

MASSES— 1st to 8th May 22

Sun	01	9.30am	Paschal Osagie (B'day), Bulungu Bwana (RIP) Apolinario Vaz & Alzika Vaz (RIP), Theo & Ida Vaz (RIP) Peter Harte & Annie Laffey (RIP)
		11.30am	Ma Cecile Nzanda (3rd Anni), Ben McAndrew (Good health) Juvanna Rodrigues (80th B'day), Eric & Preethi (Wed. Anni)
Mon	02	12.00non	Ilunga Onore (RIP) Mary Gordon (Anni) , James Mapuranga (B'day)
Tues	03	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy (B'day) Ray & family (Spl int)
Wed	04	9.30am	Marie Mathews (Good health)
Thurs	05	9.30am	Musakayi (RIP)
Fri	06	9.30am	Mylnn Fernandes (B'day)
Sat	07	9.30am	Paul (RIP)
Sun	08	9.30am	Mathew Tanner (RIP) Ellen Hull (Anni)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP) Bridie McAndrew (Spl int)

Lectors

01/05/2022

9.30am Nicholas, Stephen P. (R)

11.30am Maame, Elena (R)

08/05/2022

Demisha, Clinton (R)

Rocheala, Florence K. (R)

The sick of the Parish: Marie Matthews, Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi.

Anniversaries during the week: Mary Margaret McGlynn, Eric Maurice Goulden, Roseline Killen, Brendon Noel Gilroy , Mary Greene, Justus St John, Frank Seaman, P. Caroleen, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan, Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly, John Montague, John T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers, John Maher, Michael John McCarthy, Gerald Byrne, Harry McGorman, Patrick Owen Murray, Edward James Kavanagh, Matthew Tanner, Doris Barnabal.

BE CAREFUL IN YOUR COMPLAINTS

A man complained that his life was too heavy a cross to bear. He came to God, told him about his troubles: My cross is too heavy to bear, can I please have another cross but not this one. Sure God replied and took him to the store of crosses where he was asked to walk around and choose a lighter one. The man looked around there was such a great variety of crosses – little, big, medium, heavy and light. He tried all the crosses as he was attracted especially by those which were small in size. Finally he found a cross which was big and tall and size, “*I have found it, I have found it*” he shouted! He came to God and asked: “why did you give me such a heavy cross when you had so many in store? God answered but what you have chosen is the very cross you were complaining about before!

Remember: **God will never give you a cross you cannot carry**



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 3rd Sunday of Easter—1st—8th May 2022

RE-EXAMINE YOUR SELF OR YOU MIGHT NOT BE GENUINE

In the eight days that follow Easter, the Church gives to us a lesson about Faith which is the foundation of all spiritual life. It is as if Mother Church were saying to us her children, "True, the Lord is risen, but that will only benefit you in proportion to your faith".

Last Sunday we learned that the apostle Thomas was lacking in his faith, he wanted to see, to feel, to verify. The crucifixion was so gruesome that to believe that the crushed Lord had come back to life, was unthinkable. It is hard to be certain why he refused to believe the testimony of the other apostles, men he knew well that they were not dishonest. In any case, there was something in his heart that prevented him from making an act of faith in the resurrection.

This reminds us that faith is a gift of God, it is not something that can be produced simply by will-power or by reasoning, however intelligent a person may be – it remains a gift of God, and like all the greatest gifts of God, faith is given not to the proud but to the humble.

For those who do not believe, Thomas seems to be their favourite but that was him before meeting the risen Lord because after having the personal encounter with Christ, he gave to the community a magnificent act of faith in Jesus by calling him Lord and God. Thomas saw the risen Christ, but believed in his divinity.

In today's gospel Jesus appears to his disciples in another form. These different forms were meant to help their minds to experience him in different forms so that they may understand that it was him indeed. Jesus goes further to challenge the three times denial of Simon Peter that he knew him by asking him whether he loved him. While Peter's first and second response came without thought, the third response required careful reflection.

As you return home today, I ask you to re-examine the claim we make that we love Jesus, that we love the Church or one another. We must be genuine and honest but not pay lip service, but we must never be over confident, because at the end of the day, it is Jesus himself who knows whether and how much we love him. “Lord you know everything, you know I love you.”

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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

Gift Aid : £ 153.00 **SO (Mar) : £ Non-Gift Aid**: 455.42 Total: £608.

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

Readings: Acts. 5:27-32, 40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; Jn. 21: 1-19

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance :

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10
-11.00am.

Inspiring quotes of St. Faustina

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God."

"A single act of pure love pleases me more than a thousand imperfect prayers." (*Jesus to St. Faustina*)

"And the Lord said to me, 'My child, you please Me most by suffering. In your physical as well as your mental sufferings, My daughter, do not seek sympathy from creatures. I want the fragrance of your suffering to be pure and unadulterated. I want you to detach yourself, not only from creatures, but also from yourself...The more you will come to love suffering, My daughter, the purer your love for Me will be.'" St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul

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, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Warm welcome to Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA a renowned Polish preacher on Divine Mercy accompanied by Ms. Noreen Bewster who coordinates his travels. Fr. Peter is here with us today to preach about the Mercy of the Lord at both Masses 9.30am and 11.30am.

Divine Mercy Sunday : Thank you all for coming to celebrate the mercy of God last Sunday. Let us always and every where proclaim His love and mercy for He is merciful.

Bequest to St. Mary's: Late Peggy Hyland a devout parishner of St. Mary's left in her will £1000 for her beloved parish where she always received spiritual strength and consolation. I express my gratefulness to Peggy Hyland and her family for the bequest given to the parish.

Mary Byrne RIP another parishioner left for the parish of St Mary and St Benedict £1,000 for general purposes and £10,000 for what is described in Mary's will as Our Lady of Lourdes care of St Mary and St Benedict Roman Catholic Church. This £10,000 will need to be used to restart that fund, which will also need to be kept as a restricted fund.

Would you like to share your faith with others by teaching Catechism? Catechesis is a ministry of teaching and forming that passes on the Word of God to inform the Catholic community and candidates for initiation into the Church about the teachings of Christ, transmitted by the Apostles to the Church.

The Month of Mary which we have began is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate this month by holding a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

Gift Aid is a scheme that allows charities to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer, which means that the parish can claim back from the HMRC 25p for every £1 you donate. A Gift can be made to the parish at any time. Such a Gift can be used at the discretion of the parish or restricted as directed by the donor.

Toilet repairs: I'm sorry to observe again that parish property is not handled with care, this is especially noticed in the parish toilet chambers where toilets are broken from time to time. The parish spent £1,140.00 this week to put new ones, you can imagine how much we shall spend if we have to replace them every two months or less! This abuse is so common in the ladies side.

Cleaners we need volunteers to help us clean our church every Saturday morning from 07:30 -09:30am. Please give some of your time, it gives joy to the rest of the community.

Vocations Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as **Vocations Sunday** or **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and is marked as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

Pope's prayer Intention for May: we pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.