

MASSES 26th Sept to 3rd Oct 2021

Sun	26	9.30am	SSA (Spl int)
		11.30am	Esperanza & family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	27	9.30am	Lutwama family (Spl int)
Tues	28	9.30am	Maureen Maguire (RIP)
Wed	29	9.30am	Joan O'Keefe (RIP)
Thurs	30	9.30am	Holy souls
Fri	01	9.30am	Sick of the parish
Sat	02	9.30am	Paigide McGrane (RIP), Lucia Drabik (96th B'day)
Sun	03	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

26/09/2021

9.30am Anthonia A., Creshel (R)
11.30am Angela K., Frank (R)

02/10/2021

Godfrey, Nicholas (R)
Elena, Florence K. (R)

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

Anniversaries during the week: Francis Corrigan, T. O'Driscoll, Peter Kenneth Kenny, Fredrick R W Quinney, Anne Travers, John Joseph McSweeney, Alan Conlon, Patrick Benson, Mary Shepherd, Mary O'Neill, Catherine Kennedy, Catherine O'Brien.

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.

Inspirational Story—The proud Rose

Once upon a time, in a desert far away, there was a rose who was so proud of her beautiful looks. Her only complaint was growing next to an ugly cactus.

Every day, the beautiful rose would insult and mock the cactus on his looks, all while the cactus remained quiet. All the other plants nearby tried to make the rose see sense, but she was too swayed by her own looks.

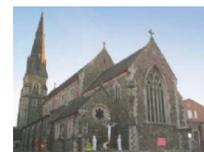
One scorching summer, the desert became dry, and there was no water left for the plants. The rose quickly began to wilt. Her beautiful petals dried up, losing their lush color.

Looking to the cactus, she saw a sparrow dip his beak into the cactus to drink some water. Though ashamed, the rose asked the cactus if she could have some water. The kind cactus readily agreed, helping them both through the tough summer, as friends.

Moral: Never judge anyone by the way they look.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter- 26th Sunday in ordinary time - 26th Sept- 3rd October 2021

COULD THIS BE THE CAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE?

There is something that my mind cannot get to terms with which is this: "the shortage of priests and preachers in the church contrasted with the abundance of military men and women, police officers and government spies" the world has abundance of these. I have never heard of any country lamenting lack of these men of war despite many of them dying young, lonely and a violent death.

On the contrary, the church in every country is crying lack of priests and preachers. What brings about this difference? While the duty to fight for the country seems to be the work of every citizen, the duty to defend the faith seems to be for "others" take note of the words "for others". To think that preaching the word and prophecy is for them, not for us or for me is the reason why the church lacks priests and preachers.

In the desert on the way from Egypt to the promised land, Moses had appointed 70 elders to assist him in governing the people. Yahweh gave them a share in his spirit but not permanently, it was a temporary charismatic manifestation of prophecy. After it ceased, two men Eldad and Medad who were not part of the 70, received a belated Pentecost that they too began to prophesy. So a zealous young man urged Moses to stop them.

Something similar appears in the gospel, in the market place the apostles found a man who was not known to them, he was not even a member of the wide community yet there he was preaching about Jesus and making miracles in his name. They too stopped him!

This is where the shortage of priests, preachers and evangelizers lies. Many times we think that preaching belongs to some people or that only selected individuals should speak about God. But as you notice, the reply of Jesus and Moses is the contrary, the spirit of God can move anybody to preach about him and to make miracles in his name. These readings carry a warning against clerical arrogance that refuses to recognise the charismatic gifts possessed by members of the church or indeed by people outside the church and to see in their activities a genuine witness to the work of the Spirit and to the cause of Christ.

Baptised people think that the none baptised are destined to hell, even among baptised, Pentecostal and evangelicals might think that Catholics pagans. They treat each other with mutual suspicion even though they all believe in Jesus. Let us realise that God gives his spirit to every person he wishes.

As you return home today, let us have some homework: Let us examine our attitude towards making God known and to manifest his love. We need not be priests, to visit the sick, to counsel the ignorant or to forgive someone.

Secondly, go and be just, don't hold back someone's right or exploit anybody by underpaying him. The injustice we do to others will never pass unnoticed by God. Therefore it does not matter who you are or what you do, or to which group you belong, we are all called to be witnesses of Christ to everyone. The shortage of priests might be because you think it belongs to others. You are called to fill the gap.

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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 : 129.00 **SO () : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 203.28 **Total:** £332.28

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection : 26/09/2021- Father Hudson's care

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 301

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: By appointment only

Reflection:

Friends, especially close friends, are a blessing most of the time. Friendship is a good thing. And when you have a close friend, you find great consolation in knowing your friend is deeply committed to you and will always be there for you. But every friendship must be continually evaluated in the light of faith and truth. Sometimes friendships can get in the way of our faith in God and can be a powerful influence upon us in a negative way.

Reflect, today, upon your friendships. If you have a close and intimate friend in your life, reflect upon how you influence that person or how he/she influences you. Make sure that Christ is the centre and that faith always prevails in this natural bond.

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. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Gift Aid: thanks to you all my parishioners for your financial generosity which has sustained the parish during these hard times. If you are an existing Gift Aider, it is important to let us know of any changes to your circumstances. If you pay tax on your income I urge you to join Gift Aid Scheme. Please contact Sr. Leera for details. In the light of the Pandemic, please consider establishing standing order for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Baptisms : Jan Michal Kadluczka son of Grzegorz K. & Paulina K. will be baptised on 2nd October, Alexander Esosa son of Harrison Esosa & Maria Kamela will be baptised on 9th Oct and Nataana Nasha daughter of Edwin Sanare & Lynn Wachuka will be baptised on 10th Oct at St. Mary's Church. Congratulations to the parents on accepting the gift of life.

Blessing of the grave : Due to Covid 19 Pandemic, the deanery blessing of graves during this time has been postponed. If you would like to have Fr. Jimmy to visit the grave of your loved one during the month of November please contact him but the blessing of graves will take place at a later date to be communicated by the Dean.

Monday Club: will resume on Monday **4th October at 12.30pm**. A light lunch for £1.50, followed by a game of bingo. If you would like to come and socialise please just turn up and bring your friends and neighbours who would be interested to be in our little social gathering. Please put this date in your diary.

Annual intercultural Mass and social gathering will take place on Saturday 16 October 12.30pm St Osburgs church to celebrate Coventry as a City of Culture. St. Osburg being a mother church in the city deserves that precedence. St. Marys parish choir has been invited to provide music. All are welcome. Please bring food from your country to share.

Catechism for FHC- Children studying in non Catholic schools and are preparing to receive First Holy Communion & Confirmation, the preparation classes will commence on 8th Oct at 5.00pm in the parish hall. I request the parents to send their children for the Catechism classes without fail. It is our first priority to instil into the hearts of our children the faith which is precious.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) The first initial meeting will be on Monday **4th October at 6.00pm in** the parish hall. 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.

Congratulations to six children from our school who received their First Holy Communion yesterday

Catechetical bottom line:

The Church Commandments:

A. What are the precepts (laws) of the Church?

1. To attend Mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation.
2. To fast and to abstain on the days appointed.
3. To confess our sins at least once a year.
4. To receive Holy Communion during the Easter time.
5. To contribute to the support of the Church.

B. What is fasting? What is abstinence? When are these obligatory?

Fasting is to take no food or liquid for a certain time. Fasting is binding on those from ages 18 to 60. Abstinence is refraining from doing something, especially from eating certain foods. A day of abstinence is one on which we are not allowed to eat meat. Abstinence from meat is obligatory for Catholics who have passed their fourteenth year.