

**MASSES— 17th Apr to 1st May22**



Sun	17	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	18		NO MASS
Tues	19	9.30am	Katherine Muldoon, Thi Tran (RIP), Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
		6.00pm	<b>Reception</b> —Katherine Muldoon
Wed	20	10.00am	Requiem Mass— <b>Katherine Muldoon</b>
Thurs	21	9.30am	Josephine Lobo (B'day remembrance)
Fri	22	9.30am	Melvis Mangwa, Linda Greene (Spl int)
Sat	23	9.30am	Michael Connors (RIP), Jeanette Smith (Anni)
Sun	24	9.30am	Christine Wilson (Get well), Bill Flynn (Anni), Tale Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	Peter Harte & Annie Laffey (Anni), Juliana Umeh, Roy Evans (RIP)
Mon	25	9.30am	Peter Miranda (RIP)
Tues	26	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy & Family (Thanksgiving)
Wed	27	9.30am	Sr. Leena & family (Thanksgiving)
Thurs	28	9.30am	Joan & Albert O'Keefe (RIP)
		6.30pm	<b>Reception</b> —Maria Drabik
Fri	29	12.00noon	Requiem Mass— <b>Maria Drabik</b>
Sat	30	9.30am	Maisie Burke (RIP)
Sun	01	9.30am	Paschal Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	Ma Cecil Nzanda (3rd Anni), Ben McAndrew (Good health)



**Lectors**

	<u>17/04/2022</u>	<u>24/04/2022</u>	<u>01/05/2022</u>
9.30am	Preethika , Cath Slater (R)	Neetha, Anthonia O. (R)	Stephen, Creshel (R)
11.30am	Clare, Maame (R)	Loius, Perpetua (R)	Maame, Elena (R)

**The sick of the Parish:** Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Sheila Mary Guinness, Feichin Patrick Fagan , Fiona Bernadette Logan, William (Bill) Flynn , Jeanette Smith, Terence Peter Harte, Maria Scott , Elizabeth Patricia Gamble , Sheila Byrne, Elizita Cabral, Meta Stretton, Michael Kavanagh, Bridie Durkan , Mario Giampaglia , Minnie Noonan, Mary McCarron , Nada Stojanovic , Mary Margaret McGlynn, Eric Maurice Goulden.

*Happy Easter!*



A.J. Missions	St. Osburg	Ss. Mary & Benedict	St. Elizabeth
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“IT WAS THE WOMEN WHO.....!”

Thanks to the women who opened their mouths to tell what they had seen and heard. What would the world look like if they had taken what they had seen or heard as a private matter! What would have happened if they joined the apostles in their hiding places instead of pulling them out through the streets of the city to go to the empty tomb! But the courage and determination of the women to tell what they had seen and heard in the garden where Jesus was buried has made the whole world to join in one song: “Alleluia the Lord is risen”. On Palm Sunday, I said that the Christians have no secrets, they told the story about Jesus just as it happened; he was betrayed by one of us, he was denied by our leader, he was handed over to the Romans by Caiaphas our High Priest, he failed the opinion polls conducted by the Roman governor to decide between him and Barabbas, he was stripped naked, he cried loud in pain and laughed at as he died painfully on the Cross. Even the tomb in which he was buried was borrowed! These are accounts that are not proclaiming a hero, but a loser. This gives us the proof of the authenticity of the historical events we started celebrating since Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and of course on Easter.

There was no witness when Jesus was rising from the dead. The reason was so that the resurrection may forever be an article of our faith. What we believe about Jesus, we believe it about ourselves, that like him we die; like him and with him we shall rise from death.

The first people to have noticed that the tomb was tempered with were the women, but someone who would be more convincing was missing. Mary the mother of Jesus was not among the women who went to the tomb early on the Sunday morning. If the Christians were fabricating the story of the resurrection, Mary the mother of Jesus would have been brought into the story.

The women did not claim Jesus was risen instead they talked of the body having been taken out of the tomb. Where could it be? Did Joseph of Arimathea change his mind? Did the Pharisees or the Roman soldiers dispose of it or the dogs dragged it away and ate it! The women were puzzled!

The arrival of Peter and John did not prove his resurrection instead it increased their fears. The linen cloth was lying on the ground and the cloth that had been over his head was rolled up in a place by itself. They lifted up the clothes scattered them side by side but the body of Jesus was not inside!

So, what does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you? For Peter and John it was a reminder to them of all the things that Jesus had spoken to them. Until this moment they had not fully understood who Jesus was, the empty tomb became an evidence. They saw and believed.

As you return home, let us remember that our Christian life must be like an empty tomb which publicly proclaims that the Lord is risen. We must hold nothing back. Secondly, faith in Jesus is not a private matter, like the women we must share it with others. Go home praising and thanking God for the gift of his resurrection and new life he now gives to us.

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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 :** £ 152.00 **SO ( Mar ) :** £2258.56 **Non-Gift Aid:** 521.08 Total: £2931.64

*Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.*

**Readings:** Is. 50:4-7; Phi. 2:6-11; Lk. 22:14-23:56

**2nd Collection :** Good Friday—Holy places

**Bonus Ball :** No. 59. Jasmine

**Mass Attendance :**

**Pious Devotions**

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri— 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

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



### **EASTER MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST**

I wish you all a blessed Easter and to thank you for the support you have given to each other, to the parish and to me your Parish Priest. The involvement of everyone in the life of the parish makes us all to feel that we belong. Let us pray for each other, protect each other and welcome each other when we come to Church. God looks on us and say “they are all my people.”

### 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

**Divine Mercy Liturgy:** will take place on Sunday 24th April starting at 2:00pm. Our parish is the centre of this devotion in Coventry City. Let us come together to call on the mercy of God upon us and upon the whole world. On Sunday 1st May 2022 we shall have a special priest guest from Poland Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA a renowned preacher on Divine Mercy. He will preach at both Masses 9:30 & 11.30am.

**Traditional Easter Monday Mass:** will take place at St. Osburgs. There will not be Mass here at Easter Monday and in other parishes. We want to come together as a people of this city to celebrate easter together. Mass will start at 10:00am.

**Coventry City Council** has given £1505.00 pounds grant as a recognition to Monday Club in its recovery plan after Covid19. The money will be spent on the elderly of the parish who support each other through togetherness. This grant will not take away the obligation to make little contribution towards the expenses they incur but it will subsidise it. I ask the elderly of our communities around to come and spend two hours every Monday as a way of socializing and sharing our experiences.

**Wedding bells** will sound for John Patrick Gibbons (Jnr) and Miss Caitlin Jane O'Hara on Saturday 23rd April 2022 at 12:00noon. We congratulate and wish them all the best in their life together.

**Easter:** following an ancient tradition, the Church keeps vigil for the Lord, at which the faithful carry lighted lamps, as if looking for the Lord when He returns. The ceremony begins after nightfall and must end before daybreak. Even though it be celebrated before midnight, this is a Paschal Mass of the Resurrection. On the third day after his Crucifixion and Death, after the Shabbat, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of Jesus. They found the tomb empty and the stone rolled away (Mt. 28:6).

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, in the Upper Room during the Last Supper he prepared the disciples for his death. He identified the unleavened bread and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed.

The Resurrection of Christ is the fruit of his obedience to God's will. St Paul write: “He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him .” (Phil 2:8-11).

**Hednesford Pilgrimage Returns** in July. On Sunday 3 July, for the first time since 2019, we are able to invite people from all over the Archdiocese to join us for the Annual Pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, hosted at the Diocesan shrine at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford near Cannock in Staffordshire. Join the pilgrimage for Confessions, Private Devotions in the Grotto and Mass with Anointing. A barbecue and refreshments will also be available. We are delighted to have Bishop David Evans as the main celebrant for the first time. Come and join us!

**Funerals** of Catherin Mary Muldoon (Kath) will take place on 20th April at 10:00am Reception will be Tuesday 19th at 18:00 hrs. Maria Drabik will be received on Thursday 28th April at 18:30hrs. Her funeral Mass will be on Friday 29th April at 12:00noon. Please remember these souls in your prayers.

