

MASSES— 17th to 24th Sept .2023

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| Sun | 17 | 9.00am | Shawn Aikhionbare (B'day) |
| | | 11.00am | Mary Morgan (Thanksgivng), Mama Helen Forbia (RIP) |
| Mon | 18 | 12.00noon | Anne Geary (B'day) |
| Tues | 19 | 9.30am | Helen Rouse (B'day) |
| Wed | 20 | 9.30am | Sr. Eleanor Alphonsa (RIP) |
| Thurs | 21 | 9.30am | Maurice Gloster (RIP) |
| Fri | 22 | 9.30am | |
| Sat | 23 | 9.30am | |
| Sun | 24 | 9.30am | Ethan Osagie (B'day), Sean Cain (RIP) |
| | | 11.30am | Mama Helen Forbia (RIP) |

Lectors

17/09/2023

24/09/2023

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| 9.30am | Sr. Leera, Desma (R) | James M., Anthonia A. (R) |
| 11.30am | Kenneth, Honorine A. (R) | Sharon, Rosaline (R) |

Eucharistic Ministers

17/09/2023

24/09/2023

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| 9.30am | Sophie (E) | Cath S. (E) |
| 11.30am | Patricia (E) | Lilian (E) |

Readings– 17/9: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7; Rom. 14:7-9 Mt. 18: 21-35

24/9: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philipians 1:20-24.27; Mathew 20:1-16

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Teresa Brooks, Theresa Anne Carey, Molly Kelly, Bernard McHugh, Julia O'Driscoll, Margaret Lee, Peggy Moore, Tyrone Declan Evans Shields, Michael Joseph Bannon, Owen Healy, Delia Mullaney, Betty Reilly, John Mulroney, William Lennon .

Clergy Anniversaries: Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer, Rev. William LFRED Oddie, Cannon Peter McKenna, Rev. Alan Leslie Holtham, Rev. Peter Lees, Rev. John David Steward, Canon David Mellor, Rev. John Roddy, Rev.. Bernard McAllister.

Philippians 4:8 *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

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, handed it over to the sisters with a minimum donation of £5 or you can call Tel. 07547242375.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th to 24th Sept 2023

GOOD WERE OLD DAYS, DO NOT DO WHAT OTHERS DO THESE DAYS:

The readings this Sunday put us to task. They are talking about the golden rule but from another angle: 'treat others as you would like to be treated'.

Some of us were very lucky to be raised up at a time when people valued interpersonal relationships more than personal gain. At that time, the unity of family members was extremely important. Neighbours were concerned about the welfare of one another and the bringing up of children with good manners was a concern of every grown up. Peace and harmony mattered a lot since it was every person's concern. At that time, there was plenty of poverty everywhere but a lot of happiness and feeling of security. What we called going on as summer holiday, was probably to visit a neighbouring district for a week or two. We loved it. During those days, we did not decide what we wanted to eat, whatever food our parents put on the table, was eaten with gratitude for their hard work. We never longed to go and have a sleep over at our friends' homes to enjoy another taste of their food.

As children, we did not tell our parents what kind of toys we wanted to have, or which place we wanted to go for holidays. The decisions taken by those with authority meant much more than our personal inclinations. Children listened to the word of the parents not the other way round. In that kind of society, children played together in the streets, they walked to schools without fear or suspicion, and neighbours called on each other from their house windows! Those were good old days.

These days all this seem to be a fairy tale. If you entered a classroom and spoke to children about the world in which people of my age and above were brought up into, they might think that you are coming from another planet!

The world we live in today is closed to whatever made life meaningful and enjoyable in the past. There is more suspicion among people than trust. Some people have dedicated their life, to looking for opportunities for compensation to an extent of sacrificing good relationship and harmony in communities.

The readings of this Sunday are talking along these lines, challenging us to resist anger and the crave to treat other people in a way that we would not like to be treated. *"He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven"* Eccl. 28:1-2. We are fortunate that we practice the faith, because when we attend Sunday Mass just as we have done today, Jesus gives us something to hold onto in our life. Seeking for compensation is good, but it can easily become unchristian.

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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

10/09/23: Gift Aid :172.90 Dona: £ 133 **Non-Gift Aid**: £ 421.25 Total: **£727.15**

Hall Hire : £350 **SO (Sept)** : £ **May God bless you all.**

2nd collection : 17/09/23—Catholic Evangelisation 24/09/23—Fr. Hudson's Society

Bonus Ball : **Mass Attendance** : 312 **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

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Legion of Mary at St. Mary's Church : The members meet immediately after the 11.30am Mass every Sunday in the Parish meeting room If you would like to join the group please contact Ms. Emmanuella on 07448

Gift Aid it! You could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the parish office or Gift Aid officer Sr. Leera to find out more.


MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE


Baptisms: Parents with children to be baptised are requested to enrol their names for Baptism classes. Please contact Sr. Leera for more information.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Catechism classes: Parents with children, studying in non Catholic schools, the Catechism classes have begun. Please attend the classes without fail.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the sessions will be conducted on every Friday at 5.00pm at St. Osburgh Church, CV1 AQ. If you are an adult from 10 years and above who has not been baptised or who was baptised in other churches but you would like to be received into the catholic church, you are warmly welcome. For more information contact the sisters.

The Coventry Catholic Young Adults Group (18-35 years of age) meet every month to enjoy a social time, a discussion, and short time of prayer. You are invited! For further details please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3c2chsc7>

Altar servers and their families are invited to join this years annual mass of thanks giving for the Guild of St Stephen. St. Mary's Altar servers will be joining this thanksgiving Mass. The mass will be celebrated by Rev Bishop David Evans on **Sat 7th oct at 12noon** at St Chad's Cathedral, followed by refreshments. We accompany them with our prayers. 

Blessing of the Graves: Please see below the dates and times for the Blessing of the Graves which you may want to attend. You are most welcome on any day convenient for you. Canley - 17th September at 3.00pm St Paul's-24th September at 3.00pm. London Road—1st Oct at 3.00pm, Lenton's Lane – 8th October at 3.00pm 

Eucharistic Adoration Festival is organised by St. Thomas More Parish Coventry from Thursday 5th – Sunday 8th October. During the Forty Hours of Exposition all are welcome to come and spend time before the Lord. This Eucharistic Festival will be a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in love of the Lord himself, in the most precious gift of the Blessed Sacrament

Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer: next weekend is *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday in England and Wales *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday now supersedes Home Mission Sunday and that there is, therefore, a mandated Second Collection for this work.

Funeral announcement of Maria Carlotta Z. Fernandez who lived at Sherbourne Court, Stoney Road Coventry will be on Monday 25th September at 10.30am and the reception is on 24th September at 6.00pm. - St. Mary & Benedict Church. Our condolences to the bereaved family.

Feasts during the week: 20th September Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions; 21st Feast of St. Mathew Apostle, Evangelist; 23rd Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina. Pray for us.

Fr. Paul Chavasse a member of the Oratory Community Hagley Road Birmingham and once its superior died on Thursday 14th September 2023. He was a very holy and generous priest. RIP.