

MASSES 19th to 26th Apr 2020

Sun	19	9.30am	Mr. Mrs. Fernandes, (Thanksgiving), Peter Harte & Annie Laffey, Mami Cecile Nzanda Thi Tran (RIP), Gerald Griffith (Get well)
		3.00pm	Divine mercy prayers
		4.00pm	Holy Mass—Frank & Florence Kasibante (Thanksgiving)
Mon	20	9.30am	Sr. Yvonne (RIP), Janett Smith (RIP)
Tues	21	9.30am	James Trill (B'day)
Wed	22	9.30am	Peter Smith (RIP)
Thurs	23	9.30am	Caetano & Cecilia D'Souza (RIP)
Fri	24	9.30am	Bernard Trill (RIP)
Sat	25	9.30am	Peter Miranda (RIP)
Sun	26	9.30am	SSA, Miss Almeida (Thanksgiving) Deceased members of Ekobe, Niosa & Nzandas family

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

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

Anniversaries during the week: Jeanette Smith, Terence Peter Harte ,Elizabeth Patricia Gamble ,Sheila Byrne, Elizita Cabral, Meta Stretton, Michael Kavanagh, Bridie Durkan .

Children's corner : The Cows And The Tiger

Four cows lived in a forest near a meadow. They were good friends and did everything together. They grazed together and stayed together, because of this no tigers or lions were able to kill them for food.

But one day, the cows fought and each one went to graze in a different direction by its own. A tiger and a lion saw this and decided that it was the perfect opportunity to kill the cows. They hid in the bushes and surprised the cows and killed them all, one by one.

Moral Unity is strength.

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. You can also find them in our parish newsletter. If you wish to have the newsletter emailed to you please send your e-mail contact to the same number.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— Divine Mercy Sunday - 19th to 26th April 2020

TROUBLE COMES WHEN WE DEVIATE FROM THE COURSE;

A small spring becomes a stream of water and a big river as long as it keeps to the course. Rivers never die off not until someone diverts its course. River Nile, the only river on planet earth to flow north has humble and insignificant beginnings in the hills of Rwanda, by the time it reaches the Mediterranean Sea it is a mighty river leaving behind a supply of life to billions of creatures. The African people have jealously preserved the natural course of the Nile, until the so called investors invaded the continent establishing large plantations of crops, hydroelectric dams and industries. I can tell you that the first international war among African nations and other world powers will be over the waters of River Nile. Its course has been changed so many times and as a result, the River will soon dry off!

The first reading tells us why Christianity became very strong and spread very first in the world. It was because of one thing "**Fidelity**".

"The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, faithful to the brotherhood, faithful to the prayers, faithful to the breaking of bread." Because of this fidelity, miracles call them wonders were worked through the apostles, pagans were impressed.

God has a plan, and He will never leave us unattended . Recently the Devil was heard boasting that he had closed every church around the world not knowing that by doing so, God instead had opened one in every home including your own. Yes, God has opened a church in your house. In that church come together as a body and say your prayers, share the little food you have gladly and generously, and praise God. The lock down and closing of churches is God's providential plan to make you strong not to break you down.

In the 2nd Reading, St. Peter tells us something unusual and disliked by all: that "our trials are cause of great joy; yes, even though we may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials, when Christ is revealed our faith will have been tested and proved. What we go through now, the creativities you are making to keep your children, to respect each other, to obey what the parents tell you, all these are meant by God to strengthen your family bonds and our sense of being a family where God dwells.

The Gospel teaches us that Jesus as our Lord and God will dispel our doubts and fears. The doors were closed where the disciples were for fear of the Jews. Our doors are closed for fear of Corona virus. In our incarceration Jesus speaks of peace to us. Jesus has a plan for you, he has a plan for me, he has a plan for us. Let us not be like Thomas, that unless we see and touch, we cannot believe. If you are able to see the sun today, then know that God is taking care of you.

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 (Mar)

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.

Gift Aid envelopes: Some parishioners had not got time to pick up their envelops, you can pick them from the parish office any time. Please make sure that you call before hand. Thank you again for your generosity towards the Church.

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:

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. While we remain separated from one another, we remain intimately united with each other. When the Lord brings us back into our church, let us return with new minds and hearts and with new strength. If we survive this pandemic and do not die from it, let us together make a solemn vow, namely to follow God and to walk in his path all the days of our life.

LETTER TO THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH:

Dear Children,

I'm writing this letter to you personally to greet you and to wish you well. I hope that your parents will make this letter available to you. I have not written to you before, the reason was because I could see you every Sunday at Church and at school. Now I feel missing you so much. You have been advised to stay at home with your parents because it is safe to be inside our homes than going out on the streets where we can catch disease. Although I miss you a lot, I feel so happy to know from your parents that you are listening to them and obeying what they ask you to do.

The house is not a prison, it is a place of safety where your parents can keep their eyes on you and where you can keep your eyes on them in order to feel safe. Therefore I wish to ask you dear children not to get tired of staying at home and particularly in your house. Corona virus will not stay with us forever, therefore if you do your best to do what your parents tell you, it will soon be swept away by God. Remember to say your prayers with your parents, to do your study (homework) and to follow the Mass that I send to you everyday at 9:30am. Don't forget that Fr. Jimmy blesses you every Sunday when you come to church. I look forward to seeing you again when the disease is gone and you return to church. In the meantime be good kind and obedient.

HAVE YOU FOUND THE IMAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY IN YOUR LIFE?

God's Mercy and compassion was proclaimed by all the prophets : " **Moses proclaimed:** Yahweh a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness "Exodus 34:6

The book of Lamentations the cry of God's people under pain, exile and suffering spoke of the Lord's mercies which are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. His Mercy is renewed every morning; for great is His faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23.



The Book of Proverbs teaches us to be merciful for "The merciful man does good for his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh." Proverbs 11:17.

St. Peter recalling the word of Jesus to show mercy to others, exulted the first Christians to agree among themselves and to be sympathetic; to love the brethren, to have compassion and to be self-effacing. He told them never to pay back one wrong with another, or an angry word with another one; instead to pay back with a blessing" 1 Peter 3:8-9. Is this image traceable in your relationship with others?