

MASSES— 3rd to 10th Apr 22

Sun	03	9.30am	Everest Nnamdi Obi (RIP)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Thanksgiving)
Mon	04	12.00noon	Edwin & Elias Marime (RIP)
Tues	05	9.30am	Baby McEvoy (Good health)
Wed	06	9.30am	Marie Mathews (Good health)
Thurs	07	9.30am	Mapuranga family (Spl int)
Fri	08	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Melvis Mangwa (Spl int)
Sat	09	9.30am	Francis Mathias (RIP), SSA, Joseph Heppell & family (Thanksgiving)
Sun	10	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

03/04/2022

9.30am Anthonia O. ., Elizabeth H. (R)

11.30am Scarlett, Valerie (R)

10/04/2022

Godfrey, Filomena (R)

Emmanuel, Clare (R)

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea.

Anniversaries during the week: Anne Brennan, Thomas Brophy, John Dunning, John Dunion, Mary McSorley, Joseph Macken, Thomas O'Maller, Patrick O'Neill, Ellen Cox, Cath Molloy, Janet Cassidy, Patrick Bernard Ward, Kitty Howel, Annie Lyons, Mary Clark, Mr & Mrs Shaughnessy, Mr & Mrs Strevens, Winifred Mooney.

Dates your diary - First Holy communion: Sunday 9.30am Mass for FHC - 15th May ; FHC - 21st May at 10.30am .

WHY DID JESUS DIE

WHY WAS JESUS LIFTED UP ON A CROSS?

The Cross is a divine lesson in obedience and humility. Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Phil 2:6-8).

Jesus offers us His Cross as our lifeline of hope and salvation. He gave Nicodemus a sign that he could not miss. Jesus tells him: And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness (Numbers 21:9), so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:14-16)

In like manner, Jesus had to be lifted up on the Cross so that He could heal us of our sins. Just as the brass serpent was raised on the pole for the healing of Israel, so Jesus was raised on the Cross for the healing of the world.

As we prepare for Easter, can you see Jesus on that Cross? Look at him on that Cross. Be like Nicodemus - understand and believe. He was lifted up on that Cross for you, He was lifted up on that Cross for me. He was lifted up on that Cross to heal us from all our sins.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— Fifth Sunday of Lent—3rd to 10th Apr 2022

THIS IS THE SUPREME ADVANTAGE

I'm sure that each person has something he/she consider very important, something that brings you happiness and satisfaction. When you take something as one of absolute value, you do not fear to leave everything else, to take risks in order to achieve it. For love of somebody a man or a woman leaves the natural family to follow the beloved. For love of a child, a parent is ready to sacrifice whatever for the welfare of the child. For us religious people, for love of God and the church we have left our families and countries to go wherever we are sent. The secret of sacrifice is the conviction that it gives you supreme advantage.

Lent is a difficult season of prayer, doing charity and turning away from sin. For all of us, these things do not come out of nature, we have real battle fighting the devils within us. As we come close to the climax of this season, the Second reading gives us the meaning and purpose of Lent and interprets for us what we aim to achieve.

At the beginning of Lent, we started with fasting, we were encouraged to pray more, to forgive and to respond with generosity to the needs of our neighbour. But what is the purpose for this? It is to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. St. Paul was a man who lived a so-called privileged life until when he discovered that whatever he had thought of as important in his life was actually useless without Christ. *"I believe nothing can happen that can outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Jesus Christ. For him I have accepted the loss of everything and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him."* Whatever penance we are making this time, its purpose is to help us to know him better, to love him and to serve him in his people. Whatever we do and whatever we possess is useless unless we do it or we possess it as a means of knowing and loving Jesus Christ. If you have a car which takes you to every party, to every shopping and to every holiday but it never takes you to church to deepen your knowledge and love of Christ, that car is vanity. If you have money with more zeros adding on everyday but you do not use it to know God more and to serve him better, that money is vanity too. And if you have children who you love so much and you work hard to provide them with whatever they need, food, clothing, education etc but you do not help them to know and to love Jesus Christ, your love for them is lacking the most important element. In otherwards as St. Paul is teaching us today there is nothing in this life which can replace our knowledge and love of God. For him we should consider everything as rubbish if only we can have Christ.

I'm sure that preaching about today's gospel would be the obvious thing for every preacher but as your shepherd, I have deliberately preached to you about the supreme advantage of knowing Jesus Christ because if we have Jesus in our life, we shall see more of our own sinfulness and be merciful to fellow sinners instead of accusing and condemning them when we have so much to ask for God's mercy ourselves.

As you return home today remember that there is nothing that can outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing and serving Jesus Christ. Remember the mercy of God expressed in today's gospel. We are all sinful we need the mercy of God and the mercy of others.



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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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 : £ 178.00 SO (Mar) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 453.45 Total: £631.45

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

Readings: Is. 43:16-21; Phi. 3:8-14; Jn. 8:1-11

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: Saturday– 10.10–11.00am.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAMME - April -2022

Mon	11th	9.30am Mass
Tue	12th	9.30am Mass
Wed	13th	9.00am Mass
Thur	14th	7.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Friday	15th	3.00pm Stations of the Cross
		3.30pm Celebration of the Passion of our Lord.
Sat	16th	8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sun	17th	9.30am Easter Sunday Mass
		11.30am Easter Sunday Mass
Mon	18th	10.00am Easter Monday Mass- St. Osburgs
Sun	24th	2:00pm Divine Mercy prayers.
		3.45pm Holy Mass

Easter offering envelopes in support of your parish priest are available at the back of the church.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Our Parish penitential service will on tomorrow Monday 4th April at 6.00pm. Priests from the deanery will be here to help us with individual confessions. I request you to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family in preparation to celebrate Easter.

Palm Sunday also known as Passion Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 10, 2022. In the Christian tradition, the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, commemorates Jesus Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Our liturgy will begin in the garden with a blessing of palms, and process to the church commemorating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday-observed in commemoration of Jesus’ institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Our service will begin at 7.00pm with the celebration of the Holy Mass. Eucharistic ministers will renew their ministry at that Mass.

Good Friday- liturgy recalls the last three hours of Jesus. It consists of the reading of the Gospel Passion narrative, the adoration of the cross, and Communion. We begin our service 3.00pm with the Way of the cross. There is a mandatory collection which is sent to the Holy Land to support the dwindling number of Christians who still live there under very difficult circumstances. The Archbishop has written to parish priests reminding them of this. Let us support our fellow Christians in the Holy Places who have no means of making a living except from fellow Christians in other parts of the world.

St. Mary’s Oscott College is a diocesan seminary, which forms men for the priesthood and the diaconate from England Wales, Scotland and further afield, is looking for additional trustees. The particular areas of expertise which are needed are:- • Diversity and inclusion • Education and academia • HR and training • IT and digital • Media/PR Trusteeship is a voluntary role, and is a way to put your skills at the service of the church. If you would like any further information please contact Jackie Hall, Colledge Bursar at Oscott jackie.hall@oscott.org

New Book by Fr. Michael Stack entitled “*It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick*” is beautifully produced book of further reflections by Fr Michael Stack. It will be available to purchase after Holy Week. Please contact Fr Michael directly via email: michael.stack3@gmail.com to secure your copy. It will also be available after Easter from St Paul’s Bookshop at St Chad’s Cathedral. Revenue from sales of this book will go to the Association of Catholic Nurses of England and Wales, of which Fr Michael is the National Chaplain.

The Diocesan Vocations Office exists to build up a culture of vocation across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Through the Clergy Training Fund, we support our seminarians and men in formation to be permanent deacons, as well as providing for the ongoing formation of clergy. Through our vocation promotion work, we engage with schools, university chaplaincies and parishes. We produce a range of prayer materials to help build your relationship with Christ. We also administer the diocesan Guild of St. Stephen, supporting altar servers in their commitment to God and his people. office@vocations.org.uk

Energy prices have gone up: please try your best to save energy in your homes to save you some money. Here at the parish, it is very expensive to heat this vast place from the Presbytery, the Church, the Hall and the Convent. I will try my best to keep the church warm for all of us to be comfortable when we are praying. I know that you will be generous as you always are to meet the running costs of our parish. Switch off unnecessary lights, do not use water unnecessarily and keep extra warm clothing on you when you come to Church.