

MASSES 17th to 24th Nov 2019

Sun	17	9.30am	Michael Campbell (RIP), Sandra (Spl int) Mrs. Tran (Get well)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving) Deceased members of Lanigan, Nolan & Carter family Deceased members of Patrick Kimani & Peter Mukabi family
Mon	18	12.00noon	Deceased Sisters—SSA, Irene Donnelly (B'day)
Tues	19	9.30am	Founders of SSA (RIP), Steve Hampson (Get well)
Wed	20	9.30am	Deceased Benefactors - SSA, Benny (Get well)
Thurs	21	9.30am	People of the parish
		7.00pm	Mass of Confirmation
Fri	22	9.30am	Deceased priests & family members of SSA
Sat	23	9.30am	Joana Christopher, Blessing, Titus (RIP) Deceased members of Dunleavy & Murphy family
Sun	24	9.30am	People of the parish, Mrs. Tran (Get well), Rev. Fr. Patrick Osagie (Spl int)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu & Dorothy Maimo (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

17/11/2019

9.30am	Sr. Leera, Desma (R) Sophie (E)
11.30am	Maame, Florence E (R) Lilian, Vera (E)

24/11/2019

Julia H. & Veronia C. (R) Barbara (E)
Kisannet, Honorine A (R) Marcel, Patricia (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Thi Tran, Christopher Browne.

Anniversaries during the week : Pat Martin, Marion Glennon, Chris Glennon, Annie Shanley, Margaret & Joseph Hamill, William Greene, Robert Wood, Maria Patricia Murphy, John Ledwidge, Thomas Dalton, Willie Docherty, James Cummings Johnston, Con McFadden, Nikki Cherry, Piety Pinto, Cecilia Agnes Wilkinson, Katherine Ward, Patrick O'Donnell, Ethel Smith, Anne Parsons, John O'Shea, Edith Morley, Edward Benedict Cadwell, Rosemary June Tracy, Anthony Crawford, Patrick Plunkett, Celeste Childs, William Doran, Mary Montgomery.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary time- Parish Newsletter- 17th to 24th Nov 2019

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS : THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN ON OUR WATCH

Last Sunday during the Mass I mentioned to you about our Catholic School of St. Marys and Benedict. I spoke about the owners of the school and the sacrifices you make as Catholics who practice the faith to keep the school running. I went on to say to you that the number of baptised catholic children in the school has dropped from 61% to 41%! It means that 59% of the children in our school are non Catholics. The Catholic Church has been a flag bearer of education from earliest times. All the earliest education institutions were church founded. Civil governments took over church founded schools and made them state owned but the foundation of such schools was the Church.

As a practicing catholic, you are the owner of Catholic Schools found in the diocese and in the parish. It is your right and principal duty to take your child to them for their education. Through Diocesan School Levy, huge amount of money is spent on the upkeep and running of our catholic schools. This levy is taken by the diocese from the Sunday collection made by you. In catholic sponsored schools like St. Marys, Catholics have priority, so when the numbers become so low, we need to ask ourselves where we take our children for their education. It makes no sense to spend money on education institutions which you do not prefer for education of your child.

We invest in Catholic education for our children because in a world where there is so much noise, we want them to be able to create love and respect for their faith, to have that safe place to grow into. Catholic Schools are places where prayer is accepted, unrestricted and encouraged. It is not enough for a child to have academic education, he/she needs to have a faith education that is fully integrated in their everyday lives. Children need to grow in respect of their parents and peers, they need to be grounded in humility and mercy to others. Catholic education grounds them with the right relationship with God, gives them academic education, a sense of family and community. No other education comes close!

Catholic schools exist above all, to proclaim the Good News that 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, Jesus Christ. (John 3:16). Catholic education is meant to transform your child into the kind of person you want him to be. Catholic schools are different from public schools because they focus on the development of individuals as practitioners of the Catholic faith. Please take your children to our Catholic schools. If Catholic population in catholic schools fall, what else are we left with? History will not judge us kindly if we let go what our forefathers established for our benefit. Catholic education is a sure foundation for your child. Use it

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.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 411.90

Non-Gift Aid: 399.86

Total : £811.76

Counters : Vera & Sr. Leena

Mass Attendance : 576

Bonus Ball : No. 39 Julia Hunt

2nd collections : for the month of Nov—Dec : 24th Nov. Catholic Youth service; 8th Dec. Poor parishes fund.

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm followed by Mass

Divine mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month from 6 -7pm followed by Mass

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

Parish Rosary group every Friday at 6.00pm

Choir practice every Friday at 7.30pm /Saturday at 3.00pm

Church cleaning: Saturday 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

RCIA Sessions: Every Monday at 6.00pm

Catechism for FHC : Every Saturday at 11.00am

Invitation to a Christmas Party: Bishop Ullathorne School hosts an annual Christmas party for elder members of our parishes. The next one will be on Friday 13 December. The event will run from 12.00 -2.00pm. If any senior citizen wishes to go, please let me know not later than Friday 29th November 2019 so that transport can be arranged for you.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood on Saturday 21st December 2019 at Westminster Cathedral. We are invited to join him for that Mass but especially to remember him in our prayers.

Matters of Importance

Solemnity of Christ the King: will be celebrated next Sunday 24th of November. It is a Solemnity that invites us to recognise Our Lord Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe. It also marks the end of the liturgical year of the Church. I wish to thank you all for your fidelity to Jesus Christ King of the Universe. The following Sunday on 1st December will be the First Sunday of Advent.

Baptism Course: Tuesday 19th November. Talks start at 6:00pm in the Lady's Chapel.

Confirmation: rehearsal on Monday 18th November at 5.00pm in the Church.

Month of November invites us to pray for the Dead. Envelopes are available to write the names of those you wish to be prayed for during November with the donation in the envelopes and place it in the box front of the altar. Mass will be offered for the repose of their souls.

Blessing of the Crib on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December at 4.00pm. In the City centre near Marks & Spencer

Advent Parish Penitential Service for St. Marys will take place on 13th December 6.00pm; St. Elizabeth parish will have their Penitential Service on 12th Dec at 6.30pm. "Come let us return to God. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us. He has struck us down but he will bandage our wounds; after a day or two he will bring us back to life, on the third day he will raise us up and we shall live in his presence" Hosea 6:1-3.

National Youth Sunday 24th November marks a key date in the calendar for Birmingham Catholic Youth Service. Thanks to everyone who works with and volunteer their time for the good of the young people of our Archdiocese. Throughout the weekend of the 23rd and 24th, young people will be speaking at parishes throughout the Archdiocese about their experiences as young people. St. Marys parish has a well established youth group to which I encourage young people to join. Meetings take place every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

St. Osburg Parish will have their annual Christmas bazar on Saturday 23rd November in the parish hall. Please support them with your presence.

Volunteers to clean the church: can I appeal to you to consider giving some of your time to come and assist in cleaning this church. I know that all of us appreciate having a clean church but the truth is that only one or two parishioners come to clean the church. The Stations of the Cross speak to us of a woman named Veronica that Jesus met as he carried the cross. Seeing his face covered in sweat and blood, she used her own towel to wipe his face. The gift Jesus left her was the image of his face that was imprinted on her towel. When you clean the church, you take within you the image of the Lord in your life. The church is cleaned every Saturday starting at 8:00am –9:00am. Come and join us. Please give your names today to the Sisters so that we can prepare a rota. Cleaning can also be done on Friday evening. The most important is to keep the "face" of the Lord clean in our midst— that face is the Church!