

MASSES 19th to 26th July 2020

Sun	19	9.30am	Mrs. Thi Tran (RIP)
		11.30am	Dominador Galban Jr. (Thanksgiving)
			Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)
Mon	20	9.30am	Ferris & Haffernan family (Thanksgiving)
Tues	21	9.30am	Sr. Rosaria (RIP)
Wed	22	9.30am	Esperanca D'Costa & Roque Xavier Almeida (Anni)
Thurs	23	9.30am	Oliver Clear (RIP)
Fri	24	9.30am	Mrs. Josephine Lobo (Anni), Antonio Dores DeSouza (Anni)
Sat	25	9.30am	Nora Griffith family (Spl int)
Sun	26	9.30am	SSA. (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Aida Galvan & Carvin Howard Rankin (Thanksgiving)
			Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

19/07/2020

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9.30am Selia A., Sr. Leera (R)
11.30am Julie, Ashley (R)

Desma, Sr. Leena (R)
Mary, Julie (R)

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

Anniversaries during the week: Kevin Byrne, Michael O'Brien, Michael James Murphy, Joe Ryan, James Swan, Noel Dyas, Robert Dunham, Nancy Notaro, Minnie Byrne, Fred Billington, Harold Shepherd, Betty Griffiths, Maureen Patterson, James Daniel Farrel, John Plunkett, Mr & Mrs Noonan, Mr & Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr & Mrs Enright, Joe Leo Byrne, Patrick Joseph Herbert, Mr & Mrs McMahon, Patrick Travers, Michael Keaney, Annie Ferry, Anthony Curristan, Trudy Shanley, Catherine Logan.

Children's corner : Identify the books of the Old & New Testament.

3 John ———	Nehemiah ———	2 Peter ———	Joshua ———
Jude ———	Ezra ———	.Matthew ———	Hosea ———
Luke ———	Acts ———	2 Chronicles ———	1 Thessalonians ———
Jeremiah ———	Micah ———	Galatians ———	Joel ———
Leviticus ———	2 Kings ———	Hebrews ———	Ecclesiastes ———
Proverbs ———	Judges ———	Psalms ———	Jonah ———
Genesis ———	Philemon ———	Revelation ———	Song of Solomon ———
Danie ———	2 Corinthians ———	Numbers ———	Deuteronomy ———

Please send your answers to Fr. Jimmy or to Sr. Leena.

Return to the Sacraments: If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation please call Fr. Jimmy on 07906124756 any time. The Sacrament is received by appointment.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 16th Sunday in ordinary time— 19th to 26th July 2020

DON'T BE ALARMED BY EVIL IN THE WORLD THE DESTINATION IS DIFFERENT:

During the last two Sundays, Jesus spoke to us about the Kingdom of Heaven using parables. First he spoke about the Sower who went out to sow his seeds, it was not by accident that some seeds fell on the edge of the road, on rock or among thorns, all he wanted was to give chance to every patch of land to yield fruit. Today he speaks to us about the enemies of the kingdom, people who will try to fight every good intention. Next Sunday he will speak to us about the hidden treasure which someone has found.

In today's gospel the land owner had taken care in selecting the seeds he wanted to plant in his field but as we have heard, when they germinated and grew, a darnel was found. Where did it come from his workers wondered! The land owner seems to have known who had done that; a known enemy caused suspicion. The natural reaction of the workers was to go and weed it out, but the land owner said No because you might damage my good seeds, let them both grow. What a stupid decision to let the good crops to grow together with the darnel, taking valuable moisture, feeding on the good fertilisers, enjoying the watering and care, literally working against the landowner?

In this parable Jesus teaches us the attitude of God towards good people and sinners. The good crops suffered heavily at the presence of the darnel, but it did not mean that the landowner had forgotten them, he knew they were competing for life and survival, yet he did not destroy the darnel that caused it. He knew of its existence in his field yet he did not remove it but gave it time to repent. God knows that there is room for improvement.

That is the nature of the kingdom, the nature of the church, the nature of the families in which we live. In spite of the good intentions of others there will be someone who sows animosity, anger, or misunderstandings. People who betray others to ruin their reputation are sometimes those who are very close to them. What should we do when we find a darnel among us?

Jesus teaches us not to be alarmed by the presence of evil in the world or in the church. He also teaches us that although good and evil will exist side by side, on the day of judgement they will be separated; the darnel will be thrown on fire and God will keep the good seed in his store.

Brothers and sisters, all of us want to get rid of evil but the zeal to keep the church holy and pure, the ambition to get rid of people who annoy us may cause us to hurt the very people we want to protect. There is a time designated for dealing with such people reserved for God himself. God acts with lenience, he wants us to act kindly with our fellow men and women. Part of our catholic training includes not only how to deal with opposition that comes from outside the church but also that which arises from within. Jesus lived with Judas, Paul learned how to put up with those who opposed his work. Let us stand our ground, evil will not ultimately prevail God will.

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 590.00 SO : £1555.21 (June) Non-Gift Aid: 475.00

Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.

Hall Hire: **Bonus Ball:** No.

Counters: **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:

THANKS TO THE CHILDREN

Thanks to all the children who during the lockdown were involved in the weekly Bible Quiz. I'm particularly thankful to their parents who encouraged them and guided them in answering the questions. I understand that answering the questions was in some cases a family activity. Thank you all for the hard work and for keeping the word of God as a light for your footsteps.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick up one or write your intention, place it in the box provided or request by calling Tel. [07547242375](tel:07547242375). The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

The Churches are open for private prayer and for public services including the daily and Sunday Masses. I wish to ask you return to public worship whichever parish you go to. We have been asked to proceed cautiously and behave responsibly. If you are coming to Mass, you must put on a face mask. Many of us will find them uncomfortable, however if you love your life and if you care for those who love you, then you have to make it mandatory for yourself to put it on.

Try as much as possible to touch as few things as possible. Try to imagine the virus being everywhere; therefore try not to pick it up. Try also to imagine that the virus is not here, there is no reason why you should deposit it on something for someone to pick it up. The situation in which we are, does not only require common sense but Christian charity as well.

Adventure Holidays at Alton Castle: why not experience a staycation like no other? At Alton Castle, we can offer action-packed, outdoor family holidays, where you get to stay in our beautiful 19th century, Pugin designed castle. Surrounded by the beauty of the Churnet Valley, riddled with an historic past, a stay at the castle is a unique experience. Stays are from Mondays to Fridays - check-in is from 4pm Monday and check-out is no later than 10am on the Friday. All of our stays are COVID-19 secure. Your family can hire a floor of the castle all to yourselves, socially distancing from our staff and activities instructors, so that you can relax and enjoy your holiday in your social bubble.

Parish Support: I'm very grateful for the Gift Aid donations and all other donations that you have made during the time of lockdown. I acknowledge that these have been times of uncertainty and hardship for everyone. As a parish we are now experiencing pressure on covering the cost of keeping the parish running. Shortly before Covid-19 pandemic the banks had put into place increased cost of coin handling and the ever increasing cost of banking. I asked you if you could think of placing standing order with your banks for your Sunday donation. Thanks to those who have done this. If you would like more details about how to set up a Standing Order in place for your weekly collection, please email me at lutwajim@yahoo.com or irene_65@rediffmail.com or call 07906124756.

Reflecting on Past events in the church around the World: Nigeria *"The apostles faced persecution but Christ never abandoned his Church. Without him, all of us would be gone! Darkness has thrived, but it has never won."* Fr. Panachy Longinus Ogbede spoke to ACN following extremist Islamist attacks, including the beheading of 10 Christians on Christmas Day 2019 and members of a wedding party the following day! The horrors for the Church continued into 2020. Around 400 Christians were killed during the first three months of 2020 as villages were attacked, churches burnt and Christians abducted, one kidnapped seminarian, 18-year-old Michael Nnadi, was killed. At his funeral in February 2020, Bishop Matthew Kukah said: *"This death is a metaphor for the fate of all Christians in Nigeria but especially northern Nigeria. For us Christians, it would seem safe to say that we are all marked men and women today. Yet, we must be ready to be washed in the blood of the lamb."* Attacks continued: in April, 32 Christians in Kaduna and Plateau States were slaughtered in their homes as they observed a COVID-19 lockdown. In northern Nigeria, the Church has provided humanitarian, spiritual and psychological aid for more than 90,000 displaced Catholics – not to mention Muslims, traditional religionists and Christians of other denominations who turned to the Church for help. Let the light of Christ shine ever more brightly in the darkness of our lives.

St. Ann's Feast: Sisters of our parish will celebrate their Patroness day on 26th July feast of Ss. Ann & Joachim. You are invited to join them in the Eucharistic celebration at 9.30am praying for their holy perseverance and the needs of their Religious Order.

