

MASSES— 1st to 8th Oct 2023

Sun	01	9.30am	Sanny Pereira (RIP)
		11.30am	Mylene Fernandes (Thanksgiving), Emmanuel Eke Kalu (RIP)
Mon	02	12.00noon	Lucia Drabik (98th B'day)
Tues	03	9.30am	Rose & Mick Hogan (Spl int)
Wed	04	9.30am	
Thurs	05	9.30am	
Fri	06	9.30am	
Sat	07	9.30am	
Sun	08	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eke Kalu (RIP)

Lectors

01/10/2023

9.30am Elizabeth H., Anthonia O. (R)
11.30am Kayla, Kenneth (R)

08/10/2023

Cosmos, Creshel (R)
Tasha, Emmanuel (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

01/10/2023

9.30am
11.30am Florence K. (E)

08/10/2023

Betty Osagie (E)
Marcel (E)

Readings— 01/10/23: Is. 55:6-9; Phil. 1:20-24 ; 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 : Alan Conlon, Patrick Benson, Mary Shepherd, Mary O'Neill, Catherine Kennedy, Catherine O'Brien, Robert Elliot, Michael Whiting, Mark O'Keane, Colum Byrne, Mary Ann Young, Michael O'Shea, Mary Margaret Murphy, Tim Boylan, Dan Dunnion, Margaret Gill, Nellie Gilroy, Nora Healy, Philomena Dunleavy, Margret Christina Hyland, Bridget Noonan, Gerard James Dewhurst.

Clergy Anniversaries: Rev. William McGann, Deacon John, Rev. John Nightingale, Rev. John Danaher, John Bullen, Canon Anthony Piercy, Rev. Philip Casey, Rev. John Fitzpatrick

Reflect on... *"Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn, or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude."*

Death anniversary of Fr. John Danaher occurs on Tuesday 3rd this week. He was our parish priest who took the parish out of the sorrow of losing their Parish Priest Fr. Connell Harkin and his housekeeper Mrs Norah Woods. He built a new presbytery and supported us in the redecoration of this Church building in 2009. Please remember him in your prayers. May He Rest in peace.



A.J. Missions



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Osburg



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st to 8th Oct 2023

Be united in your convictions

Unity is a quality of living which is sought by many people. Founders and builders of African nations were able to throw away the yoke of colonialism because they were united in purpose and united in their conviction that colonialism was evil. They attacked it from every angle, even though their love for each other was not that strong. Unity can win battles. Dictators are fully aware how dangerous it can be for them, when people under their oppression get united. Therefore they create conditions that would make unity impossible. It is not difficult for example to find people who claim to be members of the opposition party, while as a matter of fact they are agents working for the dictator (moles within)! We can say that Unity is fought against, just as much as it is sought.

The Word of God speaks to us about the need to be united in action and in purpose. The Christian people of Philippi like the Corinthians had self seeking ambitions. Each group was tempted to hold on its territory such that new volunteers were taken as interference. St. Paul as founder of the Church at Philippi, was quick to warn the Christians of the danger of trying to hold on their individual territories instead of opening up to work together for the building of the body of Christ- the Church.

The coming of Covid19, exposed some bad practices within some parishes that has left deep impact. Those churches where parishioners adamantly held on their small territories, have not recovered since the pandemic, while those parishes where their members worked together, where nobody thought of his/her interest first, and valued the contribution of one another, returned to normality as soon as the lockdown ended.

Parish building, requires that their members value every service that each person and each group offers. Every hand is valuable in baking our cake, therefore the saying that "many cooks spoil the broth" does not apply when it comes to building parish community. I have been so blessed in my priestly ministry to be surrounded by people who play their parts so well, such that I have constantly seen the Holy Spirit at work in every corner.

Let us spend some time this week to put into our life the teaching of St. Paul to the Philippians: "There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but every body is to be self effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first, but everybody thinks of other peoples interests instead."

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Youtube: [st mary and benedict church coventry](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1)

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

24/09/23: Gift Aid : 121.10 Dona: £ 167.00 Non-Gift Aid: £553.23 Total: £ 841.33

SO (Sept) : £ Second collection : 197.64 May God bless you all.

2nd collections : 08/10/23— CAFOD

Bonus Ball : No. **Mass Attendance :** 374 **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 07448595836

Mass Intentions

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.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Synod 2023: Pope Francis has called for a Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome, starting from 4th to 29th October 2023 with another session in October 2024 and is focused on the theme 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'. The Holy Father has asked Catholics to join in prayer during this time of Synod to pray for a Spirit of discernment and wisdom for those attending, so that the whole Church may know the power of the Holy Spirit at work in these days. I hope that you will join in this prayer from your homes and parish communities, in our schools and chaplaincies so that the Synodal process is truly a moment of prayerful trust in the Lord. For more information use this link: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

New Carpet for our Church will be fitted next week. Thank you for supporting the Parish financially such that we can respond to such costs which are extremely necessary and unavoidable.

Gift Aid Claim: Thank you for giving your Sunday donation through gift Aid Scheme. HMRC has given to the parish **£ 9609.15** in tax claim on the donations you have given to the church. Thank you for your generosity. If you pay tax on your income, please consider registering with Sr. Leera to assist you in making your generosity to the church support her even more with no extra cost to you.

Congratulations to Lucia Drabik who will celebrate her 98th birthday tomorrow. Thanks to God for the gifts he has given to her in the 98 year of her life. Please remember Peggy Hyland whose first heavenly birthday will be celebrated on 7th October. May she rest in peace.

Vehicle parking on Sunday can be problematic, please do not block passage ways. If there is no parking in the carpark try to find one outside. It is safe to do so. Kindly cooperate.

Marriage bans: Victor Chigozie Agbo son of Ignatius Agbo and Veronica Agbo of Nsukka town, Nigeria, would like to marry Catherine Uguchi Agbo, daughter of Simon Agbo and Esther Agbo of Nsukka town, Nigeria. If any one knows why they should not get married to each other, please come and inform the parish priest.

Month of October is dedicated to our Lady of the Rosary. Praying the Rosary either individually or as a family is an age old tradition in the Catholic Church. Through the recitation of the Rosary directed to Mary the Mother of God we ultimately praise God the Father. I invite you to cultivate this habit of praying the Rosary in your families. The family that prays together stays together. Let us make our families a welcome place for God to dwell in.

Baptisms: Parents with children to be baptised are requested to enrol their names for Baptism classes. Preparation classes will take place on **Saturday 7th October** at 12.30pm in the Lady's Chapel.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the sessions will be conducted on every Friday at 5.00pm at St. Osburgh Church, CV1 AQ.

Blessing of the Graves: Please see below the dates and times for the Blessing of the Graves which you may want to attend. London Road—1st Oct at 3.00pm, Lenton's Lane — 8th October at 3.00pm