

**MASSES 31st Oct to 7th Nov 2021**

Sun	31	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	01	9.30am	Alan (B'day), Esther & Elias (RIP)
Tues	02	9.30am	All departed souls
		7.00pm	Maria Thi Tran (RIP)
Wed	03	9.30am	Mary Harrington, Cony & Harry Aspin (RIP)
		6.00pm	Kathleen Skelly (1st Anni) Reception of <b>Peggy Hyland</b>
Thurs	04	11.30am	Requiem Mass - Peggy Hyland
Fri	05	9.30am	Deceased members of Dunleavy, Murphy, Concannon families
Sat	06	9.30am	Rafael Costa & Conceicao Costa (RIP)
Sun	07	9.30am	Domingo & Magdalena Miranda (RIP)
		Iddalena & Joaquim Almeida (RIP)	Betty Osagie & family (Thanksgiving)
		Clay & Doris Okoye (10yrs Wed Anni)	Deceased members of Legion of Mary
		11.30am	People of the parish

**Lectors**

**31/10/2021**

9.30am	Demisha, Luca (R)	Felicia, Naomi (R)
11.30am	Morgan, Emmanuel (R)	Uni students

**07/11/2021**



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter- Solemnity of All Saints. - 31st Oct to 7th Nov 2021**

**I WANT TO BE IN THAT NUMBER**

You will excuse me if in my homilies I speak about Sir David Attenborough that famous naturalist who brings exciting programs on our televisions about nature. His group of natural scientists make some of these documentaries from Africa, so, watching some of David's documentaries, is another way of going back home for some of us.

In the natural world the question of numbers is very important, it secures force if there is a prey to be attacked, it ensures possession of a place if it is to be occupied, it gives opportunity to every member to have a share of the kill and it gives more chances of survival because the hunter has so many victims to choose from. Any animal that decides to go it alone has greater chances of failure than doing it together. As matter of fact, successful hunters always work as a team, that is why we have a pride of lions, a pack of wolves, herds of buffaloes swarm of bees etc. There are greater chances of survival in numbers than going it alone.

Today is a solemnity of all the Saints, men and women who believed in God, servants of Jesus Christ. We honour them not as individuals but as a group. They were united in focusing on God although they did this in different ways, they were indeed poor in spirit, they were gentle, they moaned over evil, they searched for justice, they were merciful to everyone, they worked for peace, they were persecuted even for doing the right thing and almost all of them had stories, gossip spoken against them because they were followers of Christ. And where did these people come from? The first reading gives us the answer: they were from every nation, race, tribe and language. They were in glory, dressed in white holding palms in their hands shouting "victory to our God who sits on the throne and to the lamb."

Let us again reflect on the philosophy of numbers. The saints in glory while here on earth belonged to a group of believers, they supported one another some of them suffered together and encouraged one another to do the right thing namely to love God and their neighbour up to their last breath. Today's solemnity reminds us that we cannot walk into heaven alone, we can do it safely together as a group. When we practice our faith together, it becomes easier for us to live as Christians. When we share our pain and there are willing ears to listen to our fears, we are given hope that things will eventually get better.

As you return home today, I ask you to keep into your hearts the collective nature of our calling here on earth and the collective nature of our being together in heaven. Let us support one another on our journey here on earth to heaven. When we come to church just as we have done today we support each other by our presence. When we talk to each other after Mass, we have a sense of belongingness and when we share each other's burden, our life becomes liveable. Just as there is strength in numbers and greater chances of survival in the animal world, let us remember that there are greater chances of making it to heaven as a group than making it alone. It is for this reason that each one of us should see himself or herself as a valued member of the parish and of the whole church. We pray that together we may make it to heaven one day. All of us.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Thomas James Byrne, Maureen Thornton, Angela Cook , Ellen Roe, Danny Prosser, Richard McCann , John Joseph Carey, Martin Muldoon, Mary Kavanagh, Kathleen Skelly , Pat Sheehan, Jim Maguire, John Lawrence O'Sullivan, Patricia Buxter , Kevin Dunne, Margaret Scully, Eva Tierney, James Patrick McLaughlin, Mrs M. Glennon,

***To Our Lady of the Rosary—***

*O Lady of the Holy Rosary , take our offering of praise and thanksgiving grant us our requests, obtain pardon for what we fear, for you are the sole hope of sinners. Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the fainthearted, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. Be ever ready to assist us when we pray and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual care to pray for the people of God, you who, blessed by God, merited to bear the Redeemer of the world who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.*



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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 :** 157.00 **SO ( ) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 317.24 **Total:** £ 474.24

*Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.*

**2nd Collection :**

**Bonus Ball :** No.

**Mass Attendance :** 315

**Pious Devotions**

**Prayer for priests**

**Divine mercy prayers**

**Parish Rosary group**

**Choir practice :** Fri- 7.30pm

**Church cleaning:**

**Confessions:** By appointment only

### **Catechetical bottom line:**

**1. What is chrism?**

Holy chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balm, blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday.

**2. What is the Eucharist?**

Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearance of bread and wine, Jesus Christ is contained, offered, and received.

**3. Who consecrates the Eucharist?**

The priest consecrates the Eucharist.

**4. Is the whole Christ present in the Eucharist?**

The whole Christ is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.

**5. Why do we genuflect and why do we kneel in the church?**

We genuflect to pay our reverence and respect to God who is present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of Holy Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle.

### **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**

**All souls day** is celebrated on 2nd November. The Masses will be celebrated at **9.30am and 7.00pm** for all the departed souls. I encourage to **Offer a Holy Mass for your departed loved one:** during this month. Ask your priest to offer Mass for them. Many of them prayed for the dead it is their turn to be prayed for. They need our prayers now as we shall need their prayers then. Envelops are available at the back of the church or contact the Sisters.

**Marriage Banns:** Ms. Cynthia Obadagbonyi Iziengbuwa of 43 Chester Street Coventry daughter of Late Moses Obadagbonyi and Mrs Patience Obadagbonyi of St. Joseph Catholic Parish, Ogbe Quarters, Oredo Local Government area Edo State Nigeria, would like to get married to Mr. Ogbekhili Randolph Osayande son of Godfrey Ogbekhili and Joy Ogbekhili of Idumogbor, Igueben local government area Edo State Nigeria. If anyone knows why they should not get married to each other , please contact the Parish Priest.

**Funeral Masses of our deceased parishioners:** Following the death of Susan Skarwinko I wish to let you know that their funeral Masses will be as follows:

Reception of the mortal remains of **Peggy Hyland** into St. Mary's RC Church will be on Wednesday 3rd November at 6pm. Requiem Mass on Thursday 4th at 11.30am, followed by interment at London Road Cemetery at 1.00pm.

Reception of the mortal remains of **Susan Skarwinko:** will take place on Wednesday 10th November at 6.00pm and service on Thursday 11th of November at 10.00am. Cremation at Canley at 11:30am.

**Eileen Mary Kerrigan RIP** of St. Georges Road passed away on Thursday 28th in Walgrave hospital. Her funeral will be announced later.

**Michael Clear RIP** brother to Agnes Haffernan who was called by the Lord on 27th October in early hours of the day. Our condolences and prayers to the family of Michael Clear.

**Solemnity of All Saints:** is celebrated today, every saint is honoured. While on earth, they lived lives that were poor in spirit, filled with a holy mourning, meekness, a hunger and thirst for righteousness, mercy, peace, purity of heart and even persecution. We are called upon to reflect the beautiful truth that we are called to become a saint. And the surest path to sainthood is to daily practice the Beatitudes.

**Welcoming University Students:** Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ Catholic Chaplain to Coventry University informs all students that we shall be welcoming them to our catholic community on 7th November at 11.30am Mass. I ask old students to help new ones to find the church and to join us. There will be some tea after Mass in the Church hall to welcome them.

**World Youth Day:** on Nov. 21st we shall celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is also World Youth Day to celebrate the role of young people in the Church. We pray for Kenelm Youth Trust, our diocesan youth service, and support their work through the second collection. Kenelm Youth Trust supports young people in our Archdiocese through Alton Castle and Soli retreat centres, in parishes and schools. You can donate directly to KYT at <https://donorbox.org/urgent-appeal>.

**Cardinal Vincent** has recently asked the Bishops of England and Wales to celebrate a Mass in their cathedrals on Sunday 7 November for those who have died during the pandemic and for all healthcare and frontline workers who have supported our local communities during the last eighteen months. Archbishop Bernard will offer Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on that Sunday at 11.30am. With this in mind, he encourages us to share in this commemoration at the Masses we shall celebrate anywhere on Sunday 7 November.