

MASSES— 24th Sept to 1st Oct 2023

Sun	24	9.30am	Ethan Osagie (B'day), Sean Cain (RIP), Edward Gordon (RIP) Kayla Mapuranga (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Mama Helen Forbie (RIP)
		6.00pm	Reception— Maria Fernandez
Mon	25	10.30am	Requiem Mass - Maria Fernandez
Tues	26	9.30am	Jim Dunleavy (Anni)
Wed	27	9.30am	Peter Kenny (Anni)
Thurs	28	9.30am	Mary Flanagan (RIP)
		5.00pm	Divine mercy prayers
Fri	29	9.30am	
Sat	30	9.30am	
Sun	01	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

24/09/2023

9.30am James M., Anthonia A. (R)
11.30am Sharon, Rosaline (R)

01/10/2023

Elizabeth H., Anthonia O. (R)
Kayla, Kenneth (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

24/09/2023

9.30am Cath S. (E)
11.30am Lilian (E)

01/10/2023

Ann M. (E)
Florence K. (E)

Readings— 24/09: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24.27; Mathew 20:1-16

01/10: Is. 55:6-9; Phil. 1:20-24 ; Mathew: 20:1-16

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 Okosi, John Crawford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Betty Reilly, John Mulrone, William Lennon , Christy Benson, James Francis Dunleavy, Francis Corrigan, T. O'Driscoll, Peter Kenneth Kenny, Fredrick R W Quinney, Anne Travers, John Joseph McSweeney .

Clergy Anniversaries: . Rev. John Bale; Rev. Gordon Bancks, Mgr. Michael McTerman; Rev Paul Orchard, Canon Peter Teilly, Mgr Henry Farrelly, Rev. Edward Cotter, Rev. Laurence Daly, Rev. Denis Mary Egan, Deacon Tony Colby. Lord, grant them eternal peace.

Reflect on... Never be a prisoner of your past ... it was a life lesson, not a life sentence.

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, handed it over to the sisters with a minimum donation of £5 or you can call Tel. 07547242375.



A.J. Missions



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Osburg



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th Sept to 1st Oct 2023

The Generosity of God

"Go into my vineyard too" It is a command, it is an opportunity. Joblessness is a terrible thing, it is something that, if you have never suffered it, you will not understand the feeling of waking up in the morning, without having in mind something to do to earn you a living or to enable you to put food on the table for your children! Many people go through this experience in our time. If you are in work, or if you have something to wake up to, you are lucky indeed.

The word of God speaks about three important things:

First :make use of the opportunity while you have it.

Second: joblessness is a terrible thing that you should never wish for,

Third: God has been and he will always be generous.

Baptism gave us the opportunity to deepen our faith, our love and trust in God. He expects us to do our best to practice it, to keep the commandments and to love one another. Some people once they are baptised, they never practice these things. They are like that man Jesus once spoke about who hid his masters money instead of using it. We should try our best to practice our faith now, because what we do today, with all the sacrifices involved, will be our consolation tomorrow.

The other point that Jesus speaks to us about, is the pain of being jobless. The poor men stood there all day in the hot sun hoping to find someone to give them some work. They did not give up even though the day was almost over, they kept waiting. Sometimes it is good to wait even to the 11th hour to see what God might do.

The third point Jesus teaches us today is the generosity of God. You can prefer to call it the injustice of employer (God), that he gave the same wages to the men who worked all day, as those who worked for one hour! Indeed as the first reading has put it: God's thoughts are not our thoughts and his ways are not our ways."

What is Jesus teaching us? It is this; that by our baptism, we are all sent to work in the vineyard of the Lord, just call it the Church. Some are called early in life others are called at the eleventh hour of their life. Our heavenly reward will not depend on the long hours we have worked, we shall receive the same denarius= God himself, he is that Denarius that all of us should aim to receive.

As you return home today, let us develop within us the generous attitude of God who is benevolent to good and to bad people alike. Make use of the chances you have in life to serve God. We are fellow workers, let us support one another in the vineyard of the Lord.

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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

17/09/23: Gift Aid : 164.67 Dona: £ 80.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 533.39 Total: £ 778.06

SO (Sept) : £ Donation : £200.00 Second collection : 352.21 May God bless you all.

2nd collections : 24/09/23—Fr. Hudson's Society 08/10/23—CAFOD

Bonus Ball : No. 50 Tony Smith **Mass Attendance :** 412 **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**

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Legion of Mary at St. Mary's Church : The members meet immediately after the 11.30am Mass every Sunday in the Parish meeting room If you would like to join the group please contact Ms. Emmanuella on 07448595836

Gift Aid it! If you are a tax payer you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the parish office or Sr. Leera to find out more.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Family thanksgiving day: I wish to thank you from the depth of my heart for coming together to celebrate our parish thanksgiving day. It was so good beyond the expectations of many. Thank you for opening your kitchens that you prepared such delicious food and shared it with everyone. Thank you for good Holy Mass of thanksgiving and the donations you offered. I felt so good to see visitors you invited to come and join with us in thanking God. I'm so grateful to the leaders of different communities for coordinating the event.

I'm sorry that I did not greet every body because many people wanted to talk to me asking questions. I thought I was an emotionally strong man but I was moved to tears when I saw so much good and happiness on the faces of us all because we belong to Christ. I'm sorry that I could not stand strong in the face of children that I have left behind. Please continue building this parish, let each one find his true home here.

Marriage bans: Victor chigozie Agbo son of Ignatius Agbo and Veronica Agbo of Nsukka town, Nigeria, would like to marry Catherine Uguchi Agbo, daughter of Simon Agbo and Esther Agbo of Nsukka town, Nigeria. If any one knows why they should not get married to each other, please come and inform the parish priest.

Congratulations to Augustine Nwosu and Anais Angoua who were united in the sacrament of marriage yesterday. We wish them all well and pray for a happy consecrated life.

Condolences to Jane Mbugua a member of CWA who lost her brother Michael Kigecha in Kenya. We extend our condolences and prayers for the bereaved family and eternal peace to Michael

Coventry Irish Society: is organising a 'Betty Hunter Dementia Support Group' starting from Thursday 12th October 12pm-3pm. The group is aimed at people living with memory loss and their carers who would like to embrace their Irish culture. A light lunch, music and games are provided. If you know of anyone that would benefit from this service please contact Nikita on 02476256629 or email nikitasmithirishsoc@gmail.com

Baptisms: Parents with children to be baptised are requested to enrol their names for Baptism classes. Preparation classes will take place on **Saturday 7th October** at 12.30pm in the Lady's Chapel. Please contact Sr. Leera for more information.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the sessions will be conducted on every Friday at 5.00pm at St. Osburgh Church, CV1 AQ. If you are an adult from 10 years and above who has not been baptised or who was baptised in other churches but you would like to be received into the catholic church, you are warmly welcome. For more information contact the sisters.

Blessing of the Graves: Please see below the dates and times for the Blessing of the Graves which you may want to attend. St Paul's-24th September at 3.00pm. London Road-1st Oct at 3.00pm, Lenton's Lane - 8th October at 3.00pm

Eucharistic Adoration Festival is organised by St. Thomas More Parish Coventry from Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th October. All are welcome .