

MASSES— 23rd to 30th Jul 23

Sun	23	9.30am	Oliver Clear , Esperanca Costa (RIP), John Ferry (Anni) Grace Boyle (Get well)
		11.30am	Ben & Esther (Spl int)
Mon	24	9.30am	Josephine Lobo (Anni), Ben & Esther (Spl int) Hanna (safe journey)
Tues	25	9.30am	Ann McCrave (RIP), Ben & Esther (Spl int), Brenda Mapuranga (B'day)
Wed	26	9.30am	Ben & Esther (Spl int), Srs. of St. Ann (Thanksgiving)
Thurs	27	9.30am	Ben & Esther (Spl int)
		6.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers.
Fri	28	9.30am	Laetitia & family, (Spl Int), Xianfeng Li (Get well)
Sat	29	9.30am	Mary Naughton (RIP)
Sun	30	9.30am	Catherine Ward (RIP)
		11.30am	Avery De Vera (Thanksgiving), Jacinta Oyawiri & Tamara Tobuyei (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

23/07/2023

9.30am Cosmos, Anthonia A. (R)
11.30am Chidema, Florence E. (R)

30/07/2023

Anthonia A., Cath Slatter (R)
Ann Marie, Tasha (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

23/07/2023

9.30am Anne M. (E)
11.30am Lilian (E)

30/07/2023

Felix M. (E)
Frank (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., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Harold Shepherd, Betty Griffiths, Maureen Patterson, James Daniel Farrel, John Plunkett, Mr & Mrs Noonan, Mr & Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr & Mrs Enright, Joe Leo Byrne, Patrick Joseph Herbert, Mr & Mrs McMahan, Patrick Travers, Michael Keaney, Anne McCrave, Annie Ferry, Anthony Curristan, Trudy Shanley, Catherine Logan, Patrick Joseph Plunkett, Sally McGorman, Christine June Hand, John Walsh.

Just for today...

*Just for today, be kind, cheerful, agreeable, responsive, caring, and understanding.
Be your best, dress your best, talk softly, and look for the bright side of things.
Praise people for what they do and do not criticize them for what they cannot do.
If someone does something stupid, forgive and forget.
After all, it's just for one day.
Who knows, it might turn out to be a nice day.*



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd to 30th Jul 2023

DIVINE ATTITUDE

Lake Victoria which is found between 3 countries Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, is the second largest fresh water lake on planet earth. It is said to have existed there for millions of years with stunning beauty. One day, a bad person introduced into it a very bad weed, called the water hircin. The weed floats on water and it can travel miles in a single day. It is here, and in the next few hours, it is gone! Wherever it goes, it kills fish and other wildlife living in water, suffocating it for lack of oxygen.

The teaching of Jesus went beyond popular thinking and challenged common behaviour. Last Sunday in the parable of the Sower, the planter scattered seed even among bushes and on patches of rock, which, in our thinking was an irresponsible way of farming.

In his teaching today, Jesus is talking about something really very bad, namely a darnel among wheat. But he, as the owner of the field, he surprises us even further by saying: “*let them both grow*” to warn us about the perpetual existence of evil in the world.

Where does evil come from, and what is its destiny? Finding a bad weed in the field among crops, would appear normal, but the source of this weed and how to deal with it, is what is extraordinary. First, an enemy planted the bad seed. God did not create evil, it does not have God as its source. Jesus did not establish a sinful church, but sin is present inside the church. Our parents did not give birth to bad children, it is something that comes later. So Jesus teaches us that there is evil in the world, in the church, in our countries and in the societies in which we live. Jesus does not promise us that we shall wake up one day to a world without sin, (*let them both grow*) but he assures us that the destiny of good and evil will not be the same. (*first collect the darned and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barns*).

This statement assures us that while good and evil will live side by side, their destiny is different, evil will not prevail. Yes, it will seem to overwhelm us, and evil people will tend to prosper, but according to the teaching of Jesus, their destiny on the day of judgement will be different. We must do our best to persevere in goodness, and not be distracted by evil that goes on in the world.

There is something we need to look at: Jesus said “*an enemy came and planted the darnel*”. Who is that enemy? Of course, it is anyone who could be intent on causing trouble. The question is: “Am I the cause of division in the family, the cause of scandal in the church or the reason why things are not working out for the good of the family, the society or of the church? We must do our best to make sure that we are not the sources of evil and sufferings of other people.

There is a lot of sufferings in the world, alas may none of us be its deliberate cause. While Divine attitude is essentially patient to an extent that God can let evil exist side by side with goodness, his anger might not be escaped unless we repent.

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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 (July) : £ Gift Aid : 154.60 Dona: £186.82 Non-Gift Aid: £ 465.84.Total: £ 807.26

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

Readings: Wisdom: 12:13,16-19; Rom. 8:26-27; Mt. 13:24-43

2nd collection :

Bonus Ball : No. 40 Tony Smith

Mass Attendance :

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

Gospel Reflection

The divine teaching that God has care for us, continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

As we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Reflect, today, upon your sacred duty to be vigilant and constantly on the lookout for the seed of error sown within our world, the Church and your own soul. Vigilance is key. The evil one is always on the prowl. If we are to learn one of the central messages of this parable, then we must learn to guard and protect all that God has revealed and hold firmly to the Truth alone.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Parish Family Thanksgiving Day: will be celebrated again on Sunday 17th September 2023. Holy Mass will begin at 11:00am followed by get together with our families in the parish gardens. I request you to start preparing for this moment of togetherness and thanksgiving. I ask leaders of different groups and communities to organise as they have generously done in the past.

Bishop Stephen Wright former auxiliary bishop of Birmingham has been installed the 15th Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle at a Solemn Mass of Installation in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Please keep him in your prayers.

Marriage Banns: Mr. Augustine Chukwuemeka Nwosu of 57 Cardiff Close, son of late Godwin Uchenna Nwosu and Charity Akuezi Nwosu, of Imo State, Nigeria, would like to marry Ms. N'mauh Appy Anais Emily Angoua of 57 Cardiff Close. She is daughter of Kouadio Jean-Marie Angoua and Eleonore Deroux, of 33 Hurley House Kennington London but originally from Ivory Coast. If any one knows why they should not get married to each other, please come and inform the parish priest.

St. Ann's Feast: Our parish sisters who belong to the order of Sisters of St. Ann are celebrating their patron's day on 26th July, the feast of St. Ann. They are inviting the parishioners to join them in the Eucharistic celebration and thereafter for social gathering in the parish hall. Let's keep them in our prayers.

Gift Aid: Gift Aid is a UK government scheme that allows charities like churches, to claim back 25% of the value of a donation, as a payment to charities. For a charity to claim this additional money from HMRC, the donor must be a UK taxpayer and make a declaration allowing the charity to claim, at no extra cost to the donor. Therefore, if you are a tax payer please join the Gift Aid scheme by filling a form or directly through the DONA machine. For more information contact Sr. Leera.

Apostles Of Jesus and Evangelising Sisters of Mary will celebrate their Founders' Day on 31st July 2023 with the celebration of Holy Mass at St. Marys Church at 12:00noon. There will be light refreshments in the hall. You are welcome.

The Coventry Irish Society Summer Ball is taking place Saturday 9th September at Christ The King social club 7pm till late. Come and join us for a 2 course meal and entertainment throughout the night. Please call 02476256629 to get your tickets £25 member £30 non members

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Sunday, 23 July), marks the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. As the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated, the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life renews its invitation for Christians to celebrate the event by attending Mass or visiting those who are alone. The theme chosen for this year is “His mercy is from age to age,” recalling a passage from Luke's Gospel. We recall the mercy of the Lord from age to age” (Lk 1:50) and for his goodness to them. Let us remember to pray for them.

Farewell Holy Mass was celebrated last Friday to bid farewell to the Year Six pupils who have left primary school to join secondary schools. I thank the parents who supported our school through observance of school discipline. We wish our children every success.

Thanks to the organisers of Movie Night of yesterday and it was a very successful event of the parish. My special appreciation goes to Perpetua Sam & Emmanuella and others who used their time and energy to bring out the best from the little ones. May God bless you all.