

MASSES— 27th Aug to 3rd Sept. 2023

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| Sun | 27 | 9.30am | Margaret Healy (B'day) Tosh A. (B'day) Sean Osagie (B'day) Mary Hewson (R.I.P.) |
| | | 11.30am | Taylor Family (Thanks giving) Obinna Ofeli & Family (Thanksgiving) |
| Mon | 28 | 930am | Ann Malize (Birthday) |
| Tues | 29 | 9.30am | Emmanuel Malize (Spl, Int.) |
| Wed | 30 | 9.30am | Liz & Ansson (Spl. Int.) |
| Thurs | 31 | 9.30am | Patricia Swain, Mary Flanagan and John Gallagher (R.I.P) |
| Fri | 01 | 9.30am | Letitia & family (Spl. Int) Phil Dunleavy (Birthday Remembrance) |
| Sat | 02 | 9.30am | Benjamin Alufeagba (75th B'day (Thanksgiving) |
| Sun | 03 | 9.30am | Fr, Jimmy (Thanksgiving) |
| | | 11.30am | Benjamin Alufeagba 75th B'day, Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving) |

Lectors

27/08/2023

03/09/2023

9.30am Children (R)

Nicholas O Filomena (R)

11.30am Children (R)

Morgan Mary (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

13/08/2023

20/08/2023

9.30am Felix. (E)

Sophie (E)

11.30am Patricia (E)

Serso (E)

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Frances Smyth John Sheehan, Brendon Noel Gilroy, Bridget Mulrooney Michael Flahive, Eileen Nora Clarke, Margaret rose Mullins, Roy Darlison, Nora Bernadette Hanbury, Marion Glennon, Janey Walsh, P.J. McGrath,

To Reflect on... today, upon the words ***"Take up your cross and follow Me."*** This is Jesus' most sacred instruction to us all on how we should live and how we will share in His gift of eternal life. What cross in your life are you fearful of? What act of sacrifice do you avoid? True love hurts in the sense that it is always selfless. We must die to ourselves. Reflect upon any way that you fail to do this, and allow Jesus' rebuke of Peter to also rebuke you so that you will be freed from the fear of this holy sacrificial love that will unite you to our Lord.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th Aug –3rd Sept 2023

KEEP AWAY FROM THIS TEMPTATION

The readings today have spoken to us about the wisdom of God and how his plans are mysterious. Who could ever know the mind of the Lord or give him advice, or correct him on what we human beings see as mistake! God has a reason for whatever he allows to take place in our life, and it is for our good.

Thanks to the telephone calls, text messages, emails and personal visits I have received from many of you since I announced last Sunday that I will leave the parish on 3rd Sept 2023. Some of you have said that they are disappointed by my departure. As a matter of fact, you should be happy that someone who was sent to you has finished his term of office. We never get disappointed to see our children getting married and start their own homes, do we? Do we get upset because the bridegroom and the bride have said "I DO" to each other? Yet we know that these words take them away from their families to go to start their own. Something of the kind is taking place in our parish.

In the gospel Jesus asked the apostles: "*who do the people say the Son of Man is*"? He was not conducting an opinion poll or trying to see how popular he was in the region of Caesarea Philippi. He wanted to make sure that the Apostles had the right knowledge of who he was. *Some say..., some say..., others say....* These answers revealed two points:

First, that the people who observed Christ's ministry held him in high regard. They did not think of him to be a lunatic or a religious fanatic. They equated him to the great prophets in their history Elijah, Jeremiah, John the Baptist.

Second there was some confusion about the true identity of Jesus among the people.

In the changes that take place in our life

we must not lose the identity of Jesus and his plan in our life, in the parish and in the church. Do not follow the messenger but follow the one who sends him.

In the last 15 years and 6 months we have confessed Jesus as the Christ, let us continue doing so. It is not time to migrate to other parishes, keep away from this temptation because your mission, your calling is here at St. Mary's. You must take the parish into your hands, take the steering wheel, engage the gears, apply the breaks, don't overspeed or hold back the traffic. Jesus is with us in the boat, do not be afraid we shall safely reach the shore.

Missionaries are like the frontline of the army in a battle, their work is to extend the frontiers captured from the enemy. Diocesan priests are like the occupying force of the conquered territory. You should be happy that your priest has been sent to the frontline. Pray for him for a successful battle. Stay at St. Marys, build it because it is your duty to do so.

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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

SO (Aug.) : £ Gift Aid :100.60 Dona: £131.50 Non-Gift Aid: £ 494.20 Total: £ 726.30

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you all.

Readings: Isaiah: 22:19-23 Rom. 11:33-36 Mt. 16: 13-20

2nd collection :

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 328

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10-11.00am.

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI:

(18th—26th August)

O God who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic Barberi to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal, and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord,

Amen

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God—pray for us

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Waiting for the new parish priest: our parish will not have a resident parish priest for some time, however there will be someone responsible for the pastoral care of everyone. Since 2008, we have not suffered this or given it a thought, God has been good. I know that the love you have for the parish is making some of you to get worried, however there is no need to panic, the parish will be taken care of until a new parish priest is named. Please pray for the speedy completion of the *visa* application of the missionary priest who has been appointed to our English Mission.

Start School? Children born between 1st Sept 2019 and 31st August 2020 can start school in September 2024. You can find out all you need to know about school admission and apply on line from September 2023 at www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions or you can telephone school admissions on 02476975445. For details see noticeboard.

Wedding bells: please remember to pray for Mr. Peter Hallinan and Shiku Williams who will get married here on Wednesday 30th August. We wish them all the best in their consecrated life.

Sr. Leera Lobo we welcome her to our community after her return from India. We hope that she will get better as she gets climatised with our English weather. Thank you all for praying for her safe travel.

Fencing off part of Parish car park: The diocese has, with the consent of the parish, entered into agreement with Coventry University to lease part of the car park to it for about 15 years. A fence has been erected but it is not thought to affect the parking of your vehicles.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Catechism classes: Parents with children, studying in non Catholic schools, the Catechism classes will begin in September. Please enrol your child's name with Sr. Leena so that we can plan the programme.

Coventry Cathedral: if you have stories and objects relating to the Second World War, please contact them to include them in their Digital Collection Day on Saturday 9 September 2023. If you have any questions, please email events@coventrycathedral.org.uk or theirfinesthour@ell.ox.ac.uk.

Second Collection: there will be a second collection on the weekend of 2nd/3rd September 2023 for the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries in formation. Make it a habit to support the training of our missionary priests. The Institute of AJ is sending you a priest, let us train more and send them out to keep faith alive until the Lord will visit his people with priests of their own in sufficient numbers.

Parish Family Thanksgiving Day: will be celebrated on Sunday 17th Sept. 2023. Holy Mass will begin at 11:00am followed by get together with our families in the parish gardens. I will be pleased if we can have cultural dances from different communities. If you are willing to stage one, please let me know.

Safeguarding: the parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are Mrs. Perpetua Sam and Mrs. Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk.

My last Sunday Mass as your parish priest will be the coming Sunday 3rd Sept. since I remain in the deanery, we shall meet so often. My new address is:

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