

MASSES 24th to 31st Oct 2021

Sun	24	9.30am	Nora Curristan (4th Anni)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Spl int) John Ekow Sam (B'day remembrance)
Mon	25	12.00noon	Vivian Texiera (RIP)
Tues	26	9.30am	SSA (Thanksgiving)
Wed	27	9.30am	James Cahil (RIP)
Thurs	28	9.30am	Peggy Hyland (RIP)
Fri	29	9.30am	Geraldine (Spl int)
Sat	30	9.30am	Mary Morgan (70th B'day), Sam Aikhionbare, Alan (B'day)
Sun	31	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

24/10/2021

9.30am Anthonia A, Stephnie (R)
11.30am Maame, Perpetua (R)

31/10/2021

Demisha, Luca (R)
Morgan, Emmanuel (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley, Gabriel Gwatorisa, Teresa MacCaffer, Andrea.

Anniversaries during the week : Brian Kenney, Eugene Devlin, Michael McHugh, Josephine Maher, Nora Curristan, Vivian Texeira, Angelina McHugh, Patrick Goucher, John Joseph Mulligan, Sam McCosker, William McSorley, Hughie McCabe, Joseph Ryan, Anna Mara, Eileen Ward, Patricia Bennis, Thomas Lyons, Ellen Floyd, Bridget Prosser, John Lucid, Thomas James Byrne.

Sacrament of Confirmation : Children of St. Mary & Benedict's School and Parish will be confirmed by Bishop William Kenney on 9th November 2021 at 6.00pm in our church.

To Our Lady of the Rosary— month of Oct

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time –24th to 31stOctober 2021

DON'T HAVE SIGHT TO OTHER PEOPLE'S FAULTS AND BE BLIND TO YOUR OWN:

I'm sure some of us have watched the beautiful animal programs of Sir David Attenborough, so when I talk of a baboon you know what animal it is, also when I talk about an owl you know that it is a bird. These two creatures have unique appearances. The owl has large eyes which when you look at them you might think that it is shedding tears. The baboons have no tails their buttocks are bare without fur they seem to be naked all the time. Both were great friends but had not met for a long time. One day when they met the baboon asked the owl what had happened to his eyes. Oh replied the owl I did not know that my eyes were so bad but I think it is because of Funerals. I lost my dad died, then my uncle. A week after my neighbour died then my sister and finally two days ago my mother. Funerals, funerals and funerals. So I have been shedding tears all the time.

Aggrieved by such loss the baboon wanted to walk away and when he turned his bare bottom was seen by the owl: "my friend what happened to your bottom"? He asked: and the baboon replied, am I naked,? It is because of meetings, meeting and meetings one after the other.

The gospel today talks about blindness and Bartimaeus is given to us as an example. People who suffer an infirmity such as blindness or deafness can fully understand the pain they go through. People who do not suffer the situation might be blind to the pain and suffering. I'm quite sure that many people in the western world pay lip service to climate change crisis because as long as water flows in their taps, bask in warm sunshine and enjoy warm heated houses, it does not appear real, but for people who walk for miles to find a drop of water, or whose homes are claimed by the oceans or whose countryside is consumed in flames of fire, it is real.

The blindness of Bartimaeus was spiritual in nature. When he heard about Jesus his desire to see him was enkindled. Faith starts with hearing that is why we should talk about our faith to other people. Sometimes when you talk about your faith you might be told to shut up; this is what people told Bartimaeus but he resisted such voices, casting off his cloak a baptismal symbol of throwing away his old ways, he went to Jesus.

In one way or the other all of us in different forms suffer blindness to the light of Christ. Prejudice, refusal to believe, inability to change or to see the other person's opinion, fault finding instead of affirming someone, a conscience that has lost sense of guilt, insensitivity to the feelings of others etc. are all forms of blindness. Yes, we are blind and we need the light of Christ that we may see.

As you return home today, I ask you to embrace the attitude of Bartimaeus, ask yourself what garment do I need to cast away in order to go to Jesus? Go and persevere in calling on his name. Persist in doing good. You might be told to shut up but don't give up. The faults in our life are easily recognised by others but we might be blind to them ourselves. It was the owl that noticed the nakedness of the baboon and it was the baboon that recognised the tears in the owl's eyes. Lord Jesus help me that I may see again.

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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

Gift Aid : 182.00 SO () : £ Non-Gift Aid: 294.48 Total: £476.48

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No. 30 T. Smith

Mass Attendance :

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: By appointment only

Catechetical bottom line:

1. What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

2. What are the names of the seven sacraments?

The names of the seven sacraments are: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

3. Which sacraments can be received only once?

Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders can only be received once.

4. What does baptism do for you?

Baptism gives us the new life of sanctifying grace by which we become children of God and heirs of heaven.

5. What is confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacrament through which the Holy Spirit enables us to profess our faith as strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

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, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

World Mission Sunday It is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. Please donate generously for this noble cause. God bless you all.

Job vacancy for Senior Adviser at Birmingham Diocesan Education Service Coleshill. Salary: £48,000 to £55,000 per annum dependent on relevant skills and experience. This is a new role at the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service. In this time of transformation and innovation we are looking for someone to join our small but high impact team to support the BDES in effectively advising on senior leadership recruitment and selection for protected positions across the Archdiocese. If you are interested in this post follow this link <http://www.bdes.org.uk/senior-adviser-role.html>

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Marriage Banns: Ms. Cynthia Obadagbonyi Iziengbuwa of 43 Chester Street Coventry daughter of Late Moses Obadagbonyi and Mrs Patience Obadagbonyi of St. Joseph Catholic Parish, Oge Quarters, Oredo Local Government area Edo State Nigeria, would like to get married to Mr. Ogbekhilu Randolph Osayande son of Godfrey Ogbekhilu and Joy Ogbekhilu of Idumogbor, Igueben local government area Edo State Nigeria. If anyone knows why they should not get married to each other, please contact the Parish Priest.

Funeral Masses of our deceased parishioners: Following the death of Susan Skarwinko I wish to let you know that their funeral Masses will be as follows:
Reception of the mortal remains of **Peggy Hyland** into St. Mary's RC Church will be on Wednesday 3rd November at 6pm. Requiem Mass on Thursday 4th at 11.30am, followed by interment at London Road Cemetery at 1.00pm.
The mortal remains of **Susan Skarwinko**: will take place on Wednesday 10th November, and service on Thursday 11th of November at 9:30am. Cremation at Canley at 11:30am.

Next Sunday we celebrate one of the most glorious feasts within our Church the **Solemnity of All Saints**. Every saint, canonized or not, is honoured today. While on earth, these great men and women lived lives that were poor in spirit, filled with a holy mourning, meekness, a hunger and thirst for righteousness, mercy, peace, purity of heart and even persecution. We are called upon to reflect the beautiful truth that we are called to become a saint. And the surest path to sainthood is to daily practice the Beatitudes.

Welcoming University Students: Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ Catholic Chaplain to Coventry University informs all students that we shall be welcoming them to our catholic community on 7th November at 11.30am Mass. I ask old students to help new ones to find the church and to join us. There will be some tea after Mass in the Church hall to welcome them.

Norah Curristan RIP: it is four years today since Mrs Norah Curristan died on 24th October 2017. Norah was a very holy woman who led the rosary here for many years. She is remembered as someone that gave witness to the sanctity of motherhood and to the meaning of being a member of a parish community. We ask for her prayers for us in heaven.