

MASSES 3rd to 10th Nov 2019

Sun	03	9.30am	Dorota N., Maciola, Dorota Rutkouska, Paulina Jeizek, Maria Nowakowska (RIP)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akhenji, Mama Cecile Nzanda (RIP) Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving)
Mon	04	12.00noon	Josephine & Ignatius Lobo (RIP)
Tues	05	9.30am	Bridie (Good health)
Wed	06	9.30am	Experito & Catherine Lutwama (RIP)
Thurs	07	9.30am	Peter Kenny (RIP)
Fri	08	9.30am	Leonard & Leena Lobo (RIP)
Sat	09	9.30am	Peter Kenny (RIP)
Sun	10	9.30am	Ikechkwu Onono (B'day)
		11.30am	Mama Cecile Nzanda (RIP) Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>03/11/2019</u>	<u>10/11/2019</u>
9.30am	Julia H. , Noah (R) Elizabeth P. (E)	Sr. Leera, Desma (R) Sophie (E)
11.30am	Michaela, Kisanette (R) Serso, Marcel (E)	Cynthia , Julie (R) Frank, Patricia (E)

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, Thi Tran, Christopher Browne.

Anniversaries during the week : John Joseph Carey, Martin Muldoon, Mary Kavanagh, Pat Sheehan, Jim Maguire, John Lawrence O'Sullivan, Patricia Buxter, Kevin Dunne, Margaret Scully, Eva Tierney, James Patrick McLaughlin, Mrs M. Glennon, Vincent McKeown, Johanna Mary McCoy, John Griffin, P. Prewitt, Anthony Edward Luke Mullarkey, Bridget Flynn, Patrick Plunkett, Gerald Thomas Dun-ion, Nikki Cherry, Con & James Healy.



Let us remember and pray for the departed souls, Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and souls of all the departed rest in peace. Amen.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary time- Parish Newsletter- 3rd to 10th Nov 2019

WHAT A FUSS WITH HALLOWEEN!

Thursday 30th October 2019, had been marked by many people in the United Kingdom as a night when the country was going to officially leave the European Union. It is not easy to divorce someone with whom you have shared your intimate secrets for so long; therefore not everybody believed that the divorce was going to take place in spite of the excitement of one member of the divorcing party who cried for a divorce! For three years the Parliament had been in scuffle as Remainers and Brexiteers were making mince out of each other. I was not bothered because politics is like that until when the Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that he would better be in a box and in a ditch if Brexit is not delivered on October 31st the Halloween night. Is he still with us? Please pray for him that he does not do to himself something stupid!

A child from our school asked me what the fuss it is all about Halloween? I told her that it is about how people used to behave before Christianity cleansed their culture. It is a celebration of pagan mentality and evil that lies hidden in our hearts until they are touched by Jesus Christ. Some people are drawn to doing evil, scaring vulnerable neighbours and children, or even on pouring blood! The people who make fuss of it are less likely to be fervent Christians.

Halloween originated with the ancient Celtic festival of *Samhain*, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. Scared by such ghostly return of the dead, the people would light bonfires and dress themselves up in clothes that made them look like ghosts. They also put masks on their faces so that when they left their homes in the dark the ghosts already wandering about would think they were fellow spirits and therefore do them no harm.

Is it good for Catholics or other Christians to be involved in celebrating Halloween? My answer is that Halloween has no redemptive value or any form of liberation. The ghosts that wander about that night are not thought to do so in tranquillity but they go scaring people, tricking and teasing them, those who dress up as ghosts can with or without intention pour blood if for fear the person is injured in flight. There is no fun in dressing up like a ghost with a human-like skull on the head, go knocking at neighbours houses in the dark and leave the children in tears because of fear.

Halloween is a big business in American. Of the \$9 billion expected to be spent on it this year, \$3.2 billion will be spent on costumes, \$2.7 billion on decorations, \$2.6 billion on candy, and \$400 million on greeting cards. For the sake of making money, everything that comes from America seems to be acceptable but I know that a Christian soul does not take long to notice seed from chaff.

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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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: **Gift Aid:** 339.45 **Non-Gift Aid:** 478.53 **Total :** £817.98

Counters : Vera & Phil

Mass Attendance : 605

Bonus Ball : No. 23 Julia Hunt

2nd collections : for the month of Nov—Dec : 3rd Nov. Retired & Infirm Clergy ; 24th Nov. Catholic Youth service; 8th Dec. Poor parishes fund.

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: Saturday 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

RCIA Sessions: Every Monday at 6.00pm

Catechism for FHC : Every Saturday at 11.00am

The Johnson Association is to support the Secular Clergy of our Archdiocese who, on account of age, infirmity or sickness, need financial help. Today's second collection will help next Sunday. Thank you.

Invitation to a Christmas Party: Bishop Ullathorne School hosts an annual Christmas party for elder members of our parishes. The next one will be on Friday 13 December. The event will run from 12.00 -2.00pm. If any senior citizen wishes to go, please let me know not later than Friday 29th November 2019 so that transport can be arranged for you.

Matters of Importance

IICSA Inquiry: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales recently wrote a brief message to highlight the context and primacy of the Church's safeguarding work. "In the last twenty years or so, the evil of the sexual abuse of children in the Church has been laid bare. This abuse is both deeply damaging to all those who have been its victims and a scandal against the faith we strive to proclaim. This makes it perfectly clear that, as a Church, we share in the sinfulness of humanity. Yet we also know that Christ came to bear the weight of that sinfulness on the cross. He alone can redeem us from it. Only by being close to him can his healing become a reality. With prayer and penance, we are going through a time of a slow, painful and deep purification for our community". He asked us all to keep in our prayers all who are involved in the Inquiry and those who carry the heavy burden of childhood abuse every day of their lives.

Catholic Women Association Members will be officially introduced and welcomed into the parish today during 11:30am Mass. They will lead us in the offertory procession. They invite you to join them for tea and Coffee in the parish hall after Mass.

Youth Lines Church Ablaze, a brand new initiative providing a chance for young people to effectively discern their gifts and charisms and the creation of listening hubs designed to support discernment of next steps. A very exciting day to be held at Alton Castle on Saturday Feb 1st 2020. Please email **Vicki** Victoria.hamilton@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for more information and to book places. This is a free event for young people aged 16 - 30 years.

Month of November invites us to pray for the Dead. Envelopes are available to write the names of those you wish to be prayed for during November – perhaps members of your family, or people who have helped you. Put your donation in the envelopes, place it in the box front of the altar. Mass will be offered for the repose of their souls.

Confirmation: Bishop William Kenny will Confirm year Six children of our school at 7.00pm on Thursday 21st November 2019. There will be a practice on how to receive the sacrament on Monday 18th November at 5.00pm in the Church followed by confessions.

2nd Christmas bazaar meeting: we are only 26 days away from our parish bazaar. The second meeting will be on Saturday 16th Nov. at 6:00-7:00pm. The bazaar will be on November 30th at from 1.00pm Raffle tickets are available at the piety stall, buy them as a gesture of your support to build up the church. Other items for bottle stall, Tombola, food hampers and Bric a Brac are needed.

Lectors of 11.30am Mass are requested to meet in the Lady's chapel soon after the Mass for a meeting.

Mass for the Deceased Clergy of Coventry will be on Tuesday, 12th November, 7.00 pm at St. Anne's (CV3 3AG)