			MASSES— 30th Jul 1	to 6th Aug_23	
Sun 30		9.30am	Catherin Ward (RIP), Greg, Man	riam & Stephanie Osagie Spl int)	
		11.30am	Avery De Vera, Jacintha Oyawi	ri & Tamara Tobuyei (Thanksgiving)	
			Frank & Florence Kasibante (Th	hanksgiving) Mbie Michael Nzume	
			(RIP) Obinna Ofili & family (Sp	pl int),Victor &John Onye (B'day)	
Mon	31	12.00noon	Apostles of Jesus (Thanksgiving)		
Tues	01	9.30am	Lauren (Thanksgiving) Anna & John Mora (Wedding Anni.)		
Wed	02	9.30am	Francisco Farias (Good health)		
Thurs	03	9.30am	Nora Griffith & family (Spl int)		
Fri	04	9.30am	Shahbaz Anjum & Monica (B'day)		
Sat	05	9.30am	Apostles of Jesus Missionaries.		
Sun 06 9.30am Betty & Emm		Betty & Emmanuel Osagie & fa	amily (Thanksgiving)		
		11.30am	Obinna Ofili & family, Acquah	Family, Frank & Florence Kasibante	
			(Thanksgiving), Mbide Michael Nzume. (RIP)		
Lectors					
		<u>30/07/20</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>06/08/2023</u>	
9.30a	m	Anthonia O	., Cath Slater (R)	Elena, Filomena (R)	
11.30a	m	Ann Marie,	Tasha (R)	Louise, Sharon (R)	
			<b>Eucharistic Minist</b>	ers	
<u>30/07/2023</u>			<u>23</u>	<u>06/08/2023</u>	
9.30am Felix M			. (E)	Cath Slater (E)	
11.30a	m	Frank (1	E)	Florence K. (E)	
The si	ick (	of the Paris	<u>h:</u> Rose Hogan, Norah Griffit	h, Mary Mulroney, 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.

<u>Anniversaries during the week</u>: Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe, Francis Felton, Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly, Rose roach, Maura Mulroney, Peggy Connors, James Cannon, Maura Mulroney, Peggy Connors, James Cannon, Vincent McHugh, John Hoban, Peter Hallinan, Patrick John Keegan.

Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of August: For World Youth Day. We pray the World youth day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives

#### To Reflect on ....

When God looks at you, He sees His perfect expression manifested in you. He has no need to see your past, or imagine your future, that which is perfect Simply is, and will always be.



A.J. Missions	St. Osburg	Ss. Mary & Benedict	St. Elizabeth	

Parish Newsletter –17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th Jul to 6th Aug 2023

#### "GIVE YOUR SERVANT A HEART TO UNDERSTAND"

The readings today are a conclusion of the long teaching of Jesus by using parables. To understand the meaning of a story, you need to pay some attention. Its full meaning and purpose is achieved when someone interprets it in his personal life.

The first reading and the gospel speak about wisdom. It is one of the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. A young Prince without experience Solomon, found himself the new king of Israel. God led him into the gift warehouse and asked him to request for any-thing he wished. What a vast choice Solomon had? Wealth, fame, power, long life were all at his disposal. Solomon surprised Yahweh, he asked for the gift of wisdom to know, as a leader, *how to distinguish between good and evil*. Solomon was asking to have the life of God in him, to love good as God does and to hate evil in the same way.

When we have God in us, we have everything and when we ask God for the gift to know and to love him more, he gives us even those things that we have not asked for. Try to put yourself in the shoes of Solomon, from time to time, Jesus tells us to ask, what do you ask God for, is it to know him more or to have your enemies crushed into hell?

The Gospel gives us two practical situations in which wisdom is put to test. In ancient Israel, people hid their treasures in pots placing them in a hole somewhere in their land. On one occasion, a tenant found it accidentally. He was not prepared to find it, but he did.

The other example is of a merchant whose trade was to look for pearls. One day, he came across one of great value. Both men had to act on their discoveries. While the finding was accidental or after a long search, the possession and keeping of the treasure demanded a personal decision.

These examples give us some homework to do which is to seek God in everything and as the highest good. When our life seeks God and we let him direct our life, we are filled with wisdom and grace.

As you return home today, remember that God will tell you from time to time: 'ask me anything.'

For parents, ask for wisdom to discern between good and evil for your children. For young people, ask for wisdom that you may learn how to discern between good and evil.as you grow up. And all of us as a parish family, we pray that as a pilgrim people, we may be filled with wisdom to discern between good and evil and seek for God in everything.

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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 (July) : £ Gift Aid : 95.10 Dona: £111.60 Non-Gift Aid: £ 545.80 Total: £ 752.50 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you all. <u>Readings:</u> 1Kings: 3:5, 7-12; Rom. 8:28-30; Mt. 13: 44-52 2nd collection : <u>Bonus Ball</u>:

 Mass Attendance :
 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

## NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI:

(18th—26th August)

O God who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic Barberi to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal, and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God—pray for us

# MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

**Parish Family Thanksgiving Day:** will be celebrated again on Sunday 17th September 2023. Holy Mass will begin at 11:00am followed by get together with our families in the parish gardens. I request you to start preparing for this moment of togetherness and thanksgiving. I ask leaders of different groups and communities to organise as they have generously done in the past.

<u>Gift Aid: Gift Aid</u> is a UK government scheme that allows charities like churches, to claim back 25% of the value of a donation, as a payment to charities. For a charity to claim this additional money from HMRC, the donor must be a UK taxpayer and make a declaration allowing the charity to claim, at no extra cost to the donor. Therefore, if you are a tax payer please join the Gift Aid scheme by filling a form or directly through the DONA machine. For more information contact Sr. Leera.

**Bernadette Dorran RIP** who was and still remains a faithful member of our parish left  $\pounds 5,000.00$  (five thousand pounds) in her Will for the maintenance of the parish. I thank her for her generosity towards the Church.

<u>Confirmation & First Holy Communion Catechism classes</u>: Parents with children, studying in non Catholic schools, the Catechism classes will begin in September. Please enrol your child's name with Sr. Leena so that we can plan the programme.

<u>Can you volunteer to re-decorate our Parish Hall?</u> I'm looking for some people who can help me to redecorate the parish hall this summer. It is not a big job but need dedicated people with a rough idea of what to do. I'm grateful to he volunteers who decorated it more than ten years ago and for the parishioners who keep it clean from time to time. If you can help to join with other people to do so, please let me know on 07906124756. Paint and brushes will be provided.

**The New Lectionary to be launched in England and Wales** for Advent 2024. The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for the new Lectionary. It will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024.

<u>Annual diocesan Novena</u> for the canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi will begin on Friday 18 August 2023 and conclude on Saturday 26 August, which is his feast day. Let us place before the Lord this intention.

<u>Marriage Banns</u>: Mr. Augustine Chukwuemeka Nwosu of 57 Cardiff Close, son of late Godwin Uchenna Nwosu and Charity Akuezi Nwosu, of Imo State, Nigeria, would like to marry Ms. N'mauh Appy Anais Emily Angoua of 57 Cardiff Close. She is daughter of Kouadio Jean-Marie Angoua and Eleonore Deroux, of 33 Hurley House Kennington London but originally from Ivory Coast. If any one knows why they should not get married to each other, please come and inform the parish priest.

<u>World Mission Sunday</u> 22nd October 2023 falls on the penultimate Sunday in October. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.