

MASSES— 18th to 31st Dec 22

Sun	25	9.30am	Sr. Emmanuela & Emmanuel Anatuanya (B'day)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	26	9.30am	Josephine McCrave (Spl int)
Tues	27	9.30am	Edmond Malize (RIP)
Wed	28	9.30am	Ziggy Bentley (RIP)
Thurs	29	9.30am	Chukwudi Malize family (Spl int)
Fri	30	9.30am	
Sat	31	9.30pm	People of the parish
		10.00pm	Thanksgiving Adoration
		11.00pm	Eucharistic Celebration
Sun	01	9.30am	Thomas Griffith, Tony Clear (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish



Lectors

24/12/22 - 6.30pm-	Tasha, Maraobim (R)	9.00pm - Ernest, Filu Miranda (R)
	<u>25/12/2022</u>	<u>01/01/2023</u>
9.30am	Elizabeth H. , Cosmos (R)	Cath Slatter, Emmanuella (R)
11.30am	Emmanuel A., Florence E. (R)	Michelle, Perpertua ®
31/12/22 - 11.00pm	Emmanuel M., Patricia K. (R)	

Eucharistic Ministers

24/12/22	6.30pm - Cath Slatter	8.30pm - Serso, Lilian
25/12/22	9.30am - Vera	11.30am - Lilian, Frank

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

Anniversaries during the week : Joe Dunleavy, Patrick Flynn, John Allen, Paul Allen , Thomas Travers, Teresa Mawn, Denis McGrath, Pat Kinsella, Mary McClean, Patrick Joseph Wright, Bridget Margaret Theresa Sloan , John Ferry, Patrick McLaughlin, Margaret Moore, D. Stafford, Michael Murphy, Eddie Branfield, Myra Scott, Larry Mawn, Mary Woollett, Sammy Dowling, Thomas Griffith, Francis Jack Beaufay, Denis George, Josephine Armstrong, Vittoria Giampaglia, Carmel Ryan, George Pilkington, Peter Byrne, Caroline Balcarres, Bernard Joseph Doran, Philomena Mulvey , Gerald Patrick McNamee, Tom Dunleavy, Dymphnah Glennon, Elizabeth Benson, Hugh Matthew O'Neill, Sean Costelloe, Thomas Patrick Joyce, Patrick Gannon, Nora O'Brien.

Christmas Message...

*If you look for me at Christmas, you won't need a special star.
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem. I', right there where you are.
You may not be aware of me amid the celebrations,
You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment from your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness as I'm whispering your name.*

Love, Jesus



A.J. Missions St. Osburg Ss. Mary & Benedict St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter -Nativity of our Lord— 25th Dec 22 to 8th Jan 2023

BLESSED ARE THE FEET OF HIM WHO BRINGS GOOD NEWS.

It is wonderful again for us to celebrate Christmas together. The excitement of Christmas is celebrated by everyone intentionally or unintentionally. There is a feeling of rejoicing in the world. The decorations on our city streets and twinkling lights in our neighbourhoods delight everybody. It does not matter whether those who put them up were proclaiming the birth of Jesus, or whether they just put them up because it was time to put them up, what we know for certain is that at this time, Jesus is worshipped by everyone.

The first Christmas took place when the known world was on a move. The Roman emperor Augustus, had ordered a census; so, people were on a move going to their ancestral homes to be registered, among them was a young couple expecting the birth of a baby. There was a heavenly movement of the angel that carried the news to the shepherds tending their sheep in the Galilean wilderness not far from Bethlehem. There was a movement of the wisemen from the East who were on the way to Bethlehem in search of the new-born King.

There was a movement of the soldiers sent by Herod in search of the baby to do away with him. There was a movement of Mary and Joseph hastily escaping to Egypt to save the life of the baby Jesus. So Christmas is full of movements, no wonder, when it comes about, the whole world is thrown into frenzy of movements.

The movements that took place at the first Christmas, some we need to imitate, others we must hate. Let us imitate the Magi by setting out in search of Jesus the new-born King. The star to guide us is the Church. If we follow her teaching, we shall discover who Jesus is.

Let us imitate the Shepherds, who set out from the Galilean wilderness to go to Bethlehem to adore the new-born King. Let us imitate the movement of Mary and Joseph, who went everywhere in search of a place where their baby could be born and were again on another move to Egypt to disparately save his life.

With our whole souls, let us hate the movements of the soldiers sent by Herod with the intention to kill, to destroy. Let us eradicate in our life the attitude of Herod full of envy and jealousy. Let us be carriers of good news during this time. The first reading from Isaiah has praised the feet of him who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness and proclaims God's salvation. Jesus brought us the good news of God's salvation. We too must take it to others.

When we look back as a parish, or even as families, we can see clearly how the Lord has been present to us. Some of you read the bible at home, he has been speaking to you in the words of scriptures. We gather every Sunday for Holy Mass, he has been present to us as our bread of life. For the whole year, we had a priest, Jesus has been present to us as our High priest. There are so many ways in which God has taken care of us. Let us move forward just as people at the first Christmas. Above all let us be a people that proclaims the good news of God's salvation.





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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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 :268.00 £0 SO (Dec) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 556.85.00 Total: £. 824.85

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings:

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 257

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday-
10.10-11.00am.

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

Dear parishioners, I extend my greetings and best wishes for Christmas and a blessed new year 2023. I thank you for the support you have given me as your parish priest. I would not serve you with dedication, if you did not come onboard with a helping hand. The dedication of each one, makes it impossible for me to create a list of which person to thank more or to recognize.

Thank you to all who sent Christmas greetings and wishes to me and to the Sisters which carried lots of love and appreciation. May the peace of the Savior Jesus abide in all your homes and fill your hearts with joy this Christmas and New year 2023.

May the Saviour of the world, protected in the arms of Mary, protect you with his love and be gracious to you this Christmas.

May the Saviour of the world, at peace in the arms of Mary fill you with his peace and uplift you with joy this Christmas.

May the Saviour of the world, enfolded in the arms of Mary, enfolded you with his forgiveness and surround you with blessings this Christmas. Amen.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE



Peace Sunday is on 15 January, 2023. The resources come to you with the support of the International Affairs Department, of the Bishops' Conference, England and Wales. The theme chosen for 2023 by Pope Francis is: **"No one can be saved alone. Combating Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace "** The war in Ukraine is reaping innocent victims and spreading insecurity, not only among those directly affected, but in a widespread and indiscriminate way for everyone, also for those who, even thousands of kilometres away, suffer its collateral effects – we need but think of grain shortages and fuel prices. Let us pray that we become instruments of peace.

Invitation of Alter Servers to evening tea/Coffee: The Archbishop of Birmingham has sent a Certificate of recognition to the Altar Servers of St. Mary's both present and of the past, for 60 years of their service at the altar. On behalf of the Guild of St. Stephen, I would like to offer my congratulations to all Altar Servers of St. Mary's on the 60th (Diamond jubilee) of their ministry at the altar. St. Mary's Guild of St Stephen was established on 14th December 1962. I invite all who have served Mass at the altar of St. Mary's to come for a thanksgiving Mass on 28th January 2023 at 10.00am.

Christmas donation for your priests: Birmingham Archdiocese has a long standing tradition that the donations made on Christmas and Easter are given to the parish clergy as a collective appreciation for their ministry over the year and to support him to have a holiday. I thank you in advance. It is now 5 years since our parish priest had a holiday. You can use **Dona** machine under "Priest Christmas Offering" at the back of the church if you wish to give your Christmas gift. Envelopes are also available.

Death Announcement of Anthony Groogan of 24, Nelson Street whose reception will be on 4th January at 6.00pm and requiem Mass at 9.30am.

Reception and Requiem Mass of Jean McCarthy of 3 Newdigate Close, Bedworth will take place on 16th at 6.00pm and Requiem Mass on 17th January at 11.00am.

Death Announcement: with deep sorrow I wish to announce the death of Mr Samuel Wamuchiru Ngahu the dad of Mrs. Lilian Ndungu our Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister which occurred on 23rd December 2022 in Kenya. He was a very active man in the Church, a zeal that is reflected in the lives of his children and grand children. Lilian is treasurer of CWA– Kenya group. Our condolences to her family at this difficult time.

MASSES— 1st to 8th Jan 2023

Sun	01	9.30am	People of the parish
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Mon	02	9.30am	
Tues	03	9.30am	
Wed	04	9.30am	
		6.00pm	Reception—Anthony Groogan
Thurs	05	9.30am	Requiem Mass
Fri	06	9.30am	Epiphany of the Lord
Sat	07	9.30am	
Sun	08	9.30am	Deceased members of Keeney family
		11.30am	Alice Wambui (Spl int)

