

## **MASSES 31st May to 7th June 2020**

Sun	31	9.30am	Malize & Theresa Anatuanya family (Spl int) Tom & Tori Clarkson (1st Wed Anni), Nehemiah (B'day) Lolo Josephine Onye (Anni)
Mon	01	9.30am	Kevin Ferris (RIP)
Tues	02	9.30am	Terry Bennett (B'day remembrance)
Wed	03	9.30am	Bill Flynn (RIP)
Thurs	04	9.30am	Ann Texiera (Thanksgiving)
Fri	05	9.30am	Sr. Xaveria (RIP)
Sat	06	9.30am	Shawn Aikhionbare (Spl int), Mr. Almeida (Thanksgiving)
Sun	07	9.30am	Adam Benassia, Mami Cecile Nzanda (RIP) Lolo Josephine Onye (Anni)

### **LECTORS**

**Lectors** : 31.05.2020: Cynthia, Florence K. Res: Nicole  
07.06.2020: Clinton O., Nandos

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Patrick Tracey, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Bridget Bernadette Murphy, John Peter Dunnion, Danny Dorrian, Alec John Garner, John Crone, John Flanagan, Andrew Mooney, Theresa & Andrew Meehan, Doreen Meehan, Mary Moron.

### **Children's corner : Bible quiz**



1. Romans 4:3 and 9: what was that, that Abraham had which God counted him as righteous.
2. 1Thessalonians 4:13-16: What sound will be heard when the Lord will descend from heaven?
3. Jude 1:14-15 quotes an ancient prophecy by the seventh patriarch. What was his name?
4. Titus 3:14 states what Christians should learn to engage in. What is it, and what is its purpose?
5. Revelation 4:10-11 : What did the 24 elders say in heaven?
6. In 1 Corinthians 12:5-7, there is one Lord but a variety of what?
7. According to Hebrews 4: 6-13 The Word of God is .....

Please write your answers on a paper take photo of it and send it to **Fr. Jimmy or Sr. Leena.**

### **Congratulations to the winners of the Bible quiz :**

*Ella & Joe, N & N Menezes; E & D Almeida; D & D Miranda; J. Soretis; C. Obanore; Ekene P & M Sam; K& K Kado.; Z & C Umeh; N & S Ihionu; Raphael. Thank you for your clearly thought-through answers. Check for another Bible quiz on page four of this newsletter.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **Parish Newsletter— Pentecost Sunday– 31st May to 7th June 2020**

### **WE ARE ALL CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM:**

Today marks the end of the lockdown of the early church. For sometime we heard that the doors were closed for fear of the Jews, from now on, we shall not hear of that anymore. Instead the Word of God will talk about how the disciples were thrown into prisons and God kept opening them! For the past two months, the doors of churches, temples, synagogues and mosques have been locked for fear of coronavirus, this happened probably because we had gone so astray we needed to come back to God, to come back to our families and move together again.

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that God is at work in each one of us he enables us to speak and to understand. Because of the Spirit of God, the cowardly disciples became bold preachers to assembled nations. Because of the same spirit, divided and scattered people became one silent listeners to the gospel.

Pentecost reveals God's plan, namely that like the first disciples we are all called to evangelise people of all nations tribes and languages. It was the duty of the first disciples, it is now our duty. There is another truth and it is this: we are all called by God to receive the gospel in our own languages, to listen to it in our own languages and to proclaim it to others in their own language. The church is not a private members club where some people are welcome and others are not; Parthians, Medes, Elamites Cretans, Arabs all of us are citizens of the kingdom. It does not matter which part of the word you come from or which status you hold in society, the truth of Pentecost is that you need to be evangelised.

As families, as a parish community, let us always recognise the work of the Holy Spirit among us: "*No one can say Jesus is Lord unless he/she is influenced by the Holy Spirit.*" No one can do a good deed to a brother or carry out good services for the benefit of others unless the Spirit of God is with him. The Holy spirit helps us to recognise what has to be done and gives us the courage to do it. He moves us into action not into idleness.

As your parish priest, I can recognise how the Spirit of God has worked in us during these troubled times. Parents have become teachers, children have been good silent listeners to their parents, spouses have been caring lovers and most of us have made our homes true churches where the gospel is proclaimed, shared and lived in practice. None of these would take place without the Holy Spirit at work within us.

The Holy Spirit makes us to recognise that the works which we do are no greater in importance than the humble services done by others. A man who is a cleaner in hospital, is not doing a lesser important job than a doctor in the theatre. You can have a good doctor in the theatre, but if the hospital is dirty he is useless. A nurse on the ward is not an essential worker than a carer in a nursing home. The priest is not more important than a bin collector. *There are variety of gifts but the same spirit, there are services to be done but to the same Lord working in different ways in different people.* The mission of the church is for all of us because non of us is an early comer or a late comer. From the beginning God wanted us to belong to the Church. Let us always work hard to be true members of this family—the church

**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:** **SO : Monthly :** **£1094 .83 (April)** **Non-Gift Aid:**  
**Total : £**

**Hall Hire:** **Bonus Ball :** No.

**Counters :** **Mass Attendance :** **Second Collection :**

**Pious Devotions**

**Prayer for priests**

**Divine mercy prayers**

**Rosa Mystica**

**Parish Rosary group**

**Choir practice**

**Church cleaning:**

**Confessions :**

**RCIA Sessions:**

**Catechism for FHC :**

**Church Cleaning:**

**Dates for your diary:**

**READ YOUR BIBLE:** How can we find direction in life under this quarantine? Where can we turn for some words of wisdom to endure? ***“You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true: Remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures— from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus....this is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work” 2 Tim 3:14-17.***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions forward that request by calling Tel. **07547242375** all the Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible. The intentions will be mentioned at the beginning of each Mass.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**The Opening of Churches:** Priests have received a document from the Vicar General advising them what to do in case Churches are opened again. The procedure is a long one and I will need the cooperation of every person, to prepare the church for safe return and to support the cleaning/sanitizing regime. I will need a number of people to carry out some duties, stewards at the entry and exit points, those to help with handwashing and sanitizers, those to count the people to make sure that we have number in church that can allow safe social distancing. **TOILETS** and Confessionals will remain **LOCKED** at all times. Those who are deemed vulnerable over 70 or with pre-existing health condition, self isolating should not volunteer. I will probably make public addresses to you every time when some information comes in. I will let you know before hand when this is to take place, so that we can prepare ourselves together.

**Thanks to the Choir:** during the week, our parish choir used its tiny savings to buy food and family supplies for families and choir members who are having critical difficulties to maintain themselves during this time. This is an unprecedented sign of generosity for which I'm grateful. Our parish choir is one of the best in the diocese, it deserves our support.

**Donations to the parish if wished:** there is a donate button (top right) on the home page of the diocesan website – [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) . Donations can also be gift aided and can be made to any parish via credit or debit card. Please take note that Standing Order remains the most cost effective way for our parishioners to donate.

**Gift Aid standing orders:** I am grateful for the generous contribution from the Gift Aid scheme members. This has helped me in the running of the parish during these difficult times. When the lockdown came into force we unable to give out the GA envelopes, but a good number of you have been supporting the parish through Standing Orders with your banks. How I wish most of us put this system as a way of our Sunday giving to the Church.

**Pentecost** unlike Christmas and Easter passes with such little fanfare that there is a good chance you will not think about it or be reminded of it. But it is the 'when' as well as the 'what' of Pentecost that shows it is a Sign, a remarkable allusion of the Gospel that deserves our full attention. Come Holy spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire your love.

**Optional Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska:** On Monday 18th May Pope Francis added St. Faustina Kowalska to the General Roman Calendar, to be celebrated on 5th October as an Optional Memorial. As such the details of this new celebration will have to be added to the Ordo for this year.

**Feast days during the week:** Monday June 1st—Mary, Mother of the Church; 3rd June, Uganda Martyrs; 4th June Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest; 5th June, St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr.

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** will be celebrated this coming Sunday. The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. We believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith. St. Francis Xavier's favourite prayer was: "Most Holy Trinity, who live in me, I praise You, I worship You, I adore You and I love You." Let the Son lead us to the Father through the Spirit, to live with the Triune God forever and ever. Amen.

**Thank you for taking care of us** in various ways, we have received several calls asking how we are and some food has been brought to us. Thank you for such acts of generosity.