

MASSES 4th to 11th Aug 2019

Sun	04	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Mami Cecile Nzanda & Martha Ekobe, (RIP)
			Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP), Tracy Mungai (Thanksgiving)
Mon	05	9.30am	Elizabeth Niembro (RIP)
Tues	06	9.30am	R. Lumsden (Get well)
Wed	07	9.30am	A friends husband (RIP)
Thurs	08	9.30am	William Collins (RIP)
Fri	09	9.30am	Maureen (Spl int)
Sat	10	9.30am	Nora Curristan (RIP)
Sun	11	9.30am	Deceased members of Dunleavy & Murphy families
		11.30am	Patrick Cosgrove (Anni) Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP)
			Mami Cecile Nzanda (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

04/08/2019

9.30am Julia Hunt, Noah (R)
Sophie (E)
11.30am Stephanie, Florence K (E)
Lilian, Serso (E)

11/08/2019

James M., Elena Wood (R)
Yarik (E)
Morgan, Georgina (E)
Vera, Marcel (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. Dorota, Philomena (Mina)

Anniversaries during the week: Maura Mulroney, Peggy Connors, James Cannon, Vincent McHugh, John Hoban, Peter Hallinan, Patrick John Keegan, William Skarwenko, Patricia Ann Mathews, Thomas Moore, John O'Neill, Conrod Patalong, Lil Kitson, Delia Bridget Shannon.

Moral Story : Pride has a Fall

Gorelal was a famous sculptor. His sculptures looked real ones. He had a dream that after fifteen days, the demon of death would come to take him. He made nine statues of himself. On the 15th day he heard the demon of death coming and took his place between the statues. The demon could not identify him among statues. He rushed back to the god of death and told the matter. The god of death set out to take Gorelal himself. Gorelal was alert and stood motionless. The god of death initially got perplexed. But he thought for a moment. He said, "Gorelal, these sculptures would have been perfect but for one mistake." Gorelal was unable to suffer the least blemish in his work. He came out and asked, "Where is the fault?" god of death caught him and said, "HERE". The statues were faultless but Gorelal was caught because of his pride. **MORAL : Pride has A Fall.**



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

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NATURE AND NURTURE MAKE US WHO WE ARE

Catholics got this right from the very start; Mary the Mother of Jesus, although she was not numbered among the Apostles and not even one of the Seventy two others Jesus sent ahead of him, even though she was not one of the women who found the tomb empty on a Sunday morning, or at least another of Jesus' closest followers like Peter, James and John, they have held her in the greatest position after Jesus himself. There is no saint whose intercession is invoked more than the Blessed Virgin Mary.

But what makes her so great? Why should she be one like us yet unique beyond compare with any one of us? Surely Mary was a daughter of Joachim and Ann, she shared their genes no less than we share the genes of our parents. While the physical and personality traits determined by our genes stay the same irrespective of where we are born or brought up, the way how we are brought up matters a lot. We call it **nurture**.

A baby taken by chimpanzees and brought up by them without human contact grew up to behave like them, just as someone brought up among thieves thought that burglary was normal. The challenge parents have is to find the right way to nurture their children. A good nurture will be showed even if someone is in the darkest part of society.

It was not nature that contributed in the choice of her who was to become the mother of the saviour but **nurture**. Mary belonged to the *Anawim* the Poor of Yahweh, the people who put their entire lives in God's hands and looked to his saving help. The entire family of Mary was God fearing and respected by all.

Remember that you are an ambassador, a representative of your family your country and of the Church. When you behave properly you give a good name not only to yourself but to other areas or communities you represent. A good, loving and honest Catholic gives a good name to the entire Church; one bad Catholic tarnishes her 2000 year won good reputation.

The teaching of the Church is meant not to change our nature but to nurture our life and attitude. Nature comes from the creator, nurture comes from the family and society. Do all you can to bring out of yourself the best of your upbringing. That is what makes you acceptable by others and earns you great respect.

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:** £255.00 **Non-Gift Aid:** £301.75 **Total :** £556.75

Counters : Pat & William Edwards

Mass Attendance : 502

Bonus Ball : No.

2nd collections : for the months of September: 8th Sept—Catholic Education service ; 15th Sept—CASE

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: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Mass in the University: Every Tuesday at 1.10pm in Hub

The Lady's Chapel is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

Feasts during the week: **On August 4**, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. John Vianney, patron of priests. John Vianney, also known as the Holy *Curé de Ars*, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, France to a family of farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He remained firm in his faith, and lived a life of devotion to God. Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on 6th August in honour of the transfiguration of Jesus. The origins of the feast are less than certain and may have derived from the dedication of three basilicas on Mount Tabor .

Matters of Importance

The Annual Celebration of the Multicultural Mass of the African Day 2019. Fr Moses Pitya and the parishioners of St Elizabeth's invite you to their Multicultural celebration on Sunday 11th August. Seated by 2.40pm for Mass at 3.00pm followed by BBQ and bring and shared cultural dishes in the parish garden. This year it is a special fund raising event for the parish as they are planning to build a community hall with the support of the Archdiocese. Come along with your family and friends to support this noble cause.

Extraordinary Missionary Month. During October 2019, the Archdiocese of Birmingham will be marking an Extraordinary Missionary Month, called for by Pope Francis, for the purpose of rediscovering the missionary heart of the Church, in all aspects of her life and worship, and especially in every Catholic .

Sunday School Liturgy for children will close during this summer break. I ask parents with little children to sit with them. The little children should be sat in the front pews so that they are not hidden from view among the people. Remember to bring them up for the blessing after Holy Communion time. That blessing evokes within me as a priest the innocence of children before God.

Annual Diocesan Harvington Pilgrimage. Sunday, 1st September. Principal Celebrant: Bishop David McGough. Mass at 3.00 pm. Confessions from 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm. Free parking, and there will be tea and coffee in the picnic area.

Parish Hall is open for hire by anyone who wishes to use it for a party or for a meeting. The diocese has issued rules to be followed by the people who wish to hire its property throughout the diocese. If you are planning to hire the hall, you should also be ready to adhere to the rules which are displayed on the church noticeboard and in the hall.

Annual Rosary Rally. Sunday, 26th August, at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, starting with Mass at 2.00 pm, followed by refreshments and procession. Everyone is invited.

Altar servers vestments: Thanks to all generous parishners who contributed to buy the Altar servers dress. We are searching for a good and affordable dresses for our children.

The National Mass for all Altar Servers also known as the Guild of St. Stephen, will take place at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 21st September 2019 at 2pm. The main celebrant will be, His Grace Patrick Kelly, Archbishop Emeritus of Liverpool. Although our Altar servers will not go to Liverpool, let us continue to support them in their desires to serve Holy Mass in our church.

Death Announcement: I'm sorry to announce to you the death of Mrs. Dorota from the Polis speaking community. She died at Myton Hospice Coventry. RIP.