

MASSES— 27hFeb to 6th March 22

Sun	27	9.30am	Neil McHugh & Sara Gordon (RIP)
		11.30am	Jimmy Ferry (Ann) , Mr & Mrs Jumbi Andeas, & Mangwa Mounchoh RIP Bridget Okpo (B'day)
Mon	28	12.00noon	Chris Andrea B/D, Samuel Serges, Margaret Higgins (RIP)
Tues	01	9.30am	Taneyin David Okeme (B/d Thanksgiving)
Ash Wed		9.30am	Margaret Higgins RIP.
		6:00pm	Peace in Europe
Thurs	03	9.30am	John Clancy & Zygmunt Drabik (RIP Ann))
Fri	04	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Dolores Connelly (RIP)
Sat	05	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy Lutwama (S. Int) Sean Fitzpatrick (RIP)
Sun	06	9.30am	Adora D'Souza (B/d)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Sp. Int)

Lectors

27/02/2022

9.30am Anthonia A. , Cath Slatter (R)

11.30am Valerie, Scalett (R)

06/03/2022

Asipitha, Elizabeth H. (R)

Louis, Perpetua (R)

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny McAndrew, Teresa Mcafffer, Andrea.

Anniversaries during the week: Francis Joseph McClule, Patrick James Ward, Gussie Stapleton, Mary O'Brien, Kevin David McCarthy, Colin Edward Read, Betty Heavy, William Mooney, Maureen Power , Michael Joseph Lanigan, Josiah Morgan, Fr. Bob Wright, John O'Driscoll .

Popes's intention for March: *for a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.*

SPIRITUAL QUOTES :

“If any want to become my followers,” Jesus says. Following Him is not something that is self-evident, even among the disciples. No one can be forced, no one can be expected to follow Him...

“If any want to follow me, they must deny themselves... and take up their cross””



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—8th Sunday in ordinary Time 27th Feb—6th March 2022

PASTORAL LETTER OF THE MOST REV. BERNARD LONGLEY ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM FOR THE 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 26/27 FEB 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, *Never give in...keep on working at the Lord's work always.* I know that there are so many important and serious matters to claim our attention as we gather for Mass this Sunday. We are beginning to emerge from the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic and to reflect on the personal as well as the global impact of the last two extraordinary years. We are reaching a pivotal moment on the Synodal Pathway, with the many valuable contributions from parishes, chaplaincies, Religious Orders, organisations and individuals currently being collated so as to shape our diocesan report. We find ourselves again on the cusp of Lent, when Our Lord offers us a fresh opportunity to decide what is truly important in life and what can be discarded – what will enable us to be faithful and loving followers of Christ and what will only serve to lead us astray. But perhaps above all this Sunday we are conscious of the worsening situation in Ukraine and the threat of war. On Wednesday, at his weekly audience, Pope Francis said: Like me, many people throughout the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests ... I would like all those who have the political responsibility to make a serious examination of conscience before God, who is the God of peace and not of war ... He wants us to be brothers and not enemies. The Holy Father has asked us to fast for peace on Ash Wednesday and to pray that the Queen of Peace will preserve the world from the madness of war. I have asked all our priests to offer a Votive Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice during this week. I know that you will join me in praying for the people of Ukraine, remembering especially the clergy and parishioners of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church together with my brother bishop, the Ukrainian Eparch Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski. These are sombre times to be approaching Lent, far from the mood of carnival so often associated with Shrovetide. There is so much in the news to make us frown with disapproval. But we cannot afford to cast a critical eye on all that is happening around us if it causes us to forget what also lies within us: for a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

As we prepare for Lent it is good to recall that Shrovetide signifies the time for confessing our sins and repairing our relationship with God and with one another. In his Message for Lent, Pope Francis writes: Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up". Today's reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians carries the same encouragement: *Never give in...keep on working at the Lord's work always.* The best way to begin our Lenten pilgrimage and to sustain us along the way is by seeking God's forgiveness through the sacraments. Once again, the Holy Father urges us in his Lenten Message: Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving.

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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 : £157.00 SO (Dec) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 414.00 Total: £571

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 317

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10
-11.00am.

Gospel Reflection

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” Luke 6:43

Reflect, today, upon the important mission you have been given to go forth and to bear an abundance of good fruit in our world. This mission can be accomplished only as a result of a life of holiness. This holiness is only accomplished when your roots are firmly grounded in the life of grace. Embrace this life of grace through the many means that God has set before you, and know that the commitment you make to holiness will bring health not only to your own soul, but also to the souls of those whom God will touch through you.

Second collections: Next Sunday 6th March— for Cathedral Maintenance;
13th March - CAFOD Lent fast day. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter *continued....*Being forgiven through the power of the Holy Spirit, and in a sacramental manner that leaves no room for doubt, is a compelling motive for seeking to forgive those who may have hurt or wronged us. Among some remarkable examples of forgiveness over recent days I was particularly struck and moved by the Christian witness of the sister of Fr Jacques Hamel who was murdered at the altar during Mass in 2016. Rosaline Hamel decided to reach out to the mother of one of the men accused of murdering her brother. She explained: I thought, ‘What if it was my son who, despite the education I had given him, had taken the wrong path to the point of becoming an assassin? How great would my pain have been then?’ Her faith in Christ enabled her to find forgiveness in her heart – not to condemn but to console, so that, in her own words: we could handle our pain together. Forgiving is the Lord's work. He readily forgives us when we humbly ask his mercy – and he brings forgiveness through us when we find the grace and the strength to forgive others. We can find that grace in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation – the place where we learn to notice and take out the plank that is in our own eye so that we can see clearly again. I wish you every blessing this Lent and I echo the Holy Father's prayer for all of us: May the Virgin Mary ... obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth the fruits of eternal salvation. Yours devotedly in Christ +Bernard Longley Archbishop

Ash Wednesday: (2 March 2022) marks the start of the Lenten season. Lent is traditionally a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It is a time when we can prepare our hearts for the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death. It concludes and is followed by the Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The six-week period (excluding Sundays) is dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum. **There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday—9.30am & 6.00pm.**

Change of Friday Mass time: during Lent the Church celebrates the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. To enable as many people as possible to participate in this pious activity, we shall have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments: In the next three Sundays (6th March, 13th March and 20th March) we shall be praying for the candidates for Baptism and reception into full communion with the Catholic Church. As they will present themselves to us asking for our prayers for them, we shall also present ourselves to them promising them our prayers. I ask the candidates to be present on Sunday at the 9:30am Mass because of the rituals that are carried out as part of their preparation to receive the Sacraments.

Visit of the relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous as we begin to emerge from the pandemic, the Bishops of England and Wales will welcome a pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes. The pilgrimage will take place in September and October this year. I hope, like the visit of the relics of Saint Therese of Lisieux and of Saint John Mary Vianney, this will be a time marked by many graces for us. The relics of St Bernadette will be coming to the Archdiocese from **7-10 October 2022**. More details to follow in due course.

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. This year's theme is ‘#Break the Bias’ for a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination; one that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. Difference is valued and celebrated. We can break the bias in our communities, homes, our workplaces, our schools, colleges and universities today and beyond.