

**MASSES— 29th May to 5th June 22**

Sun	29	9.30am	John & Valana DeSouza (Thanksgiving) McHugh & Ferry family (RIP)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Good health), Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP)
Mon	30	12.00noon	Sr. Anastasia Vaz (RIP)
Tues	31	9.30am	Sick of the parish
Wed	01	9.30am	Luciana Coelho (1st death Anni)
Thurs	02	9.30am	Terry Bennett (B'day ) 60th B'day
Fri	03	9.30am	Francisco & Mylene Farias (Wed Anni)
Sat	04	9.30am	Holy souls
Sun	05	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP)

**Lectors**

**29/05/2022**

9.30am Elizabeth H., Naomi (R)  
11.30am Sharon, Preethi (R)

**05/06/2022**

Elizabeth John, Nicholas (R)  
Valerie, Scarlett (R)

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**9.30am** Betty Osagie **11.30am** Serso, Vera Dunnion

**The sick of the Parish:** Marie Matthews, Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi.

**Anniversaries during the week :** 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 Crone , John Flanagan, Andrew Mooney, Theresa & Andrew Meehan, Doreen Meehan, Mary Moron.

**Lectors meeting:** There will be a lectors meeting on 5th June for the readers of 11.30am Mass, soon after the Mass in the Lady's chapel.

**Come, Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, Who did instruct the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter– 7th Sunday of Easter 29th May to 5th June 2022**

**I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE GLORY YOU GAVE TO ME**

The prayer of Jesus for his followers has traditionally been known as “the priestly prayer of Christ” It represents not only what according to John’s Gospel was the substance of Jesus’ prayer at the Last Supper, but also the prayer that he continues to offer as the ascended High Priest in heaven. The Priestly prayer of Christ, covers the whole 17th Chapter of John’s Gospel. Jesus knew that he had finished the work his Father gave him to do, it was time to return. He was aware that he was leaving his disciples in the world, so, he set himself to pray for them.

The prayer of Jesus reveals to us how much he loved his apostles and how much he loves us for that matter. “*I kept those you had given me true to your name, I have watched over them and not one is lost*” he prayed. How beautiful that each one of us can look back at himself/ herself in the evening of life and say I have kept those that you gave me true to your name.

The prayer of Jesus, makes a fundamental revelation that Jesus has given to you as an individual, to you as a family and to us as a Church the glory that the Father gave to him, that we may be one with him as he is one with his Father. We are a priestly people, a kingly people, a holy people. Why do we claim all these titles? It is because as Jesus tells us in the gospel today: I have *your name known to them and I will continue to make it known*” Yes, the mysteries of the kingdom of God are revealed to us by Christ.

The other Saturday we witnessed the First Holy Communion of our little children,. As they stretched out their hands to receive the Eucharist, I noticed that their hands were tiny. I looked at each one of them and I said: “The Body of Christ” and the child replied Amen! Meaning I believe it, I embrace it. What a marvellous act of faith in these little souls! The prayer of Jesus is very applicable to them. “*I pray not only for these but for those also who through their words will believe in me.*”

In his prayer, Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples and the unity of the Church. Jesus is not praying for one political party, for one president or for one religious leader, rather the unity of his Church he is praying for, is based on the common sharing of his word, so that if his Word finds a home in us, we may bear fruits.

As you return home today, let us ask for the gift of unity in our families, in our countries and in the world. Jesus not only prays that we keep united but he expects it from each one of us. It is not Christian to be the source of unnecessary tensions in the family or in the Church.

This coming Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday, let us be open to the Spirit of God who is at work in us. Let us use the gifts he gives us to build his Kingdom here on earth.  
**Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

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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 :** £ 190.00 **SO ( May) :** £ **Non-Gift Aid:** 452.76 **Total:** £ 642.76

**Readings:** **Acts. 7:55-60; Apocalypse.. 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn. 17:20-26**

**2nd Collection :** 29/05/2022—  
Catholic communication

**Bonus Ball : No.**

**Mass Attendance :**

**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**

**Unity and Perfection in Christ** (Jn. 17:20-26)

In the passage quoted above, Jesus prayed not only for the disciples, “but also for those who will believe in me through their word.” In other words, Jesus was praying for you and for everyone who would hear and respond to the Gospel. And His prayer was that you share in the perfect union that Jesus shares with the Father. He prayed that all may be one in the same way that He and the Father are one. Again, this is an amazing prayer!

Reflect, today, upon the draw you have within you to live in union with others. As you ponder this desire, know that it can only be fulfilled by accepting the invitation from the Most Holy Trinity to share in Their divine life. Prayerfully read Jesus’ prayer to the Father and know that He was praying this for you. Join with Him in this prayer and make it your own so that your every human desire will begin to be fulfilled in God.

**Mass Intentions**

If you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Pru Poretta (Lady Godiva)** has great pleasure to invite St. Marys community, to join her at a special service of thanksgiving to celebrate 40 years of her service as Coventry's official Lady Godiva and the work that has grown since 1982. The prayers, holy mass will take place at St Osburgs Church Upper Holyhead Rd Coventry on Saturday 11th June 2022 at 11.30am, with everyone invited to a shared picnic and entertainment afterwards.

**Talents in the making:** the Children of our St. Marys Parish were in the Royal Albert Hall in London where they took part in School Singing bonanza. Participants included children who sing in our parish choir namely Maame Sam, Valerie, Velda, Papa and Ekene Nyalum. I congratulate their parents who have identified their children’s talents and encouraged them. Thanks to Mrs. Perpetua Sam, Mr. Elvis and Tony Okeke our parish choirmasters who train the children to discover their talents.

**First Holy Communions** I thank the parents who prepared their children who received their First Holy Communion the other Saturday. I ask the parents to continue supporting the children by practicing the faith at home.

**Pentecost Sunday:** the Vicar General has authorised the baptism and reception into full Communion with the Catholic Church of the three candidates who have been doing their RCIA course. They are Jennifer Louise Champion, Melanie Nkundwa and Samhar Zeray. The ceremony will take place on Pentecost Sunday during the 11:30am Mass.

**Mass for Uganda Martyrs:** Ugandans in UK and devotees to the Martyrs of Uganda will come together to celebrate Holy Mass in honour of their countrymen who died for the faith in Jesus Christ. Mass will take place at St. Mary and Benedict Church from 2:00pm. It is the first time such event will be celebrated in the Midlands. Since Martyrs belong to the universal Church, everyone is welcome.

**Confirmation classes:** children who are studying in non catholic schools who have reached the age to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, the Catechism will begin from 11th June at 12.00noon. For more information please contact Sr. Leena.

**Celebrating St Chad - booking now open** Join us for a day of celebration and history organised collaboratively by St Chad’s Cathedral and the Archdiocese of Birmingham History and Archives Commission. Saturday 18 June, opening with Mass at midday, including the Rite of the Dedication of the Altar. The historical event, for which advance booking is required, will begin after Mass with light refreshments, and an opportunity to visit a special historical exhibition in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Speakers include Dr John Jenkins from University of York, and Dr Judith Champ, Archdiocese of Birmingham.

**World Communication Sunday** is marked (29/05/2022) with a theme “Listening with the ear of the heart”. The theme invites us to realise that listening involves more than simply the sense of hearing. True listening is a foundation of genuine relationships, and is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity. The Pope, quoting St Paul, noted that “faith comes through hearing.” Human beings are called in turn to “tune in, to be willing to listen,” as God calls us to a covenant of love. Fundamentally, the Pope said, “listening is a dimension of love.”

**Parish youth concert:** the young people of our parish have prepared a concert to cheer us up after Covid19 pandemic on 16th July 2022. Please put the date in your diary and remember to turn-up and to support them. It will be an opportunity for parents to see the talents their children have.