

**MASSES— 21st to 27th May 23**

- Sun 21 9.30am Estelizo Menezes (RIP), Jim & Phil Dunleavy (RIP),  
Zara Irianan (B'day)  
11.30am Mathew Tanner (B'day remembrance), Zikorah Umeh (14th Biday)  
Benjamin & Esther Ozogwu (Spl int)
- Mon 22 12.00noon Benjamin & Esther Ozogwu (Spl int)
- Tues 23 9.30am Benjamin & Esther Ozogwu (Spl int)
- Wed 24 9.30am Benjamin & Esther Ozogwu (Spl int), Jeanne Marie (RIP)
- Thurs 25 9.30am Mary Flanagan (RIP), Benjamin & Esther Ozogwu (Spl int)  
6.00pm Divine Mercy prayers
- Fri 26 9.30am Benjamin & Esther Ozogwu (Spl int)
- Sat 27 9.30am Benjamin & Esther Ozogwu (Spl int), Mary Campbell (RIP)
- Sun 28 9.30am Creshel (Thanksgiving) Tran & family (Spl int)  
11.30am Dominador Galban senior (Anni)  
Benjamin & Esther Ozogwu (Spl int)

**Lectors**

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| <b>21/05/2023</b>                | <b>28/05/2023</b>          |
| 9.30am Anthonia A., Nicholas (R) | Elizabeth H., Creshel, (R) |
| 11.30am Childrens Mass           | Attracta, Preethi (R)      |

**Eucharistic Ministers**

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| <b>21/05/2023</b>        | <b>28/05/2023</b> |
| <b>9.30am</b> Ann M. (E) | Betty O. (E)      |
| <b>11.30am</b> Serso (E) | Patricia K. (E)   |

**The sick of the Parish:** Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosisi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Michael McDermott, Mary Devlin, Edmond Patrick Flynn, James Anthony Domican, James Mullarkey, Agnes Ethna Tolan, Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh, Thomas Duiggnan, Gerald Doyle, Michael McMillan, Margaret Murphy, Antony Nicholl, Ann Bridget Kavanagh, Mary O'Sullivan, Eugene Heavy.

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

*Almighty and eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us Thy sevenfold Spirit; the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.*

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*



A.J. Missions                      St. Osburg                      Ss. Mary & Benedict                      St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter – 7th Sunday of Easter—21st to 27th May 2023**

**WE ARE TAKEN FROM THE WORLD BY THE FATHER**

The long Priestly prayer of Jesus, part of which we have heard in the gospel, is a personal account to his heavenly Father that he gives at the conclusion of his work. In this first part, Jesus has spoken about himself and how he carried out the mission on earth. A community of believers had been formed. The Father's name has been known, and his glory passed on to those who believe in him. When Jesus finished his mission he said "I'm coming to you".

The second part of this Priestly prayer which we shall listen to throughout the week, will speak to us about the kind of life that Jesus wants us to live, namely that we love one another and keep united as children of God, and as members of his family the church.

The Gospel reminds us that God has given us a mission to do in this life. Of course when we are born we are not born with it, it is something that we work on everyday, only to be discovered at the end of our life. For some of us, we might depart this life without knowing the exact mission that I had. As St. John Henry Newman says, 'this one, we shall be told when we come before God.'

Jesus speaks of the choice he has personally made by choosing us to become Christians " I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me, they were yours, and you gave them to me." This reminds us that we are not Christians by personal will, instead we are chosen by God himself. Indeed as one of the Prefaces of the Mass says: *we are a chosen race, a holy nation, a people consecrated to God.* So, when the Church asks us to take our faith in God seriously, it is because she has been taught by the Lord himself that the Father has taken us from the world and we belong to Jesus our Good Shepherd. Jesus belongs to God, we too belong to God.

The gospel today, gives us a sense of pride, that although we are like all other people, by believing in Jesus Christ, we have hidden value, a heavenly dignity bestowed on us.

The first reading teaches us that continuous prayer is one of the means by which we can nurture our unity as a chosen people of God. A family that prays together and eats together, will always live together. The first Christians prayed continually for each other, for their welfare and for the needs of the community. We are also reminded of the presence of Mary. When we gather to pray, the Blessed Mother is with us, just as she was with the disciples, she intercedes for us and she presents our prayers to her son.

The second reading teaches us that as followers of Jesus, we shall sometimes be subjected to punishment and sufferings for offences we have not committed. But if you can have some share in the suffering of Christ, be glad in otherwards we should not feel at loss to suffer for a good cause.

As you return home, let us go with confidence that God is with us because he loves us. Like the Psalmist, we too are sure that we shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living on the Day of Mercy.

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**Youtube:** [st mary and benedict church coventry](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)

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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 (May) : £ Gift Aid : £ 209.60 Non-Gift Aid: £531.99 Total: £ 741.59 Thank you for your generosity.**

**Readings:** Acts. :1:12-14, 1Pet. 4: 13-15; John 17: 1-11

**2nd collection :** 21 May Catholic Communications

**Bonus Ball :**

**Mass Attendance :** 417

**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

**Baptism sessions:** 24th June, 1st & 8th July at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel.

**Gospel Reflection**

In commenting upon this passage, Saint Augustine notes that this prayer is prayed immediately after Jesus told His disciples that they would encounter trouble within the world. "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." For that reason, Jesus set an example for us on how we are to deal with the troubles we encounter in life. We, too, must turn our eyes to Heaven and pray to the Father. The best way to do so is by our full interior participation in the Holy Mass.

What form of "trouble" do you experience right now in your life? There are many things that fall into that category and are different for each person. As you call your struggle to mind, try to imagine our Lord kneeling next to you, praying this prayer to the Father for you. In reality, this is exactly what Jesus does every time we participate in the Holy Mass. The Mass is His "hour."

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**In appreciation for the good** work undertaken by the Missionaries of the Apostles of Jesus, Archbishop Bernard Longley has allowed the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries to be supported by the parishes they work at by mobilizing and taking two collections every year to support in the formation costs of their seminarians. The diocese acknowledges the good work that the Apostles of Jesus are doing in the Archdiocese particularly in the denary of Coventry and Nuneaton since 2002 ((St. Elizabeth 2002 St. Marys and Coventry University Chaplaincy 2008, St. Osburg 2015 and University Hospital Chaplaincy). Collections will be taken twice a year. Please support them as much as you can in the training of the priests.

**Pentecost Sunday:** will be celebrated next Sunday. It is the birthday of the Church.

**Congratulations** to all our 31 First Holy Communicants from St. Mary's School and Parish, who received Jesus in their hearts for the first time. Let us support them through our prayers that they may always grow in the love of Jesus and remain ever faithful to His commandments.

**Deanery Corpus Christi Procession** will be held on Sunday 18th June, starting at 3.00pm at St Anne's Church processing to Corpus Christi. Children who will receive their First Holy Communion are particularly invited to come dressed in their festive dresses.

**BCYS (Birmingham Catholic Youth Service)** are seeking an Encounter & Evangelisation Development Worker, who will be responsible for developing KYT's calendar of events and pilgrimages. This exciting role gives the opportunity to develop and engage young volunteers in all aspects of event management. This role is managed by the Youth Ministry coordinator and is a two-year fixed term contract. For informal discussion or to apply, email: [maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk). Deadline for applications: 24th May 2023; Interviews: 25th May 2023.

**The experience of LGBTQ+ Catholics in the Archdiocese:** As part of the continued Diocesan Response to the Synod all are welcome to join a meeting in Coventry on Sunday 21 May to discuss a way forward.. People from the LGBTQ+ community, their parents, friends and family are invited to a meeting at Christ the King on Sunday 21 May at 7pm to talk about their experience in the Catholic Church. Last year, as part of conversations taking place across the Archdiocese to respond to the Synod called for by Pope Francis, St Patrick's in Coventry hosted a meeting specifically for the LGBTQ+ community to discuss their participation in the Catholic Church and what they wanted to say to the Synod.

**Ekene wins the Junior Task Master Pilot:** A huge congratulations to Ekene for your wonderful achievement in the series of channel 4's Junior Task Master. Ekene was selected from St. Mary and Benedict's School after her participation in the school Tasking programme organised by the University of Warwick and among the five children Ekene was crowned winner of Junior Task Master in London. May God bless you and work wonders in your life.

**World Communications Day:** This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Today Sunday, 21 May 2023. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. Please pray for all communicators on World Communications Day, particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country. There will also be a second collection on World Communications Sunday to support the work of communications at national level.

**Marriage Banns:** Peter Michael Hallinan of 5 Beckett Road, Coventry, son of Michael Hallinan and Josephine Moran Hallinan, of Dublin Ireland, would like to marry Mary Luisa Wanjiku of 5 Beckett Road, Coventry, daughter of Mr. David Githiomi Njuguna and Elizabeth Wangui of Nairobi Kenya. If any one knows why they should not get married to each other, please come and inform the parish priest.