

MASSES 2nd to 9th June 2019

Sun	02	9.30am	Peter Harte (B'day remembrance), Pearl & Derrick Iriandn (Spl int), Jarek (B'day)
		11.30am	Lolo Josephine Onye, Mami Cecilia Nzanda (RIP) Holy souls
Mon	03	12.00noon	Griffith family (Spl int)
Tues	04	9.30am	Holy souls
Wed	05	9.30am	Richard Dominic (RIP)
Thurs	06	9.30am	Tony Smith (Get well), Sandra Mapuranga (B'day)
Fri	07	6.00pm	Prayer for priests
		7.00pm	Therese Curry (RIP)
Sat	08	9.30am	Nora Curristan (RIP)
Sun	09	9.30am	Felix Menezes (B'day)
		11.30am	Mama Magdaline Akenji, Experito Lutwama (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

02/06/2019

9.30am	Noah & Antonia A. (R)	Veronica Carroll & Elena Wood (R)
	Elizabeth P. (E)	Sophie (E)
11.30am	Kissaneth, Honorine (R)	Petra & Mary (R)
	Patricia, Lilian (E)	Vera & Serso (E)

09/06/2019

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. Tony Smith.

Anniversaries during the week: John Crone, John Flanagan, Andrew Mooney, Theresa & Andrew Meehan, Doreen Meehan, Mary Moron, Margaret Crawford, Michael Woods, Joe Heavey, Experito Lutwama.

Confirmation preparation classes for the children studying in non Catholic schools will begin in September. Parents who are interested kindly meet the sisters to enrol the names of your children.

Thought for the week: *Promise yourself, To think only the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best. Have a lovely week!*

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter– SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —2nd to 9th June 2019

HE SAID IT BECAUSE HE KNEW WE ARE TIMID:

Several times you have heard it said: “It is easier said than done” This is true, because two week ago I spoke to you repeatedly about St. Paul and Barnabas when they returned from their first missionary journey. They had come to realise that “*we all have to experience many hardships before we enter the Kingdom of God*” (Acts 14:22). Sometimes life feels like being on a tiny, dilapidated boat in a big ocean in the midst of a giant storm. This feeling can be terrifying, as if impending doom surrounds us. Sports men and women who do surfing create within us a false impression that the sea is very friendly, they glide over the waves with ease such that even amateur swimmers feel like diving into the deep. But the truth is that the sea is very dangerous, to master surfing or swimming in it, someone has to experience many hardships first. Whatever the circumstances, we can be sure that every one of us will go through many great storms in life before we reach the shorelines of eternity. Jesus told us to expect storms: “*I have told you these things before they happen, so that you may find peace in me. In the world you will have trouble but be brave: I have conquered the world* (John 16:33).

So what should we do when our life is hit by a storm?

- 1) *We must remember the One who created the ocean and who is sovereign over the storms.* God is not surprised that we are in his ocean; in the midst of a violent storm. Sometimes he uses our freely chosen actions to place us in storms so that we can get a glimpse of his rescuing power. God knows our circumstances, and he allows us to be in them so we can know him more.
- 2) *We must remember the One who walks on water and that he tells us **not** to be afraid.* Two Thousand years ago, the disciples were in a boat in a great storm; terror and fear filled their hearts, Jesus was nowhere to be found. Before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake they thought he was a ghost. he spoke to them and said, “*Take courage! It is I don’t be afraid*” (Mark 6:47–50).
- 3) *We must remember to cry out to the One who will get in the boat with us and calm the storm.* “Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind dropped. They were completely amazed” (Mark 6:51–52). Jesus still amazes his people.

Therefore when life seems like we are on a tiny boat in a big ocean, in the midst of a great storm, remember the sovereignty of God, his power, and his presence. Above all remember the words of Jesus to those he loved: *Know that I’m with you always: yes, to the end of time*” (Matt 2:20). What other assurance would we need than this!

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:** £376.80 **Non-Gift Aid:** £346.98 **Total :** £723.78

Counters : Vera & Phil

Mass Attendance : 515

Bonus Ball :

2nd collections : **Survive Miva**

2nd collection for the months of June & July : 9th June— Catholic communications;
16th June —Day for life; 30th June—Peter's Pence; 14th July—Apostleship of the sea.

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 & 3.00p`m.

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: **3rd June:** The **Uganda Martyrs** are a group of 23 Anglican and 22 Catholic converts to Christianity in the historical kingdom of Buganda, now part of Uganda, who were executed between 31 January 1885 and 27 January 1887. They were killed on orders of **Mwanga II**, the *Kabaka* (King) of **Buganda**.

5th June : St. Boniface Bp. Martyr 6th June St. Norbert Bp. born Winfrid in the Devon town of Crediton, England. He organised significant foundations of the Catholic Church in Germany and was made archbishop of Mainz by Pope Gregory III

Matters of Importance

Survive MIVA Appeal: we welcome Mrs Hervey Duffy and her husband who are making appeals on behalf of Survive Miva a Catholic lay Association that provides funding for pastoral care, essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas of the world. Please support them if you can.

Parish Priest will be away on a retreat for priests organised by the diocese at Villa Palazzola—Rome. It will be taking place starting June 3rd to 7th. Retreats, Seminars and workshops are important means for the ongoing formation of priests

Important training on the horizon: the Archdiocesan Cathedral Staff will be providing training sessions for parishes from June to November. The training will deal with finance, property, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and safeguarding. The training will be for Priests, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners. Each day will have the following structure: 10am Safeguarding 11am Coffee 11.20 GDPR 12.40pm Lunch 1.20 Property 2.40 Finances 3.30 Finish. It is anticipated that each of the speakers will be available for questions over lunch. Lunch and coffee will be provided. Saturday 21st September 2019 at the Parish of Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes, Coventry. Address: 14 Westhill Road, Coventry, CV6 2AA.

Bishop calls on MPs to end indefinite detention Bishop Paul McAleenan has called for MPs to support a 28-day time limit on immigration detention, saying that detaining people indefinitely “does not reflect the justice due to every person that we as a nation pride ourselves on upholding”.

Car parking on June 23rd 2019: I have been asked by the Hindu Community to grant them access to our car park on Sunday 23rd 2019. I will give you more details about this when our discussions are finalised.

New Appointments from September: Archbishop Bernard has appointed Mgr Timothy Menezes Dean of St Chad's Cathedral. He served as Vicar General for eight years. He has appointed Fr Stephen Wright, Parish Priest of St Mary and St. Modwen, Burton on Trent, since 2007 and Episcopal Vicar for Religious since 2014 as the new Vicar General. These are outstanding hard working priests of our diocese. Please keep them in your prayers.

Places in St. Mary & St. Benedict Nursery There are a few spaces in our Nursery class for September 2019 - if you know of a family who might be interested then please ask them to go to the school office. The child needs to be 3 years old by 31st August 2019. The school offers full and part-time places.

World Communications Day 2019 is celebrated today Sunday 2nd June. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications. Pope Francis reminds us that "God is not Solitude, but Communion; because Love always communicates" If we love God it is important that we communicate to others this love. Due to the prearranged Appeal by MIVA today, the Second mandatory collection which was to take place today, will now take place on 9th June.

Day of prayer for vocations in our parish will be on Monday 1st July. The prayers will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am followed by Mass at 12.00noon. You are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for the vocations to priesthood and religious life in the Church.