

MASSES— 23rd to 30th Apr 23

Sun	23	9.30am	Bill Fylnn (Anni) Peter Harte & Annie Laffey (Anni)
		11.30am	Florence Ekobe (Spl int)
Mon	24	12.00noon	Khiara Cardozo (B'day)
Tues	25	9.30am	Peter Miranda (RIP)
Wed	26	9.30am	Karen Morehouse (RIP), Cecile Nzanda (Anni)
Thurs	27	9.30am	Margaret & Michael Cawley (RIP)
Fri	28	9.30am	Laetitia & family (Spl int)
Sat	29	9.30am	Andrea Haffernan (RIP)
Sun	30	9.30am	Anthony H. Braganza (B'day remembrance)
		11.30am	Mary Jane Okpala (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

23/04/23

9.30am Elena, Asipitha, (R)
11.30am Chioma, Sharon (R)

30/04/2023

Stanley, Naomi (R)
Kenneth, Perpetua (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

23/04/2023

9.30am Ann M. (E)
11.30am Marcel Umeh (E)

30/04/2023

Cath Slatter (E)
Lilian (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 Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

Anniversaries during the week :Sheila Byrne, Elizita Cabral, Meta Stretton, Michael Kavanagh, Bridie Durkan , Mario Giampaglia , Minnie Noonan, Mary McCarron, Nada Stojanovic .

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, with minimum £5 for each Mass .

Inspirational Quotes

“As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives.” —Henry David Thoreau

“Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.” —Earl Nightingale

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.” —C.S. Lewis

“Don't settle for average. Bring your best to the moment. Then, whether it fails or succeeds, at least you know you gave all you had.” —Angela Bassett



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter – 3rd Sunday of Easter- 23rd to 30th April 2023

DIFFICULTIES OF LIFE ARE NOT SIGNS THAT JESUS HAS ABANDONED YOU

The story of the events that took place on the dusty winding road to Emmaus, that we have just heard, is reported only by Luke, not by any other Gospel writer. There is a possibility that the early Christians felt so ashamed to report it because it would show their own resistance to accept the story brought by the women concerning the appearance of the risen Lord. The resurrection from the dead, was not a simple thing to accept. It was something for the future not for now. Jesus knew that the resurrection was not something of human experience, therefore, he appeared to his disciples to prove to them that it was him indeed.

Today we are given the story of two discouraged disciples, secretly walking away out of Jerusalem in the evening with their faces downcast. They were walking away, leaving behind them, a city that had ended their hopes. Inside its walls, their leader had been put to death by crucifixion. Their disappointment is expressed in the statement: “*our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free.*” It was a crushing defeat! Along the way, a stranger walks a bit faster catches up with them, and joined them. He was knowledgeable about the Law of Moses, and the Prophets. He seemed to give them new hope. But this made no impact because they did not share their feelings with each other as they walked along. Faith is not private, it must be shared in order to bring about the goodness in us.

Jesus did not make public spectacle of his risen presence. In the garden, the women thought that he was a gardener, at the lake, the fishermen seeing him walk on water, thought it was a ghost and in the Upper room in the presence of Thomas, he presented himself as a tortured man with wounds and scars of the crucifixion.

Again faith is a journey we have to make. This journey is supported by the Lord's own presence in our life. He walks along with us every moment Jesus is with us. Few days ago, I said to you that, all of us will have a Good Friday, but we should never lose sight of the dawn of Easter.

Today we are reminded, that at one time we shall, like the two disciples, take the journey with uncertain future but we should not forget the vigour, the energy we might have on our way back. At one time, like St. Paul we will take to the road to Damascus determined to do something really nasty, but we must not forget that only God knows and has power to determine in which form we shall reach our destination.

As you return home today, remember that the Lord is always with you. Take this words to you seriously and personally. The early Christians built their lives on the word that was preached to them, on Brotherhood and on the Breaking of Bread. Our life will be transformed and our fear of darkness will be dispelled if we build it on these three acts of the risen Lord.

Beware to get rid of that “thing”, “something” that prevents us to recognise the Lord in our life. What could that be? This is an answer that we can give individually.

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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 (Mar) : £ Gift Aid : £306.60 Non-Gift Aid: £417.51 Total: £ 724.11

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Acts. 2:14, 22-33, 1Pet. 1:17-21; Luke 24: 13-35

2nd collection : 30th April- Clergy training Fund ; 21 May Catholic Communications

Bonus Ball : 37. *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

(RCIA): sessions : will take place on every Sunday after 11.30am Mass

Gospel Reflection

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Easter for Year A encourage us to truly walk the path of discipleship. In the first reading Peter boldly proclaims the Good News. The psalm reminds us that God will guide us along the path of life. The second reading explains that Jesus Christ died so we could have new life. And in the gospel, two disciples encounter the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. In the Gospel, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. This theme emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist, and that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Eucharistic celebration. We come together to share in the Eucharistic celebration, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and to be nourished by his presence in the bread and wine. We are not called to follow Jesus alone, but to be part of a community of believers who support and encourage one another in our faith. Being a disciple of Jesus involves a lifelong journey of learning, service, and devotion.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Keep the Church clean: it takes a lot of time to clean up the mess left behind by some people in the church. I encourage families not to make the church a feeding place for children on chocolates, crisps and biscuits. It does not show your respect to the house of God..

Vocations Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

Dona contactless device is now sorted, upgraded and now working well with new WiFi and QR code. When you wish to make your Sunday offering or any payment for the Church on the contactless device you can pay directly using the device itself or scanning the QR code which is displayed at the back of the church. Thank you & God bless you all for your cooperation and generosity.

Baptism preparation for parents with children to be baptised, will take place on Sat. 29nd April at 6.00pm in the Lady's chapel. It is required that the faithful seek baptism from their place of worship.

Confirmation classes will take place on every Saturday, from 1.00pm to 2.00pm in the Lady's chapel. Classes will commence from 29th April 2023.

Donations to the Church: can now be made through four ways: **1.** Standing Order, **2.** traditional collection, **3.** Donate by Contactless device or **4.** Scanning the QR Code using your mobile. QR code is available in the parish newsletter, parish website and on display in foyer.

Bishop David McGough's Requiem Mass took place at St. Chad's last Wednesday. Arch Bernard welcomed all of those present, including Bishop David's family and his former parishioners as well as Bishop Jan McFarlane and Emeritus Dean Adrian Dorber from Lichfield Cathedral, where Bishop David was an Ecumenical Canon. Fr Terry Bloor, who represented the Bishop of Stafford, Robert Mountford who represented ecumenical partnerships in Staffordshire and the West Midlands, and those who represented our friends at St Philip's Cathedral were all welcomed. His Grace added: "*I am very grateful to Bishop David's brother bishops for concelebrating this Requiem Mass and in particular Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, the Vice President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, together with Abbot Geoffrey Scott and Abbot David Charlesworth, and the many brother priests and deacons assembled from across the Archdiocesan family and beyond.*"

Governor Vacancies: the Boards of Directors and Local Governing Bodies of the Multi Academy Companies (MACs) and Voluntary Aided schools based in Coventry and North Warwickshire, are looking for volunteers to join the Local Governing Bodies of their highly successful catholic schools. There are 26 catholic schools in the area; 22 primary schools and 4 secondary schools. Foundation Governors must be practising Catholics who are interested in supporting catholic education and keen to make a difference to the education and future life chances of our young people. If you are a practising catholic and have the time, skills and energy and commitment for this rewarding and fulfilling role we would love to hear from you.

For further information please contact Fiona McLintock at ctk.covty@rcaob.org.uk who will forward your email to the appropriate person. In your email please state if you would like to be considered for a particular school or area. We look forward to hearing from you.