

MASSES— 20th Aug to 27th Aug.2023

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| Sun | 20 | 9.30am | Winifred Busby (R.I.P) |
| | | 11.30am | Oluchi Dominiq Iwu (Thanks giving) Cecilia & Charles Ekobe (R .I. P) |
| Mon | 21 | 930am | Emma Jarvis (R.I.P) |
| Tues | 22 | 9.30am | Felix & Ida Menezes (20th Wedding Anni.) |
| Wed | 23 | 9.30am | Jarvis Family (Spl. Int.) |
| Thurs | 24 | 9.30am | Bridie McAndrew, E. Woods, Rose Hogan, Mr. Tran (Get well) |
| Fri | 25 | 9.30am | Letitia & family (Spl. Int) Oluchi Dominiq Iwu (Thanks giving) |
| Sat | 26 | 9.30am | Pat Edward (Thanks giving) |
| Sun | 27 | 9.30am | Margaret Healy (B'day) Tosh A. (B'day) Sean Osagie (B'day) |
| | | 11.30am | |

Lectors

20/08/2023

27/08/2023

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| 9.30am | Clinton O. Emmanuela (R) | Children |
| 11.30am | Blessing, Valerie (R) | Children |

Eucharistic Ministers

13/08/2023

20/08/2023

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| 9.30am | Betty O. (E) | Felix M (E) |
| 11.30am | Frank K (E) | Patricia (E) |

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 : Elizabeth Pickett, Alfred Gibson, William Green, Andy Mooney, Johannah Ward, Desmond Patrick McTigue, Mamie Dunleavy. Pat Whelan, Pat Sheehan, Michael Joseph Gamble, Catherine Elliott, Michael Richards Frances Smyth

To Reflect on...

*When God looks at you, He sees His perfect expression manifested in you.
He has no need to see your past, or imagine your future, that which is perfect
Simply is, and will always be.*



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| A.J. Missions | St. Osburg | Ss. Mary & Benedict | St. Elizabeth |
| Parish Newsletter –20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20—27th August 2023 | | | |

GOD NEVER TAKES BACK HIS GIFT OR REVOKE HIS CHOICE

I'm sure that playing a deaf ear, is one of those things that all of us have done as we grow up. I have come across small children where mom or dad calls again and again, and the child pretends not to have heard. I think it is because of the sin of Adam that this affects all of us.

When a grown up person is called by another, and that person refuses to respond, it shows lack of respect. Today Jesus plays a deaf ear to the pleading of a Canaanite woman. We can say that he behaved badly towards her. She had a daughter who was very sick. She had heard about Jesus, She came with trust that he would help her but he did not pay attention to her. The more she called on Jesus the Healer for help, the more he pretended not to have heard! The disciples were fed up by the noise, 'Jesus give her what she wants so that she can leave us in peace.' Now, there is an important lesson here. Prayer is a serious commitment, it requires perseverance and persistence. Prayer is not a casual activity or something that we do when we feel like, but it is something we must do.

Prayer should express our deep faith and gratitude to God. The encounter between Jesus and the woman was not as you can meet someone shouting on the road, instead this woman followed Jesus for some distance, pleading and interceding for her daughter. She did not give up because only Jesus had the answer to her troubles.

In the second reading, we have heard that inspiring statement: "*God never takes back his gifts nor revoke his choice*". This being the case, why do we get discouraged so easily and give up following the Lord along the road calling on him, because we believe, that He will not take from us what he meant for us, even when he delays to give an answer! God listens to our prayers, and gives to us what we ask of him.

God never takes back his gifts nor revoke his choice, if something is meant for you, no one will take it from you. God is faithful, God has a plan, God wants us to have deep faith, even though his silence might cause us anxiety.

The first reading has reminded us that God listens to the prayers and accepts the gifts of all people. We are many, all saying the same words or singing the same hymns but God receives our prayers individually. He is not disturbed or confused by the noise. Because his house is a house of prayer for all peoples, not for some, but for all peoples.

As you return home today, let us persevere in prayer, even when what we are asking for is not forth coming, let us persist because *God never takes back his gift or revoke his choice.*

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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

SO (Aug.) : £ Gift Aid :239.60 Dona: £116.50 Non-Gift Aid: £ 412.17 Total: £ 768.27

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you all.

Readings: Isaiah: 56:1,6-7 Rom. 11:13-15,29-32 Mt. 15: 21-28

2nd collection :

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 311

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

NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI:

(18th—26th August)

O God who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic Barberi to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal, and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord,

Amen

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God—pray for us

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Fencing off part of Parish car park: The diocese has, with the consent of the parish, entered into agreement with Coventry University to lease part of the car park to it for about 15 years. A new fence will be erected in the next few weeks which but it is not thought to affect parking of your vehicles.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Catechism classes: Parents with children, studying in non Catholic schools, the Catechism classes will begin in September. Please enrol your child's name with Sr. Leena so that we can plan the programme.

Annual diocesan Novena for the canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi will begin on Friday 18 August 2023 and conclude on Saturday 26 August, which is his feast day. Let us place before the Lord this intention.

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 Mrs. Perpetua Sam and Mrs. Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern. In line with the Diocesan safeguarding regulations, children of primary school age, must be accompanied by an adult if they need to leave the church to use the toilets during Mass. I encourage parents and indeed every body to be mindful of the safety of our children we come to Mass.

Coventry Cathedral is looking for people to bring their stories and objects relating to the Second World War to their Digital Collection Day on Saturday 9 September 2023. What is needed are any Second World War related stories and objects passed down to you (such as diaries, letters, medals, journals and ration books) from your parents, grandparents and other family members. Would you like to share and preserve them for future generations? As these stories are fast fading from living memory, it is vital that they - and the wartime objects that often accompany them - are preserved for future generations. These will be recorded, digitised, and then uploaded to the Their Finest Hour online archive, which will be free-to-use and launch in June 2024. To find out more and if you have any questions, please email events@coventrycathedral.org.uk or theirfinesthour@ell.ox.ac.uk.

Second Collection: there will be a second collection on the weekend of 2nd/3rd September 2023 for the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries in formation. The Archbishop has permitted the AJ to make two collections every year in the parishes they serve. Please support us in this noble cause of training future missionary priests. Thank you for being part of our family.

The Catholic Women's Association Cameroon held their first Coventry Branch dedication ceremony yesterday Saturday 19th August 2023, at which some of them were dedicated. It was a colourful and prayerful event. I encourage you to put your faith in action by joining at least one of the pious groups that we have in the parish. It will help you to grow in and to deepen your faith.

Parish Family Thanksgiving Day: will be celebrated on Sunday 17th Sept. 2023. Holy Mass will begin at 11:00am followed by get together with our families in the parish gardens. I will be pleased if we can have cultural dances from different communities