

MASSES— 28th May to 4th June 23

Sun 28 9.30am Creshel (Thanksgiving) Tran & family (Spl int),
Lucia Drabik (Get well), Luke Robinson (Anni)
11.30am Henny Taylor, Nehemiah Nyilawila (7th B'day)
Dominador Galban senior (24th Anni), Lulu Josephine Onye (9th Anni)
Ernest, Aniemeka Umeoyido, Dr. Chigolum Eze (Spl int),

Mon 29 9.30am John & Valana DeSouza (9th Wed Anni), Ann Mapuranga (Thanksgiving)

Tues 30 9.30am Danny (RIP)

Wed 31 9.30am Sick of the parish

Thurs 01 9.30am Ann Mapuranga (Spl int)

Fri 02 9.30am Holy souls

Sat 03 9.30am Francisco & Mylene (23rd Wed Anni)

Sun 04 9.30am Fr. Jimmy (Safe journey)
11.30am Ernest (Spl int) People of the parish

Lectors

28/05/2023	04/06/2023
9.30am Elizabeth H., Creshel, (R)	Naomi, Desma (R)
11.30am Attracta, Preethi (R)	Angela Ngozi, Florence K. (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

28/05/2023	04/06/2023
9.30am Betty O. (E)	Cath Slatter (E)
11.30am Patricia K. (E)	Florence K. (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 Okosisi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Eugene Heavy, Sarah Furey, Ellen Heavey, Brenda Moles, Charles Russell, Brigid M Domican, John Brennan, Thomas Malone, Veronica Bridget Byrne, Bridget Bernadette Murphy, John Peter Dunnion, Danny Dorrian, Alec John Garner, John Paul Ward, John Crone, John Flanagan, Andrew Mooney

The seven gifts help us to respond to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to make good choices, and to serve God and others.



*Wisdom
Understanding
Right Judgment
Courage,
Knowledge
Reverence
Fear of the Lord*



The 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit are signs that the Holy Spirit is alive within us and helping us live the Catholic faith in our daily lives.

*Love, Joy
Peace, Patience
Kindness, Goodness
Generosity
Gentleness
Faithfulness, Modesty
Self-control
Chastity*



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Parish Newsletter – Pentecost Sunday—28th May to 4th June 2023

“AS THE FATHER SENT ME, I AM SENDING YOU”

Today is Pentecost Sunday. We come to the conclusion of Eastertide, and we continue with the liturgical year of the church which we started on the first Sunday of Advent. With great solemnity, we celebrate the launching of the church, some people rightly call it, its birthday. On this day, the first followers of Jesus proclaimed him as the fulfilment of the promises made long ago, that he was the purpose of creation. This proclamation came about as the disciples recalled his teaching, the miracles he performed, his submission to suffer the agony of the cross and his resurrection from the dead.

In the last 50 days since Easter Sunday, the Word of God proclaimed Jesus as the risen Lord. We celebrated it in the liturgical signs and symbols. The new fires, the pascal candle the renewal of our baptismal promises and all the baptisms that have been celebrated, pointed to the new life we receive in Christ.

The first citizens of the church or the first subscribers to church membership came from all over the known world; all of us assembled here, have descended from the people mentioned to have experienced the first Pentecost. In the church we are not aliens but citizens.

I stand every Sunday at the back of the Church to welcome you, I recognise there at once the Holy Spirit of God who inspires you to come to Church, so that we can pray not only for our intentions, but that we can also pray for each other and with one another.

Our parish tells us how far the Holy Spirit has travelled n the face of the earth. Whichever country or continent you come from big or small, rich or poor, you stand here today as a witness and representative of the Spirit of God that works in your land such that he made you baptised and to follow Jesus Christ. You are a citizen of the church, a key figure and very important in the spread of the gospel. You might have come here as a student, as a skilled worker or just as someone running away for your life. The point is that in the plan of God, you are here on a mission.

Pentecost invites us to let the Holy spirit to guide us in whatever we do or say. It is not a sign of the Holy spirit when society becomes so permissive to lose the sense of sin. Instead it is a true sign of the Holy spirit at work when we remain faithful to the teaching of Christ despite the challenges and persecutions we may face. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples determination, persistence and fidelity. When Jesus tells us in the Gospel, “*as the Father sent me so I’m sending you*”, he is sending us not on holidays but to make disciples, to bring in the harvest because “*the harvest is rich but the labourers are few.*”

As you return home, I ask you to take to heart that just as we belong to families, the church is our family. Jesus has greeted us with peace. “*Peace be with you*” he said. If you want to know whether someone is truly a Christian, you cannot overlook his attitude towards peace.

Thank you all for our togetherness and mutual support. May the Holy Spirit guide us in whatever tasks that the Lord will give us.

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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 (May) : £ Gift Aid : £146.60 Non-Gift Aid: £443.19 Total: £ 58979 Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Acts. : 2:1-11, 1Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

2nd collection :

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 484

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

Baptism sessions: 24th June, 1st & 8th July at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel.

Gospel Reflection

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost which, in many ways, was the culmination of the mission of Christ. The pinnacle of His mission will come at the end of time when He returns in all His glory to judge the living and the dead and to establish His permanent Kingdom. But for now, we live under the rule of the Holy Spirit Who has descended upon us in full form, transforming us and making it possible to prepare for Jesus' final and glorious coming.

As the Holy Spirit descends upon us, He brings the presence of the Father and the Son. Therefore, as we prayerfully look within ourselves, we discover the Voice of the Father, leading us into His holy will. We discover the Person of the Son to Whom we are called to be conformed in every way, living as members of His very body on earth. The Holy Spirit is the Promise of Father and Son Who proceeds from Them and descends upon us, animating us and making it possible for us to share in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Come Holy Spirit.



MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Pentecost Sunday: Today the Church celebrates the birthday of the Church. Let us implore the Holy Spirit to come and dwell in our hearts, homes and in our lives.

Deanery Corpus Christi Procession will be held on Sunday 18th June, starting at 3.00pm at St Anne's Church processing to Corpus Christi. Children who will receive their First Holy Communion are particularly invited to come dressed in their festive dresses.

Fr. Jimmy due for holidays: from Monday 5th June until 13th July. It is exactly five years since our parish priest had holidays. During his absence, Fr. Moses will oversee pastoral provision and the implementation of the program set in place. Fr. Moses will be assisted by Fr. Reginald Tarimo AJ who has been working at Wrexham Cathedral Wales. I'm sure you will be hospitable as you always are.

Installation of Solar Energy: I mentioned sometime that for future energy security, I wanted to install solar panels on the church roof to provide energy. This project is likely not to proceed because of the delicate nature of the slates on the roof. Some slates are breaking into pieces due to age. I'm afraid that tampering with them might cause us trouble. Another solution will need to be found for this project to go ahead.

Discover your child's talents by exposing him/her to good company, play groups and by introducing him/her to Catholic teaching at early stage. The overwhelming number of children at church Sunday school is a good start. Please let us support those parishioners who have volunteered to mentor our children at this stage.

Marriage Banns: Peter Michael Hallinan of 5 Beckett Road, Coventry, son of Michael Hallinan and Josephine Moran Hallinan, of Dublin Ireland, would like to marry Mary Luisa Wanjiku of 5 Beckett Road, Coventry, daughter of Mr. David Githiomi Njuguna and Elizabeth Wangui of Nairobi Kenya. If any one knows why they should not get married to each other, please come and inform the parish priest.

Day for Life will be celebrated on Sunday 18 June 2023. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. For the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day.

The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others.

The 2023 Day For Life message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

Some damage to keep an eye on: due to excessive heat of last year, some joints on the flat roof were affected by the elements such that when the weather changed and there was contraction, and leaks here and there have started to develop.

For reasons I cannot explain some slates from church roof are breaking and falling down. Let us be careful please. When you find anything unusual in the compound, please come to the office and report it as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Crishel de Costa who turns 21 today, and to Ezra Tochi Onye who was baptised yesterday.

Legion of Mary group meet every Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.