

MASSES 3rd to 10th May 2020

Sun	03	9.30am	Derrick Braganza, Fr.Jimmy (B'day) Anthony & Mable Braganza (RIP), Maame & family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	04	9.30am	Sr. Philomena Lakra (RIP)
Tues	05	9.30am	Bill Flynn (RIP)
Wed	06	9.00am	Requiem Mass of Bill Flynn
Thurs	07	9.30am	Ann & Chukudi Malize family (Spl int)
Fri	08	9.30am	Mathew Tanner (RIP)
Sat	09	9.30am	Theresa Anatuanya (Spl int)
Sun	10	9.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

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

Anniversaries during the week: Mary Greene, Jistus St John, Frank Seaman, P. Caroleen, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan. Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly, John Montague, John T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers, John Maher, Michael John McCarthy, Gerald Byrne, Harry McGorman, Patrick Owen Murray, Edward James Kavanagh, Matthew Tanner, Martin Duffy, William Clisham, Patrick Lanaghan.

Children's corner :

Easter Crossword

Bible Cross words for children

Word List:
bread cross
sacrifice love
stone hosanna
empty risen
slept thorns

Across

1. Taking this during the last supper symbolized Jesus' body.
4. Jesus was forced to wear a crown made of these instead of a crown meant for a real king.
7. The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here; He has ____!"
8. Instead of praying the disciples did this when Jesus went off to pray by himself.
9. The main reason that God gave His only son, Jesus to die for each of us.

Down

2. On Sunday the two Mary's didn't find Jesus but a tomb that was ____.
3. The word people shouted to Jesus that means blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
5. Jesus became the ____ for us, so we could be forgiven for our sins.
6. Jesus was meant to die on this.
8. This was put in front of the tomb so nobody could steal Jesus' body.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 4th Sunday of Easter- 3rd to 10th May 2020

BE A SHEPHERD THAT GOD THOUGHT YOU WOULD:

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday also known as vocation Sunday. The Church will never fall short of asking God to give more shepherds for his people, an indication that either we are asking him to give us more shepherds like the ones we have had in the past, or to give us better shepherds because the ones we have are not as good.

When we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday we immediately think about Jesus Christ. True indeed Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who loves each one of us and cherishes us individually as if there were no other sheep except myself or yourself. He is also the Gate, outside him there is no any other access to the Father, no window, no hole or no ventilation opening where we can have access to heaven. There is no short cut too!

When we ask Jesus for shepherds, we think of more bishops, priests religious men and women. True indeed we need them in great numbers. But there is something that vocation Sunday wants us to be aware of: namely the fact that God has given each one of us a particular calling, a mission to fulfil in this life. He has given us responsibilities, he has put me and you in charge of other persons and things, to care for them, to nurture them, to guide to make them achieve in this world God's purpose and in the world to come eternal life. What does this mean then? It means that we are shepherds.

In the Gospel Jesus tells us that he is our shepherd. What are the duties of shepherds? These are some of them: to feed their flock, to keep it safe, protecting it from predators and lead it to market areas in time for shearing. The shepherd looked out for good pastures and kept a watchful eye on poisonous plants. A shepherd made every possible sacrifice for the welfare of his sheep, rain or sunshine, day or night he was there for his sheep. For the shepherd, there is no lost sheep to be ignored he will go out in search of it till he finds it. There is no dirty sheep, he will carry any sheep on his shoulders and celebrate when he finally finds the lost one. In the eyes of the shepherd, no sheep is better than the other, they are all his sheep. It is this image that Jesus wants us to create within our souls when he describes his relationship with us as that of a shepherd with his sheep. Reflect on this image and apply it to your personal relationship with Jesus and with the members of your family.

By baptism we became members of a family the church. In that family, there are functions, and roles to play. Some are priests, others are religious, some are dads and moms. Some have business careers, farmers, soldiers, traders, doctors and nurses all of us are called and commissioned to go and be good shepherds. Jesus has given us an example.

In the second reading, St. Peter reminds us that in our being shepherds, we shall have to suffer just like Jesus. Because he suffered for us and left us an example to follow. As we celebrate Good Shepherd and Vocation Sunday today, we pray to God that he may give us shepherds who will dedicate their entire life to keep safe in holiness and truth the church. We ask God to consecrate for us bishops and priests who will be true shepherds to his people. Let us remember that we are shepherds and that God will demand an account of how we have carried out this duty.

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.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

52a, Raglan Street Coventry, CV1 5QF. Tel **02476258901, 07906124756**

www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk

Web cam: **www. mcnmedia.tv**

Parish Priest. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama, AJ

E-mail lutwajim@yahoo.com

Parish Sisters: Srs. of St. Anne of Providence

Leena, and Leera 02476550848

Safeguarding Rep: Veronica Carroll—Tel no. 07980506620

Parish School: St Mary & St Benedict's, Leigh Street CV1 5HG

Tel: 02476 229486 Head teacher Mrs McDonald

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: SO : Monthly : £698.94 (Mar)

Non-Gift Aid: Total : £

Hall Hire:

Counters : Bonus Ball : No.

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

Below are some resources you can use during the time of no public congregations at Mass.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

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. We are so grateful for such great gestures of hospitality and friendship.

Back on Air: Our webcam was overwhelmed by the number of people streaming from it for daily family Rosary, daily and Sunday Masses that it stopped. This is very good and I encourage you to continue joining me through the system for these daily activities of prayer. When you notice that no broadcast is being made please inform me immediately.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Today 3rd May let us pray for bishops, priests, deacons, and for an increase of vocations in the church.

Death within the Clergy family: The Archbishop announced to the family of the clergy in the diocese the death of their brother priests in the diocese: Fr Antony Conlon, Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr Andy Kenny's and Fr Timothy Burke. Some of you might have known these priests. Please pray for the repose of their souls.

Month of May is dedicated to our Mother Mary who is our constant intercessor before the Risen Lord. Therefore let us adapt the Irish tradition of setting up an altar to honour Our Blessed Mother during her month of May in our homes. As we are now spending most of our time with our family perhaps we could follow the Irish tradition and recite the Rosary daily to storm the heavens.

Funeral Mass for Mr. Bill Flynn a member of our Parish Financial Committee and resourceful in many ways will take place on May 6th 2020 live streamed from St. Mary's and Benedict Church from 9:00am. I ask all parishioners to join us in praying for our dear brother and fellow member of the family. There will be a short grave side service at Lenton's Lane Cemetery at 10:30am. Requiescat In Pace. (RIP)

Gift Aid envelopes: If you would like to do the standing order for Gift Aid the preferred option is by downloading and using the standing order form on the diocesan website. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.ukpages/FAQS/category/finance-resources>. The new Tax year envelopes can be picked up at the re-opening of the church.

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbours be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Congratulations to the winners of the Bible quiz : Answer to Bible Quiz 1. **C=** Heart. **2. C=** Malachi **3. A=** 4times **4. A=** I love; **5. A=** Harp.

Z & D Umeh; N & N Menezes; E & D Almeida; D & D Miranda; J. Soretis; C. Obanore; S. Aikhionbare; R. Ndungu, P & M Sam; K& K Kado.; N & S Ihionu; Rachela; Ella & Joe. Thank you for your answers and may God bless you all.