

MASSES FROM 26th May to 2nd June 2019

Sun	26	9.30am	Maria Eu, Janina Skrzypek, Thomas Duignan (RIP) Jan Siekierski, (RIP)
		11.30am	Letetion Yacob, Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP) Michael Lanigan (B'day)
Mon	27	9.30am	Josephine Axworthy (RIP), Phil Kenney (Spl int)
Tues	28	9.30am	Sandra (Thanksgiving)
Wed	29	9.30am	John & Valana D'Souza (Wed Anni)
Thurs	30	6.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers
		7.00pm	(Solemnity of Ascension) Ada Woods (Spl int), Mick Leslie (90th B'day)
Fri	31	9.30am	Mary Connor (RIP)
Sat	01	9.30am	John & Bella Curristan (RIP)
Sun	02	9.30am	Peter Harte (B'day remembrance), Pearl & Derrick Iriandn (Spl int)
		11.30am	Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

26/05/2019

9.30am Julia Hunt, James M. (R)
Ann M. (E)
11.30am Valerie, Petra (R)
Lilian, Frank (E)

02/06/2019

Antonia A. & Noah (R)
Elizabeth P. (E)
Kissaneth, Honorine (R)
Patricia, 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. Tony Smith.

Anniversaries during the week: Gerald Doyle, Michael McMillan, Margaret Murphy, Antony Nicholl, Ann Bridget Kavanagh, Mary O'Sullivan, Eugene Heavey, Sarah Furey, Ellen Heavey, Brenda Moles, Charles Russell, Brigid M Domican, John Brennan, Thomas Malone, Veronica Bridget Byrne, Bridget Bernadette Murphy, John Peter Dunnion, Danny Dorrian, Alec John Garner, John Crone.

Prayer to Virgin Mother: Holy Mary help those in need, give strength to the week, comfort the sorrowful, pray for God's people, assist the clergy, intercede for Religious. Mary all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen.



If any parishioner is sick or in hospital, please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital ask for their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— SIXTH SUNDAY—26th May to 2nd June 2019

THE ASCENSION

The ascension of Jesus is his departure from Earth into the presence of God in heaven. The biblical narrative in Acts Chapter 1 takes place 40 days after the resurrection. Jesus ascended to heaven as his disciples looked on until a cloud hid him from their sight (Acts 1:9). In the tradition reflected in the Christian Creed, the ascension is connected with the exaltation of Jesus, meaning that through it, Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God; *"He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty."* Christian art depicts the ascending Jesus blessing an earthly group below him, signifying the entire Church.



The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated on the 40th day of Easter, always a Thursday. Orthodox tradition has a different calendar up to a month later than in the Latin tradition. While the Anglican communion continues to observe the feast most Evangelical churches have abandoned it!

The traditional site of the ascension is the "Mount of Olives, on which the village of Bethany sits. Before the conversion of Constantine in 312 AD, early Christians secretly celebrated the ascension of Christ in a cave on the Mount, and by 384 the ascension was venerated on the present site, uphill from the cave.

Around the year 390 a wealthy Roman woman named Poimения financed the construction of a church called "Eleona Basilica" (*elaion* in Greek means "olive garden". This church was destroyed by Sassanid Persians in 614. It was rebuilt, destroyed and rebuilt again by the Crusaders. This final church was destroyed by Muslims, leaving only a 12x12 meter octagonal structure (called a *martyrium*) that remains to this day. The site of ascension was conquered by Muslims in the year 1198 and has remained in the possession of the Islamic Waqf of Jerusalem ever since.

The Solemnity of ascension will be marked on Thursday. It is a ***Day of Obligation***. Jesus leaves us with a promise: *I'm going to prepare a place for you, ... I shall return to take you with me* (Jn 14:3). We are not here to stay forever, but we are on a pilgrimage to our Heavenly Home where Jesus is.

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.



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

Parish Development

Collection: **Gift Aid:** £359.30 **Non-Gift Aid:** £411.15 **Total :** £770.45

Counters : Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul

Mass Attendance : 611

Bonus Ball : No 18 Millie

2nd collections :

2nd collection for the months of June & July : 9th June— Catholic communications;
16th June—Day for life; 30th June—Peter's Pence; 14th July—Apostleship of the sea.

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.

Feasts during the week: **30th May:** *The Ascension of Jesus is the departure of Christ from Earth into the presence of God. The biblical narrative in Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Apostles takes place 40 days after the resurrection of Jesus.* **31st May** - *the Visitation is the visit of St. Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, to St. Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, Luke 1:39–56 .* **1st June:** Justin Martyr was an early Christian apologist, and is regarded as the foremost interpreter of the theory of the Logos in the 2nd century.

Matters of Importance

Survive MIVA Appeal: we welcome Mrs Hervey Duffy and her husband who are making appeals on behalf of Survive Miva a Catholic lay Association that provides funding for pastoral care, essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas of the world. Please support them if you can.

Catholic Charismatic Conference also known as CELEBRATE will take place on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July at Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield. Celebrate is a Catholic Charismatic conference for all, young and old, open to individuals and families alike. It is hoped the weekend will help you find fresh inspiration and renewal in your faith in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Important training on the horizon: the Archdiocesan Cathedral Staff will be providing training sessions for parishes from June to November. The training will deal with finance, property, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and safeguarding. The training will be for Priests, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners. Each day will have the following structure: 10am Safeguarding 11am Coffee 11.20 GDPR 12.40pm Lunch 1.20 Property 2.40 Finances 3.30 Finish. It is anticipated that each of the speakers will be available for questions over lunch. Lunch and coffee will be provided. Saturday 21st September 2019 at the Parish of Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes, Coventry. Address: 14 Westhill Road, Coventry, CV6 2AA.

Eighteen Polish Speaking Children: who have been taking their catechism classes in preparation for First Holy Communion, received the Sacrament yesterday. Congratulations to them and to their families.

Death Announcement: I regret to let you know that the parish lost Mrs. Dorota from the Polish Speaking community. She was 49 leaving behind 8 children! Her burial will take place in Poland in the course of the week . Our sincere prayers and condolences to the family

New Appointments from September: Archbishop Bernard has appointed Mgr Timothy Menezes Dean of St Chad's Cathedral. He served as Vicar General for eight years. He has appointed Fr Stephen Wright , Parish Priest of St Mary and St. Modwen, Burton on Trent, since 2007 and Episcopal Vicar for Religious since 2014 as the new Vicar General. These are outstanding hard working priests of our diocese. Please keep them in your prayers.

Places in St. Mary & St. Benedict Nursery There are a few spaces in our Nursery class for September 2019 - if you know of a family who might be interested then please ask them to go to the school office. The child needs to be 3 years old by 31st August 2019. The school offers full and part-time places .

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes left last Saturday (25th May) led by Archbishop Bernard Longley Please keep all pilgrims in your prayers.

Oscott college presents a series of talks over three consecutive evenings, on 19th , 20th & 21st June from 6.30pm to 9.00pm introducing the inspiring life and influence of Blessed John Henry Newman as we prepare for canonisation by Pope Francis. Advance bookings only. Contact details : Tel. 01213215026 ; Email. margaret.wilson@oscott.org.

Confirmation preparation classes for the children studying in non Catholic schools will begin in September. Parents who are interested kindly meet the sisters to enrol the names of your children.