

MASSES— 20th to 27th Feb 22

Sun	20	9.30am	Oyawiri & Bridie McAndrew (Sp Int)
		11.30am	Mr & Mrs Raphael Oguejiofor Wedding thanksgiving Mary Ireen Kerygan B/D remembrance
Mon	21	12.00noon	SSA (Thanksgiving)
Tues	22	9.30am	Ngambi Masso
Wed	23	9.30am	Louis & Pierre Masozera (RIP)
Thurs	24	9.30am	Simi Cyriac (B/D) Patsy Leslie (RIP)
Fri	25	9.30am	Estelizio Menezes (RIP), Sarah Gordon (RIP Rem) Tuneyin David Okome B/D.
Sat	26	9.30am	Athul Sony (B/D) Marie Curristan (RIP)
Sun	27	9.30am	Jack McCrave (RIP), Neil McHugh (RIP) Jimmy Ferry (Ann)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

20/02/2022

9.30am Naomi, Noah (R)

11.30am Valeerie,, Scarlett (R)

27/02/2022

Godfrey, Nicholas (R)

Louis, Perpetua (R)

The sick of the Parish: Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea.

Anniversaries during the week : Ellen Crawley, Jim O’Driscoll, Frank Boman, Robert Hancock , Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama, Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash , George Dun- nion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd, William Mara, John Calla- ghan,

SPIRITUAL QUOTES :

"Only in quiet waters things mirror themselves undistorted. Only in a quiet mind is ade- quate perception of the world."

"When you connect to the silence within you, that is when you can make sense of the dis- turbance going on around you."

"Quiet the mind and the soul will speak."

"The meaning of life is just to be alive. It is so plain and so obvious and so simple. And yet, everybody rushes around in a great panic as if it were necessary to achieve something beyond themselves."



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—7th Sunday in ordinary Time—20th to 27th Feb 2022

CHRISTIANITY TEACHES THIS ; HOW MANY CHRISTIANS PRACTICE IT?

If you want to know how difficult it is to be a Christian just listen for a second time to these words of Jesus: *“Love your enemies , do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly”* no body has ever given such instruction to his fol- lowers except Jesus Christ. When our Muslim brothers call on the name of Muhamad they add “Peace upon him” but Christian scriptures address Jesus as our Peace and our reconcili- ation.

The Christian ideal to settle disputes by keeping peace with those who harm us or who per- secute us has not been tried and found wanting. Those people who pursue peace through peaceful means usually appear as if they are at the losing side, they might be take as cow- ards. Peace is costly, and its fruits do not appear over night. Jesus proposed non retaliative means to his disciples when dealing with their opponents because when you do good to those who do evil to you, you not only bring out the love of Jesus in you to others, but you also challenge your enemies to do the same. When you return evil for evil, it gives your ene- my reasons to justify his or her evil behaviour towards you. But when you do good to someone who has done evil to you, that person realises their stupidity. It has been proved that you can catch so many bees using a drop of honey than with a barrel of vinegar. Mean- ing that settling disputes by peaceful means is not a sign of weakness but one of the best ways to make real peace.

The first reading gives us an example of how to treat an enemy. Try to imagine yourself in the position of David as we have heard it. King Saul had tried so many times to kill the shepherd boy David. This time, he had deployed three thousand men to search for David and kill him in the wilderness of Ziph. Overcome by sleep and tiredness, now, it was the opportunity for David to finish off Saul. Abishai David’s bodyguard saw a rare opportunity to kill Saul. How did David behave? He restrained himself by sparing the life of Saul.

David teaches us some important lessons. First how do we treat the people who are not in agreement with us, do we look for opportunities to destroy them or to spare their life! An- other important lesson we learn from David’s action is respect of authority. Saul was the leader of the people of Israel, he was the anointed of Yahweh. David felt that he had no au- thority to jeopardise the life of the person representing the authority of Yahweh despite his personal sins. We Christians, have not been given authority by Jesus to disobey, to criticise, or to kill our leaders civil or ecclesiastical. It is not right for Catholics to criticize the Holy Father because of what he said, or to criticize their bishop because of what he decided the other day or to fight their parish priest as if he is one of the ordinary men in the parish!

As you return home today, remember that we Christians are called to make a difference in the world, do not do things because other people are doing them. Even pagans do as much do they not? We belong to a noble religion and we profess a noble faith. Be compassionate. Do not judge. Do not condemn, and grant pardon. Christianity is the only faith that teaches to extend this behaviour towards our enemies. Go and put them into practice.

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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 : £177.00 **SO (Dec) : £** **Non-Gift Aid:** 461.97 **Total:** £638.97

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

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.

Gospel Reflection

It Takes a Lot of Faith!

It takes a lot of faith to “rejoice and leap for joy” after experiencing hatred and persecution from another. Even when one is persecuted on account of his/her faith in Christ, it takes a lot of faith and a lot of love to sincerely rejoice.

Reflect, today, upon the Beatitudes. If you put your eyes upon the high calling of the Beatitudes, then you will find that our Lord will continually draw you closer to His heart, cleansing you, strengthening you, filling you with more faith, hope and love, and bringing you to an increasingly blessed level of holiness.

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

Welcome back to our parish Sisters Leena and Leera SSA who have been on their long holiday in India. They will be here on Thursday 24th. I wish to thank all the individuals and groups that have deputised them so well. I wish to encourage everyone to take on some responsibilities in the daily upkeep of our parish. This is what makes a parish mature and self supporting. Well-done to all.

Jennie Patalong’s Memorial Mass was celebrated yesterday 19th February. She was a holy and committed member of the Church and of our parish. Jennie passed on during the Covid19 restrictions. Please remember her son who is not feeling well at this time.

School Program for children in preparation for their First Holy Communion:

Monday 7th March - 6pm School Hall Parent Meeting 1

Sunday 20th March - 9.30am Church Mass Presentation of the candidates/ enrolment Mass

Monday 21st March - 6pm School Hall Parent Meeting 2: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 28th March - 6pm Church Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 9th May - School Hall Parent Meeting 3

Sunday 15th May - 9.30am Mass

Saturday 21st May - 10.30am Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Parents are requested to observe this arrangement in preparation to their child’s reception of First Holy Communion.

Nurses for Lourdes: if you are a trained nurse and you would like to join the nursing team for Birmingham's 80th pilgrimage to Lourdes 29 May - 3 June 2022, please get in touch by contacting chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk you can call 07503 898 991

The Synod - deadline approaching for parish feedback. The deadline to receive feedback is Monday 28 February. If you need support at any stage of your Synod journey please ask for help by emailing synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk Please make use of all the resources available on our website, including the Diocesan handbook. Thank you to all who are taking part in conversations on the Synod in our parishes and communities.

Pope modifies the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He issued a *motu proprio*, a personal edict of the pope, entitled *Fidem servare* to modify the internal structures of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith – separating the doctrinal and disciplinary functions. Each section will have its own secretary and so the Cardinal prefect of the Dicastery will now have two chief deputies.

Safer Recruitment DBS Rechecks The Archdiocese of Birmingham policy is that all volunteers should complete a DBS recheck EVERY THREE YEARS whilst they remain in the role. At one point those parishioners responsible for safeguarding might ask volunteers to provide the following information to the team: safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk 1. First Name, 2. Last Name 3. Volunteer Role & 4. Date of Birth and most importantly 5. Volunteer Email address This will allow the administrators to create the DBS online application whereby an email will be sent directly to the applicant (volunteer) outlining the DBS process. I thank all those parishioners who have volunteered to serve the parish in different capacities.