

MASSES 25th Aug. to 1st September 2019

Sun	25	9.30am	Frank McMonagle (RIP), Roman Smolinski & Aleksander Janczarug (RIP)
		11.30am	Henry & Buchi Offiah & family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	26	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tues	27	9.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu (Spl. Int)
Wed	28	9.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu (Spl. Int)
Thurs	29	9.30am	Brendan Gilroy (Ann.)
Fri	30	9.30am	Tosh Aikhionbare (B'day)
Sat	31	9.30am	Mrs Tran (Get Well)
Sun	01	9.30am	Phil Dunleavy (B'dy Remembrance),
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

25/08/2019

9.30am Bob Haddock, Selia (R)
Barbara (E)
11.30am Mary, Patrick (R)
Patricia, Lilian (E)

01/09/2019

Desma, Julia Hunt (R)
Sophie (E)
Ashley, Florence (R)
Vera, Serso (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Thi Tran. Dorota, Philomena (Mina)

Anniversaries during the week : .Catherine Elliott, Michael Richards, Frances Smyth

John Sheehan, Bridget Mulrooney, Janey Walsh, P.J. McGrath, Michael Flahive, Eileen Nora Clarke

Cardinal Newman School is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this September and would like to invite you to their Open Day on 7th September 10-4pm. Come and take a trip down memory lane with our archives display and see how the school looks now in 2019! For further information email 50th@cncs.school

Your child's education: parents of children who were born between 01 September 2015– 31st August 2016 are eligible to start primary school in September 2020. Parents are able to apply online from 1st September 2019 and the closing date to receive applications is 15th January 2020. For more details please see poster on the noticeboard.

Annual Mass for bereaved families Sept 2018-Sept 2019: families that lost their loved ones during the mentioned period are requested to come and join in the Mass of thanksgiving to God for the life of their loved ones who God has called to himself. The Mass will take place on 29th Sept. at 3:00pm Please give the name of the deceased to Fr. Jimmy or one of the Parish Sisters if you intend to come.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Twenty-First Sunday in ordinary time- Parish Newsletter– 25th Aug. to 1st Septem-

YOU MIGHT NOT BE FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD

People who love each other miss each other. To know if you love someone, you will not need a thermometer, microscope, telescope or a barometer; you can know it by the way you feel missing somebody. Enemies do not miss each other but friends do. The presence of someone who hates you might make no difference, but the presence of someone you love transforms every situation. I can say with confidence that God has imbedded within human nature the longing to seek out the one you love.

If seeking out the one we love is imbedded within human nature, there are people who are restless until they are in communication with God. We call them holy people. Not long I came to notice that there are many holy people around us. Holiness can be seen in the way someone is interested in doing God oriented things and in living God pleasing life. A holy person seeks out for occasions where he/she can be in communion with God rather than being distanced from him. Someone who makes a choice not to believe in God or not to serve the demands that He imposes on the human soul cannot truly be taken as a holy person no matter how altruistic his/her behaviour may be.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, was a Day of Obligation. How good it was that many Catholics on holiday in our city inquired about where they could attend Holy Mass! This concern points to a reality not claimed by the people but true to them: —their holiness. If these people were not holy, there would be no meaning in seeking holiness.

Pope Francis teaches that perseverance in faith and constancy in doing good works are signs of holiness. When someone is interested in something, he enjoys doing it again and again, when he /she misses doing it they feel as if something is lacking in their life.

A good number of us have been on holidays, some still have to go; it is important to know that when you plan your holiday and include where you will attend Sunday Mass it reveals your holiness. Just as the darkness cannot exist where there is light, so, only a holy person will look out for holy places and sacred times. Jesus met a man who was so committed in following his right conscience even though he was not his follower, all he could tell him was that “the man was “not far from the Kingdom of God” Mk 12:34. Persevere in searching for holiness, you are not far from the Kingdom of God.

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.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £285.70

Non-Gift Aid: £ 301.17

Total : £586.87

Counters : Pat & William

Mass Attendance : 361

Bonus Ball : No.

2nd collections : for the months of Sept:8th Sept—Catholic Education Service ; 15th Sept—CASE

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm followed by Mass

Divine mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month from 6 -7pm followed by Mass

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00p`m.

Parish Rosary group every Friday at 6.00pm

Choir practice every Friday at 7.30pm /Saturday at 3.00pm

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Mass in the University: Every Tuesday at 1.10pm in Hub

The Lady's Chapel is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

Feast during the week:

26th August Blessed Dominic Barberi,

27th August St. Monica,

28th August St. Augustine,

29th August Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

Matters of Importance

Protest at St. Marys Church: our parish church was drawn into a political row which the parish priest had no knowledge about. A member of the parish booked the hall for a 'celebration.' Few hours before the guests arrived, it came to my knowledge that it was a political gathering of supporters of a ruling party in their home country. This angered some members of the opposition who staged a protest at the entrance of the car park. I feel so upset that a member of the parish could book the hall without revealing the kind of 'celebration' she had organised. The Catholic Church part of which our parish is, has no political affiliation therefore it should not be used for political fundraising and meetings in the name of celebrating events. I feel sorry for the people who were offended by the meeting at a Church premise. The person who booked the hall should make an apology to the church authorities for organising and holding a 'celebration' of such divisive character. I thank the opposition who protested peacefully and Coventry City Police who kept the peace.

Catechism Classes: are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, do you belong to another Christian sect but you want to be received into the Catholic church? Are you an adult who is not baptised or confirmed who would like to receive these sacraments? If so I wish to let you know that our Religious Christian Initiation of Adults program (RCIA) will start next month. If you wish to be included in this program please contact the parish priest or speak to one of the Sisters.

Parish Youth group is coming on very well, I'm very pleased that our young people are receiving guidance from people who care about the good upbringing of children going through the turbulent time of youth. Young people share their experiences, their trials and try to discuss means of how they can cope in order to achieve their dreams. I wish to inform parents who have not yet thought of encouraging their children to join the group that they are definitely missing something. Meetings take place on Sunday every fortnight. The next meeting will be on Sunday 1st Sept starting at 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Family Thanksgiving Day: will take place on 15th September. **There will be only ONE Sunday Mass.** On that day come to Sunday Mass as a family (husband, wife, children nana and grandchildren) You are also asked to bring the food that you would have eaten at home and instead share it together as God's family that meets at St. Marys. This event is meant to return thanks to God for our families, to pray for them and to strengthen the bond of unity among them. A family that prays together and eats together: lives together. To help us to enter into the spirit of this celebration some guest preachers have been invited to give us a catechesis on the family.

Baptism preparation classes will take place on 9th & 10th of September at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. It is important that you keep time

The diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall Shrine of the English Martyrs will take place next Sunday the 1st September. Tours will be available from 11.30am. Confessions from 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm, Mass at 3.00 pm. Please remember take a chair with you!