

MASSES— 27th Mar to 3rd Apr 22

Sun	27	9.30am	Jack McCrave (RIP), Maria Drabik (RIP)
		11.30am	Pa John Azong (RIP) Evarest Nnamdi Obi (RIP) CWA B'ham (Thanksgiving) Emmanuel Luther (Thanksgiving)
Mon	28	12.00noon	Patsy Leslie (RIP)
Tues	29	9.30am	Tony Kelly (RIP)
Wed	30	9.30am	Geraldine Clarkson (Spl int)
Thurs	31	9.30am	Maria Drabik (RIP)
Fri	01	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Melvis Mangwa (Spl int), Kayla Mapuranga (B'day) Elias Mapuranga (B'day remembrance)
Sat	02	9.30am	Dulani Ferando (Thanksgiving)
Sun	03	9.30am	Evarest Nnamdi Obi (RIP)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

27/03/2022

9.30am Naomi, Noah (R)
11.30am Preethi, Maame (R)

03/04/2022

Stephen P., Elizabeth H. (R)
Scarlett, Valerie (R)

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

Anniversaries during the week: Aloysius Patalong, Emma O'Brien, Marie Concepta Garner, Walter roach, John Molloy, Michael Cox, Bob Brolly (Snr) , James Herbert, Patrick McHugh, Eric Donnelly, Mary Ellen Allen, Mick Fitzgerald , Seamus Mulrooney, Phelena Seaman, Anne Brennan, Thomas Brophy, John Dunning.

Dates your diary - First Holy communion: Confessions—28th March at 6.00pm in church; Sunday 9.30am Mass for FHC - 15th May ; FHC - 21st May at 10.30am .

WHY DID JESUS DIE

JESUS DIED THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

Genesis 2:17 tells us that the effect of eating the forbidden fruit was spiritual death (for all mankind) and the penalty for disobedience to God was eternal separation from Him. We have earned eternal death but God in His mercy provided a means for us to be reconciled back to Him and to enjoy life eternal - through the death of His Son Jesus (Romans 6:23).

John the Baptist, after agreeing to baptize Jesus along with the sinners, looked at Jesus and pointed Him out as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." By doing so, he reveals that Jesus is at the same time the suffering Servant (Is 53:7-8) who silently allows Himself to be led to the slaughter and who bears the sin of the multitudes



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— Fourth Sunday of Lent—27th Mar to 3rd Apr 2022

AWAY FROM THE FATHER THINGS GO WRONG

The parable of the Prodigal son is one of the best Jesus told to help people to know God and his attitude. This parable is not exclusively about forgiving it also tells the unforgiving attitude showed by the elder brother towards his younger brother. The parable is also about the servants who could not understand why the return of a lost brother could cause so much anger, or why a boy who wished his father for the dead, could return and be received as a King. At the centre of this parable, is the Mercy of God which cuts across the saints and sinners.

Our life lies between the attitude of the elder son and that of the servants, but Jesus expects us to have the attitude of the father. The elder brother felt that forgiveness was impossible. The servants were left wondering why the elder brother was indignant and how the father could be generous to his children irrespective of their behaviour. We are reminded that the goodness of God and his mercy go far beyond human selfish motives and calculations.

The Prodigal son exemplifies all of us. Sometimes we think that we know better than our parents, or that we can live away from their

support or that if they give us a share of their property, we can move away and live an independent life. But in this parable, Jesus teaches us that once we get separated from our parents or distanced from them emotionally, we cannot live a normal life!

At the time when the boy left his father, he had everything; his pockets were full of money, he was surrounded by friends, he thought that he was now free at last, dad would not bother him, mom would not disturb him, so he was free. However, removed from the love and security of his father and mother he lost his way. Some of our boys and girls have the same feelings, they think that the parents are disturbing them or restricting their freedom to do things, to go out and to return home at any time they wish. Jesus teaches us that once we cut ourselves away from the love of God, from the love of the parents, from the love of the family or from the love of the Church, we are heading for ruin. Who ever separates from the embrace of the family, is playing in the lion's jaws to live a miserable life.

Today is mothering Sunday, we thank God for the gift of the Church our mother, and we thank God for that woman in our life we call mother. Sin would not rob us of the dignity we possess or make us slaves of our passions if we remain in the love of God and the teaching of the Church. Brothers and sisters children of God, I'm sure that if you count yourself successful, it is because you took time to listen to your mother even when what she asked you to do was difficult. If you count yourself a failure, you will also look back with regret to those moments when she guided you to do the right thing and you did not. It is never too late to return to God or to mend broken relationships or to forgive the person that offended you. The attitude that Jesus wants us to have is that of mercy.

As you return home today, fix your mind on the image of encountering the mercy of God. Go and love the Church and be obedient to her teaching. Go and love your mother, pray for her and be obedient and be obedient to her, if you still have one.

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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 : £ 87.00 **SO (Mar) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 538.79 **Total:** £625.79

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 360

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10 -11.00am.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAMME - April -2022

Mon	11th	9.30am	Mass
Tue	12th	9.30am	Mass
Wed	13th	9.00am	Mass
Thur	14th	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	15th	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		3.30pm	Celebration of the Passion of our Lord.
Sat	16th	8.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun	17th	9.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
Mon	18th	10.00am	Easter Monday Mass- St. Osburgs
Sun	24th	2:00pm	Divine Mercy prayers.
		3.45pm	Holy Mass

Traditional Easter Monday Mass: will take place at St. Osburgs. There will not be Mass here at Easter Monday and in other parishes. We want to come together as a people of this city to celebrate easter together. Mass will start at 10:00am.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Confession and Reconciliation: speaks volumes about who you are as a person and what you are as a baptised. In ordinary life, to say sorry to someone, restores broken relationship and makes good whatever has gone wrong. Our relationship with God is restored when we acknowledge our sins and confess them to God. In the parish, the number of people seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation reveals the holiness of its people. It is time again to renew our holiness and commitment to holiness of life by celebrating the Sacrament of Confession together. Our **Parish penitential service** will on Monday 4th April at 6.00pm. Priests from the deanery will be here to help us with individual confessions. I request you to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family in preparation to celebrate Easter.

Consecration of Russia and Ukraine: last Friday 25th March, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Archbishop Bernard Longley united the Archdiocese with this Act through the praying of the Act of Consecration in St Chad's Cathedral and lead a Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine. Catholic bishops throughout the world joined in the Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace. It was an act of spiritual surrender in which the Pope recognised the people of both nations as children of God, and entrusted them to Mary's care. Acts of consecration are a great tradition in the Church. They often feature the person of Mary who invites us to come to her and entrust our troubles to her.

Change of Mass time due to the Chrism Mass which will take place on Wed 13th April 2022, Mass will be at 9:00am to enable the parish priest to attend. Unfortunately, other than those members of the lay faithful assisting at the Mass, the invitation is not extended to the wider public due to reduced capacity in St Chad's Cathedral. Mass will start at 11.30am.

Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA a renowned Polish preacher on Divine Mercy Devotion will visit St. Mary's Parish and preach at both Masses on Sunday 1st May 2022 the Sunday following the Feast of Divine Mercy.

Nurses and doctors needed: every year the diocese brings sick pilgrims to Lourdes, a pilgrimage that they cannot make without the support from the wonderful doctors and nurses who come with us. Without your expertise we cannot give as many pilgrims the wonderful experience of Lourdes. This is an opportunity for you to do something new and to make a real difference for these travellers. Doctors are a valuable addition to a clinical team in Lourdes. If you wish to offer your services please email: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

Gift Aid Envelops: I thank you all for the support you give to the parish through Gift Aid. It is your generosity that keep the parish. As the tax year is coming to an end by 31st March those who need the envelopes kindly collect them at the piety stall as you leave the Church today. If you pay tax on your income to the HMRC I encourage you to consider giving your Sunday donations through Gift Aid. Please talk to Sr. Leera today.

Death Announcement: I regret to announce to you the death of Maria Drabik, daughter of Lucia Drabik and sister to Sophie Drabik our Eucharistic Minister who passed on in the presence of her family on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 11:00pm. When Maria was born, the doctors gave her only six years to live, but the love of her family, the care of her mother Lucia and the faith commitment of Maria, God overlooked all predictions that she lived for sixty one years filled with faith and innocence of life. The parish extends condolences to her mother Lucia thanking her for such dedication to save the life of a child beyond what medical experts had decreed. The funeral will be communicated later. May Maria rest in eternal peace.