

**MASSES 29th Dec to 12th Jan 2020**

Sun	29	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving)
Mon	30	9.30am	Holy souls,
Tues	31	10.00pm	Thanksgiving adoration (Before Mass)
		11.00pm	Holy Mass Starts People of the parish
Wed	01	10.00am	People of the parish
Thurs	02	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy & Sisters (Spl int)
Fri	03	9.30am	Vera & family (Spl int)
Sat	04	9.30am	Frank Kelly (Spl int)
Sun	05	9.30am	Mrs. McDonald (Spl int), Peter Kavanagh (RIP)
		11.30am	Ikechukwu Onono & family, Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

	<b><u>29/12/2019</u></b>	<b><u>05/01/2020</u></b>	<b><u>12/01/2020</u></b>
9.30am	Naomi, Elena W (R) Sophie (E)	Elena A. ,Desma (E) Betty O (E)	Julia H., Veronica (E) Elizabeth P. (E)
11.30am	Morgan, Georgina (R) Vera, Serso (E)	Mary, Patrick (R) Lilian , Patricia (E)	Ashley, Florence E. (R) Marcel, Frank (E)
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	11.00pm Perpetua, J. Mapuranga (R)		Frank K., Serso (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, Christopher Browne.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Michael Murphy, Eddie Branfield, Myra Scott ,Larry Mawn, Mary Woollett ,Sammy Dowling, Thomas Griffith, Francis Jack Beaufay , Denis George, Josephine Armstrong ,Vittoria Giampaglia, Carmel Ryan , George Pilkington , Peter Byrne, Caroline Balcarres, Bernard Joseph Doran , Tom Dunleavy, Dymphnah Glennon, Elizabeth Benson, Hugh Matthew O'Neill, Sean Costelloe , Thomas Patrick Joyce, Patrick Gannon, Nora Obrien , Michael Hogan, Jim Davis, Con O'Driscoll, Nono O'Brien, Eileen Helen Teresa Coleman ,Mary Ellen Healy, Thomas Earley, Mark Brennan, Rev Fr Richard Placid Rea , Winifred Browne .

**NEW YEAR PRAYER VIGIL:** Please remember our Prayer to Conclude the year on 31st December starting with Adoration and meditation at 10:00pm. At 11:00pm Mass at 12:00 Midnight start the Year together in the Church. Yes what better place could it be for a Christian to conclude the year and to start a new one except in Church!



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Year A Parish Newsletter: 29th Dec. 2019 to 12th January 2020**

**KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY JESUS IS ACKNOWLEDGED:**

Few days before Christmas I joined thousands of people in Coventry City who visited shops for Christmas bargains. Had I really gone on shopping spree? No, instead I was on study tour to see whether the shopping frenzy of the season is an explicit proclamation of Jesus Christ. The answer was as expected: Jesus Christ is at the centre of the season and he is reason why the whole world gets so excited.

To place Jesus Christ at the centre of the world-wide centuries' excitement is a bold claim indeed. Some people say that the excitement of the season is caused by the year coming to an end. Imagine that this was the case, how could we explain the Carols that are played in every shop, street corners and school plays are full of adoration and praise for Jesus Christ? How could we explain Christmas cribs and decorations which try to portray the environments in which Jesus was born?

This season is filled with a spirit of giving and celebration. Christmas time is probably the time of the year when we think most of others than ourselves. This altruistic spirit must have an explanation for its origin. Jesus taught the people to keep in mind that their judgement will be based on how they recognised him in the face of those who were less fortunate; "*for I was hungry you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink*" (Matt 25:31-46). There is no wonder that at this time of the year, Jesus not only takes incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but he takes shape also on the faces of poor, the hungry, the naked, those without homes that people recognise him at once. He is truly the Emmanuel 'God with us.'

At Christmas record number of people go to church. Every priest gets thrilled to see parishioners he had not seen since last Christmas and who he will certainly not see until the next Christmas. This spirit of prayer and praise at Christmas renders to the fact that the human soul recognises its creator and worships him.

*Oh come let us adore him,*

*Oh come let us adore him,*

*Oh come let us adore him Christ the Lord"*

Yes Christmas is about Jesus Christ, knowingly or unknowingly the world celebrates his birth. It is the time when all mankind of faith and non comes to a standstill to celebrate the presence of Emmanuel : - Jesus—God is with us!

**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.

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**Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid:** 323.60 **Non-Gift Aid:** 304.31 **Total :** £627.91

**SO : Weekly/Monthly : £175.92** **Hall Hire:**

**Counters :** Elizabeth & Patsy S

**Mass Attendance :** **Bonus Ball :** No.

**2nd collections :**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** Saturday 8.00am to 9.30am

**Confessions :** Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

**RCIA Sessions:** Every Monday at 6.00pm

**Catechism for FHC :** Every Saturday at 11.00am

**Church Cleaning: This week Group A.** Thank you for your co-operation.

**Thanks to everyone who supported me your Parish Priest throughout the year 2019 in the running and upkeep of the parish. I must tell you that although many people thank me for the good work done here, it is you my people who do the work. I could no ask the Lord for better supporters than yourselves. Thanks to God for your being such a great gift to my ministry as a pastor among you.**

**Matters of Importance**

**I FOUND THIS VERY EDUCATIVE:**

*As the year has just begun there is no much news to share. But as it is a time that people make resolutions I found this interesting, so I would like to share it with you. The author is unknown.*

Each year that passes by there are changes in our lives. But it is a mistake to think that time is passing. Time is not passing it is here until the world ends. It is you that is passing on therefore don't waste time. Time is infinite, you are finite so you waste time, you lose opportunities that it offers you. In time we grow up and die time doesn't ! So make better use of yourself before you expire.

Don't compare yourself with others. A cow eats grass and gets fat but if a lion feeds on grass it will die. Run your race don't envy others race. What works for one person may be a poison that will kill you. Focus on the gifts and talents God gave you and don't be envious of the blessings he gave to others.

Both lion and shark are ferocious hunters but a lion cannot hunt in the ocean and shark cannot hunt in the jungle. Since a lion cannot hunt in the ocean doesn't make him useless and a shark not hunting in the jungle doesn't make him useless. Both have their territory where they can do well. You have your own gifts use them to the maximum for your personal growth and fulfilment.

A rose flower smells better than tomatoes but that doesn't mean that it can make better stew. Don't try to compare yourself with others you have your own strength, they have their own weaknesses. 'Mind your own business' they say.

All animals that exists were once in Noah's ark. A snail is one of those animals. If God could wait long enough for him to enter Noak's ark His door of grace and mercy will not close till you reach your expected position in life. Never look down on yourself keep looking up. Remember that broken crayons still colour. Keep on pushing, you can never tell how close you are to you goal.

Wishing you a blessed festive season and a successful New year 2020.

**Masses 6th to 12th Jan 2020**

Mon	06	9.30am	School Mass—Mrs. Priest (Spl int)
Tues	07	9.30am	Ted Smith. Michael Lanigan (RIP)
Wed	08	9.30am	Seamus Lynch (Spl int), Sr. Ma Luz (RIP)
Thurs	09	9.30am	Susan Sarwinko (Spl int)
Fri	10	9.30am	Frank & elia Murphy (Spl int)
Sat	11	9.30am	Marcus Duffin (Spl int)
Sun	12	9.30am	Sandra, Mary Mulrooney (Spl int)
		11.30am	Rose Trill & family (Spl int)

**This newsletter serves until 12th January. Happy New year 2020**