

MASSES 28th July to 4th Aug 2019

Sun	28	9.30am	Mrs. Tran (Get well), Christian Sherrell (Spl int)
		11.30am	Mami Mary Mangwa, Richard Dominic (RIP), Terry Kimani & Family, Marcel & Stella Umeh family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	29	9.30am	Sr. Teresina Cudilil (RIP)
Tues	30	9.30am	Holy souls
Wed	31	9.30am	Sr. Margaret Mary (RIP)
Thurs	01	10.00am	Requiem Mass—Brian John fleck
Fri	02	9.30am	Thomas Mooney (RIP)
Sat	03	9.30am	Frank O'Reilly (RIP), Mr. & Mrs. Tran (Get well)
Sun	04	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Mami Cecile Nzanda & Martha Ekobe, (RIP)
			Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP), Tracy Mungai (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

28/07/2019

9.30am Bob Haddock , Anthonia A. (R)
Barbara (E)
11.30am Stephanie, Ashley (R)
Lilian, Serso (E)

04/08/2019

Julia Hunt, Noah (R)
Sophie (E)
Vera, Marcel (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, Thi Tran. Dorota, Philomena (Mina)

Anniversaries during the week: Sally McGorman ,John Walsh ,Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe, Francis Felton ,Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly ,Rose roach ,Maura Mulroney, Peggy Connors, James Cannon .

Death announcement of Mr. Brian John Fleck of 41 Hillfield House, Yardley Street, Coventry who passed away on 11th July 2019. His funeral Mass will take place on 1st August at 10.00am. My condolences to the bereaved family members.

A Moral story:

Stop wasting your time complaining“ People visit a wise man complaining about the same problems over and over again. One day, he decided to tell them a joke and they all roared with laughter.

After a few minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled. Then he told the same joke for a third time, but no one laughed or smiled anymore. The wise man smiled and said: ‘You can’t laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?’”

Therefore stop complaining but start learning.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

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FASHION MIGHT ROBE YOU OF YOUR CULTURE AND RESPECT

There are some things that we cherish and hold in high esteem because they embody our way of life. The things we value can range from the way of living, the geographical places we were born at or the things we use. No person speaks negatively of his place of birth no matter how humble it may be. When we go back to our place of origin, it evokes an emotional feeling that can hardly be described. During the time of exploration which resulted into colonialism, foreigners imposed their culture on the people even though they were the minority. That is how we came to speak languages not indigenous in our home countries. Some people retained their dialects and learned new ones while others lost them altogether and took on the language of the foreigners.

Few days ago, I was stunned to see 7 to 10 year old boys with plaited hair, dreadlocks and pierced ears with hanging earrings! I know that all cultures of the world dress women differently from men; their body decorations also differ considerably. I asked the parents about the dress code and appearance of their boys. The parents replied: “*Oh Father these boys like watching TV, so they want to look like their film star idol*” In this reply you notice how parents can lose guidance of their children in doing what is right and acceptable. If you cannot guide your child who will do it for you; a film star?

Every culture has values that define it, these include language, way of dressing and acceptable social behaviour among others. A family subscribes to that culture. Therefore it will not be appropriate for parents to let the children to live and behave the way they like, to keep their hair untidy or to behave antisocially in the home simply because that is way they have seen their so called film star doing. Parents are the moral guides to their children, unfortunately many of them have resigned from this God given duty.

Does it give you respect as a parent when your daughter’s thighs are hanging out in the air, or when your son’s trousers are falling almost to the knees? As a parent are you comfortable when the jeans trousers of your child look so vandalised with holes as if he/she is suffering from worst destitution? People who dress like that in the name of fashion leave behind a trail of dishonour to their families and lack of respect for themselves. Please keep the values in your culture, they are not written down or taught by celebrities, but they will bestow upon you the respect you deserve.

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.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £262.00

Non-Gift Aid: £381.45 **Total :** £643.45

Counters : Elizabeth & Vera

Mass Attendance : 450

Bonus Ball : No. 22 Julia Hunt

2nd collections : for the months of September: 8th Sept—Catholic Education service ; 15th Sept—CASE

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 & 3.00pm.

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: *29th July St. Martha: Our Lord liked the home of St. Martha, her brother Lazarus and her sister Mary and they took care of Him.*

31 July S. Ignatius of Loyola born in Loyola, Spain he became a soldie. Following his conversion he went to Paris to study theology. There he gathered his followers and founded the Socieity of Jesus in Rome, which is dedicated to the greater glory of God and to the service of the Church, in total obedience to the Pope.;

1st Aug St. Alphonsus Liguori - born Naples, Italy. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). He was a tireless apostle of the Eucharist and of our Blessed Mother, he worked with great zeal for the poor and the sick.

Matters of Importance

Marriage Care Volunteers needed: Could it be you? The centre in Acocks Green is in need of Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to present and facilitate marriage preparation courses to small groups of engaged couples. They provide all the training you need to fulfil the role in this Ministry and you will be volunteering with other like-minded people. They are also in need of a Chaperone/Receptionist to assist the Counsellors. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

The Engaged Encounter weekend at St. Peter' Church in Leamington Spa is a non-residential weekend for couples thinking about or preparing for Marriage. The weekend is from 8:30 am until about 6.00 pm on Saturday 12 October and from 09.00 and ends with Mass at around 4.30 pm on Sunday 13 October 2019. The charge for the two-day course is £175 per couple, which covers the cost of the centre and admin cost of the Weekend. As this is a non-residential weekend, if you don't live nearby, you will have to arrange your own overnight accommodation separately. For more information contact Stephen and Barbara Dunn bookings@wwme.org.uk

Marriage banns:

1. Ikenna Lesley Nwako of 197, Signal's Drive Coventry, son of Geoffrey Chibuzo Nwako and Ukeye of Oweri Imo State Nigeria, would like to marry Ms. Loretta Chidima Okpo who lives at Blackley Court, High Drive Radford– Coventry. She is daughter to Mr. Edwin Okonkwo Okpo and Uche both living in Lagos Nigeria.
2. Basil Albert Angafor who lives at Epsom Drive Willenhall Coventry, son of John Angafor and Fama of Bamenda Cameroon, would lie to marry Viola Fechu of Epsom Drive Willenhall Coventry, daughter of Mrs Tizi of Bamenda Cameroon.
3. Takunda Joana Chipise of Lorenzo Close Coventry, daughter of Michael Gandidze and Chipise would like to get married to Sammy Kibye of Parish Court, Crown Drive Romford London son of Ms. Ruzindana of Kitega.

Diocesan workshop and training day at *Christ the King* on Saturday 21st Sept. 10.00am – 3.30pm for anyone involved in GDPR issues in the parishes. The day is for all key parish workers involved in Finance, Gift Aid, Safeguarding, Health and Safety and maintenance projects. You are asked to go for training, there, you will meet some of the officers from the Diocese who are involved in these areas.

Communion & Confirmation preparation classes for the children studying in non Catholic schools will begin from Monday 2nd September at 5.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. Parents who are interested kindly meet the sisters to enrol the names of your children.

Parish Safeguarding officers: I wish to remind you that the officer responsible for the safety of children and vulnerable adults is Veronica Carol assisted by Sr. Leena Mathias. Other assistants are Ms. Anastazia Chakwamba and Mrs. Ganet Gebreigzibher. If you have any issue dealing with the safety of children here at Church please contact them immediately.

Marriage validation of Mr. Basil Albert Angafor and Viola Fechu will take place on Saturday 3rd August 2019 at 2:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers. Today is the final marriage banns announcement. If anyone know why this validation should not go ahead please come and let the Parish priest know.