

MASSES 20th to 27th Sept 2020

Sun	20	9.30am	Pereira family, Ewaen Mariam Osagie (Spl int)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)
			Mr. & Mrs. Frankincense Osanebi (Thanksgiving)
			John Ekow Sam, Josephine Onye (Anni)
Mon	21	9.30am	Bob Skelly (5th Anni), John Ekow Sam (Anni)
			Phil Winters (Get well)
Tues	22	9.30am	Nora Griffith family (Sol int)
Wed	23	9.30am	Mary McCarron (RIP), Mona McPhilohey (Spl int)
Thurs	24	9.30am	Mapuranga family (Thanksgiving) Rose Trill (B'day)
Fri	25	9.30am	Patrick Tanner (Spl int)
Sat	26	9.30am	SSA, Nora Griffith family (Spl int)
Sun	27	9.30am	Mary McCarron (RIP) Peter Kenny (RIP)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

20/09/2020

9.30am Noah, Veronica C. (R)
11.30am Morgan, Perpetua (R)

27/09/2020

Nicholas O. & Clinton O. (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: 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: Owen Healy, Delia Mullaney, Betty Reilly, John Mulroney, William Lennon, Christy Benson, James Francis Dunleavy, Francis Corrigan, T. O'Driscoll, Peter Kenneth Kenny.

Feast during the week: Monday 21st Sept Feast of St. Mathew, Apostle, Evangelist;
Wednesday 23rd Sept. Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina;
Thursday 24th Sept Memorial of our Lady of Walsingham;
Saturday 26th Sept. Memorial of Ss. Cosmos and Damian Martyrs.

Promise Yourself

*To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind;
To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet;
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them;
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true;
To think only the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best;
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own;
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future;
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile;
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others;
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear; and too happy to permit the presence of trouble;
To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words, but in great deeds; To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—25th Sunday in ordinary time— 20th to 27th Sept 2020

GRAB THIS OPPORTUNITY BEFORE IT IS GONE:

Common sense teaches us that the regrets we make in life are sometimes caused by carelessness when we do not use well what we have at the moment. When we go to shops, sometimes we read such words: *when it is gone, it is gone* meaning that if you do not take it now, you might miss it forever. It is a commercial call to use of the chance when you have it. Some of us have met people about whom we believe that if they had acted at that moment, their action would have brought about a great difference. For example: if he had not pulled the trigger at that time so and so would not have died, if he had responded to the disparate call such and such a thing would not have happened, at the time when we make such statements, the opportunity is lost and the situation cannot be reversed.

The first reading has that touching statement “*seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near*” What does this statement mean to you, what would be the right time to believe in God, to follow Jesus Christ, to practice the faith? Yesterday? What power do I have about it? Tomorrow? Who knows what will happen? In the end the only time I have to do something that can change my life and improve my relationship with others is today. As if inspired by God one musician composed this song, “One Day at a time” Allow me to sing a small piece of it: *One day at a time sweet Jesus, that's all I'm asking of You, Just give me the strength, To do everyday what I have to do. Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus, and tomorrow may never be mine. Lord help me today, show me the way, One day at a time.* What do you learn from this song? It means you have one chance the chance you have is today. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call on him while he is still near.

At the moment you have good legs, use them to go to church, you have good eyes use them to see the good things God wants you to see, you have good lips, use them to praise God, you have money, use it to support the needy, when the time comes and everything is gone or in the evening of your life, the opportunities you made use of at their appropriate time will bring you a lot of consolation and peace in your soul.

The gospel speaks to us about the different moments when God gives us opportunities; for some it is very early in life, for others it is midway in life, while for others, it comes after a long wait. None of these people postponed the opportunity but made use of it there and then.

Do not wait to get on in years to start practicing the faith. Do not wait to lose your job in order to start going to Sunday Mass, do not wait for four or six strong men to carry you to church, go there and take yourself today because you are able to do so today. “*seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.*”

The gospel has also spoken about the pain of joblessness; those men found by the land owner had woken up early in the morning like the rest of the workers but No one had offered them a job, what a long wait and a painful experience to return home empty handed! Some people wait for ages to get their dream job only to lose it immediately because of carelessness. Whatever you are and whatever you have today, is God's gift to you, use it to know him, to love him and to serve him because once it is gone it is gone.

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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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid : 285.00 SO: £ Non-Gift Aid: 388.47 Total : 673.47

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: Counters:

Mass Attendance for the week: 204 2nd Collection: 20th Sept Holy places

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:

UTTER CONFIDENCE IN GOD:

Even though the fig tree does not blossom, nor fruit grow in the land, even though the grapes fail and the olive crop produce no harvest even though flocks vanish from the fold and stalls stand empty of cattle, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour. (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

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. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Parish Finance committee member needed Following the death of Mr. Bill Flynn, who was a valuable member of the Parish Finance Committee, I wish to ask you to suggest to the Parish Priest someone you think can assist the parish as a Finance Committee member. He must be a member of the parish community and a practicing Catholic. You can call the Parish Priest on 07906124756 or send an email to lutwajim@yahoo.com.

Celebration of the Sacraments: Due to Covid 19 cases rising up again in the country, the attendance of Holy Communion and Confirmation will be limited to two family members per child. There are 19 pews available therefore only 19 children can receive the sacrament at any particular time. If the number of children exceeds 19, the parish priest and school head, will let you know what to do. Please be informed that only 2 persons will be allowed to accompany the child for the First Holy Communion.

Faithful Stewardship: Have you ever wondered how the biblical teachings about money translate to your day-today living? Do you know if your handling of finances is in line with God? If this is something that you are interested in, we have an information session planned on Saturday 24/10/2020 from 2:00-4:00pm at St. Marys Parish Hall. It will open your eyes. Please contact Laeticia on 07971496220. Learn something new today for your money.

Baptism preparation sessions will continue on Monday 21st Sept in the main church at 5.00pm. Parents with children to be baptised to be present for the sessions

Head Teacher required: Our Lady and St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School is a successful school serving the needs of families in Leamington. The Governors are seeking to appoint a dynamic, vibrant and skilled Headteacher with the vision and determination to take the school on the next stage of its journey. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed, please telephone the school office to make an appointment or to request an application pack - 01926 424420 Closing Date: 21st September 4pm Interview Date: 28th & 29th September 20

Confirmation classes: If you have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and the children of this parish who go to non Catholic Schools and have reached the age of Confirmation, are reminded that classes will start on Saturday 26th 2020 from 12:00-1:00pm. All sessions must be attended. Please register your child or yourself today. Confirmation will take place on 12th November 2020.

Ordinations: Today Deacons Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper will be ordained priests in the cathedral at 3.00pm Sunday 20 September. Seann Gough is a young man who visited our parish from Oscott College some years ago and spoke to us about his journey to priesthood. Their ordination reminds us that your son or even yourself can be a priest.

Second collection for Holy places: Today's second collection is scheduled for Holy places but in our present circumstances we will not be able to do so as usual. But you are invited to place your donation in the offertory basket for this noble intention as you leave the church.

Marriage preparation: if you are planning to get married this year 2020, you are informed to contact the Parish Priest to book for marriage preparation course. Contact him this week on his mobile 07906124756.

Death Announcement: is made for the death of Mr. Patrick Tracey which occurred at Walsgrave University Hospital on Sunday 13th September 2020. He has been sick for a while. I understand that he was a good Rugby player. Funeral will take place at St. Marys on Friday 2nd Oct at 11.00am and burial at St. Paul's cemetery. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.