

**MASSES— 18th to 25th June 23**

Sun 18 9.30am Jean Lobo (Thanksgivng)  
 11.30am Kenneth & Attracta Kamebi (12th Wed Anni), Andrea  
 Serso & Loveness (Wed Anni) Esteban Galban (6th Anni)

Mon 19 12.00noon Jim Hogan (RIP)

Tues 20 9.30am Jimmy Hennessy (RIP)

Wed 21 9.30am Christine Lawlor (RIP)

Thurs 22 9.30am People of the parish

Fri 23 9.30am Laetitia & family (Spl int), Dennis & Mystica (4th Wed Anni)

Sat 24 9.30am Jim Hogan (RIP)

Sun 25 9.30am Emmanuel Osagie, Warren Osagie (B'day)  
 Caetano Joaquim Menezes (RIP)  
 11.30am People of the parish

**Lectors**

**18/06/2023**

**25/06/2023**

9.30am Emmanuella, Elena (R)  
 11.30am Blessing, Karen (R)

Children  
 Children

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**18/06/2023**

**25/06/2023**

**9.30am** Cath Slatter (E)  
**11.30am** Florence K. (E)

Ann M. (E)  
 Lilian (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, Chinasa Okosisi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Katie McHugh, Patsy Cooke, Bridget Meehan, William Maggs, Daniel Murphy, Martin Ward, Minnie Byrne, Timothy O'Driscoll, Baby Cara Whelan, Patrick Francis Hallinan, Maura Donnelly, Teresa McManus,

**Pope's intention for June:** For the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**Unnecessary Doubts**

*A boy and a girl were playing together. The boy had a collection of beautiful marbles. The girl had some candies with her. The boy offered to give the girl all his marbles in exchange for all her candies. The girl agreed. The boy gave all the marbles to the girl but secretly kept the biggest and the most beautiful marble for himself. The girl gave him all her candies as she had promised. That night, the girl slept peacefully. But the boy couldn't sleep as he kept wondering if the girl had hidden some more tasty candies from him the way he had hidden his best marble.*

**Moral:** *If you don't give your hundred percent in a relationship, you'll always keep doubting if the other person has given their hundred percent.*



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter – 11th Sunday in ordinary time 18th to 25th June 2023**

**GO TO THE LOST CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**

I am writing this reflection from a parish I visited several years ago and I spoke about to you. Katovu Parish is found 70 miles along Masaka Mbarara Road as you travel towards Mbarara City. It was started by the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries some years ago. It is the place where I had a shower as my priest friend stood guard, to prevent people walking about to come to my direction. Things were very basic that time. I'm glad that there is much change, thanks to the commitment of the people and their priests. You know, if you take the parish to be your own spiritual home, you end up doing so many things to make you comfortable and easy enough to find your way to God.

I'm pleased to know that the parish is going on very well and that you are keeping an eye on one another. The reason I gave you that homework was to remind you of the responsibility we have towards each other. It is the very responsibility that Jesus speaks to us about in the gospel. In our Christian pilgrimage "we are vulnerable with so many temptations and lure worldly things, we can get lost at any time". All of us have stories to tell concerning our journey of faith. But Jesus gives us a mission to seek out the most vulnerable among us and pay greater attention to them.

In the gospel, Jesus chooses the apostles and sends them out. The mentioning of their names evokes the naming we received at baptism. The first question that our parents were asked upon present them for baptism was: "what name do you give to this child.?" That was at our initial calling to become followers of Jesus. It means that as we hear him today calling his apostles, he called us too by name and, like them, he sent us out.

In Sacred scriptures, calling by name comes with a task to fulfil. When Jesus called and named his apostles, he gave them a task namely to deal with the most vulnerable the lost children of Israel. Vulnerability here does not refer to the handicapped or the physically infirm but it applied to the children of Abraham who had birth right claim to the promises made by Yahweh to him, and to his descendants, but had not accepted Jesus who had come as the fulfilment of those promises. Therefore, when Jesus tells his apostles to go to the lost children of Israel, he is referring to these, to make them accept Jesus, to make the sharers of the promises Yahweh had made to Abraham.

Putting this into context, looking at our parish, we soon realise that we are all vulnerable, we can easily go astray for one reason or the other. We also realise that there is so much work to be done in the Church which the Lord wanted me to do when he called me at baptism. The church will never run short of the need to evangelise or to be evangelized. Indeed the harvest is plentiful. If Jesus is telling us to go to the lost children of Israel, let us constantly be on the look out and try to find every early opportunity to help one another. It starts with a simple word 'hello' the rest follows as the Spirit of God guides us. I wish you success in the task of supporting one another in the work the Lord has given to us as members of St. Marys. The bottom line is "Go to the lost children of Israel."

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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 (May) : £ Gift Aid : 111.60 £ Non-Gift Aid: £ 463.76 Total: £575.36 Thank you for your generosity.**

**Readings:** Ex. 19: 2-6 ; Rom. 5: 6-11; Mt. 9:36-10:8.

**2nd collection :** 18th June - Day for Life

**Bonus Ball :**

**Mass Attendance :** 351

**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

**Gospel Reflection**

The Gospel reading for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is a reminder of the importance of evangelization in the life of a Catholic. However, many of us feel uncomfortable with the idea of evangelizing, perhaps due to a perception that it involves knocking on a stranger's door and telling them about Jesus. Yet, evangelization is not always so formal, and we have many opportunities to spread the good news in our daily lives.

We can evangelize by offering a helping hand to someone in need and then sharing how we have been helped through the power of God. When someone asks us to pray for them, we can say a prayer with them and share a moment of connection and faith. We can also invite someone to come to Mass or attend a church event with us, sharing the joy of our faith and the community of believers.

However, in order to spread the light of Christ to others, we must first be able to see it shining in our own lives. We must strive to live our lives in a way that reflects the love, compassion, and mercy of Christ, so that others may be drawn to Him through us. As Catholics, we are called to be missionary disciples, spreading the love of Christ to all those we encounter. By embracing our role as evangelizers, we can share the good news of the Gospel and help others to encounter the transformative power of Christ's love.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**New Bishop to Hexham & Newcastle:** Arch Bishop Bernard Longley is letting us know the announcement by the Holy See, that Bishop Stephen Wright has been appointed by the Holy Father as fifteenth Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. He will be installed as the new Bishop on Wednesday 19th July. Arch Bishop asks us to join him in assuring Bishop Stephen of our prayers as he prepares to take up these new responsibilities and our congratulations on being entrusted with the leadership of his new diocese and the care of its clergy and people.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Congratulations to Jerome Obinna Okpo and Jennifer Champion who will be united in marriage on 23rd June in this church, we wish them a life filled with love and happiness through Christ. As you start your future together, may you find support in God's holy words.

**Maryvale Institute** has just announced the continuation of the Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) and Licence Programmes, allowing them to begin recruiting new students immediately. It operates both the BDiv and Licence Programmes.

The Ecclesiastical BDiv is a five-year part-time, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology based on the study of the sacred Scriptures, the works of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the documents of the Magisterium. The Licence in Divinity: Pathway in Catechetical Sciences is another qualification of the Holy See, it is a three-year, part-time, programme aimed at those in leadership positions in catechetics and in other positions of responsibility. **To enquire,** please contact Deacon Harry Schnitker: [researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk).

**Father's Day :** As we celebrate Fathers day, let us pray that those who embrace the vocation of fatherhood may recognise the privilege of their calling. May the rights and responsibilities of both parents always be held in balance for the good of the child.

**Baptism preparation session :** will be on 24th June at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. Parents with children to be baptised are welcome to attend the session.

**Evening Mass at St. Osburgh's:** There will now be a Sunday evening Mass at St Osburgh's at 6.00pm. This is a Mass to serve the whole Deanery, as there has not been a Sunday evening Mass in Coventry for the last couple of years. We hope that this will be a helpful option for people. All welcome

**Achieving our Vision Together:** Archbishop Bernard Longley has released a video inviting you, in our parishes, clusters and deaneries to reflect together on our great gift of faith, and as with the Synodal pathway, to meet and look to our future. Archbishop Bernard asks us to look, within our parishes, clusters and deaneries, at how we can share our resources and to look at what we are called to do within: Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy and worship, Social outreach. He asks us how we can more effectively follow that pattern with the mandate given to us by the Lord Himself to be the church in any given place.

**Feasts during the week:** 21st June- St. Aloysius Gonzaga, 22nd June- Feast of Sts. Joh Fisher, & Thomas More, Martyrs. 24th June- Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

**Deceased priests whom we remember this week:** Rev. Fr. Laurence Jones, Rev Fr. Hubert Mooney, Rev. Fr. Michael Doona, Rev. George Smith, Rev. Eric Morgan, Rev. Geoffrey Tucker, Mgr Peter William Stonier