit give understanding to hear God's voice. Fill you with awe and wonder to see him in others. May God give you right judgement to accept his call, give you knowledge of when to act, courage to live by the truth and reverence to worship the true God.

Fr. Timothy Burke's funeral Mass and burial will take place in Ireland at St. Ailbe's Church, Emly, on Monday, 18th May 2020. It will be private and limited to family members only. His cortege will leave Fraser's Undertakers in Galbally at 1.20pm on Monday 18th May for arrival in Emly for 2pm Mass. The Mass will be streamed live on the internet on Monday 18th May at 2pm. Click on the link below to view <https://player.twitch.tv/?channel=avssmemorialservices>

Thursday 21st May 2020 is the Ascension of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9:30am

Say the Rosary during this month of May: Please join me and the Sisters in praying the Rosary before daily Mass at 9:00am. As a parish family we pray the Rosary for the people of the world suffering from Covid-19. Pope Francis says: "Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial".

Quote of the week: "Don't be afraid to start over; it's a brand new opportunity to rebuild what you truly want"