



Parish Newsletter—18th Sunday in Ordinary time- 4th to 11th Aug 24

Lord, give us that bread always.

This brief invocation in John 6:34 is the spontaneous response of the people to Jesus after he told them that the Father gives them the bread from heaven which gives life to the world (Jn, 6:34-35). The invocation, ‘Lord, give us that bread always’ is closely similar to the fourth petition, ‘give us today our daily bread’ in the Lord’s prayer, (Mt. 6:9-13).

We need to pose in silence and delve in the deep meaning of the people’s petition, ‘give us that bread always’ (John) as we ask the Lord for the daily bread. Do we know what we are asking for when we mention that petition?

What we ask for in the daily bread, is real food to sustain our bodily life, just as Jesus fed the crowds who flocked to him because they needed to eat. We note however, that in John’s narrative, Jesus introduces the bread that gives life to the world. This points to a spiritual bread that humans need for the salvation of their souls. It is a petition for everything that takes care of our entire human flourishing that includes the bodily and spiritual lives.

The petition is an invitation for self-consciousness and an awareness of our deep human longing for a happy life. It is also an opportunity to deeply trust and accept God’s ways because they guide our paths to full human contentment that extends beyond earthly life.

When our Lord says that he is the living bread, he is presenting himself as the one we need to save us. To us he is the bread because he is the way, the truth and life. He is the one we need to satisfy all our personal hunger and thirst. In the same invocation, we ask for all that sustains our salvation, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with his many gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and the fear of God (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1831).

Jesus, as living bread, is the Word of God that satisfies our curiosity for the truth that saves, and the answer to all our questions and quests. To gain fully from what he offers we must believe and fully surrender to him, for he says, ‘he who believes in me will never thirst’ (Jn. 6:35).

Fr. Aloysius

MASSES— 4th to 11th Aug 2024

Sun	04	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	05	9.30am	Evania D’Souza (B’day)
Tues	06	9.30am	Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Wed	07	9.30am	William & Pat Edwards (Thanksgiving)
Thurs	08	9.30am	Mapuranga family (Thanksgiving)
Fri	09	9.30am	Sr. Crocifissa (RIP)
Sat	10	9.30am	Uchekukwu Chidiebere Francis & Christiana Chikodinaka Okaro (Thanksgiving)
Sun	11	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy, Chlotrida Miriam Goredema (RIP) Frank Healy (2nd Anniv)
		11.30am	Elvita Pereira (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

04/08/2024

11/08/2024

9.30am	Anthonia A, Joel	Cath Slatter, Nicholas O.
11.30am	Vivian, Angela	Ann, Emma

Eucharistic Ministers

04/08/2024

11/08/2024

9.30am	Betty O.	Sophie D.
11.30am	Serso, Patricia	Loveness, Frank K.

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Gerard Griffith, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Sally McGorman, Christine June Hand, John Walsh, Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe, Francis Felton , Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O’Reilly, Rose roach, Maura Mulrone, Peggy Connors, James Cannon.

Clergy anniversaries: Rev. Cuthert Brown, Deacon John Leach, vv. Francis Gwinnett,

Feasts during the week: 8th Aug. St. Dominic; 9th Aug. t. Tehresa Benedicta of the Cross; 10th Aug. St. Lawrance, Deacon & Martyr.

Pope’s prayer intention for August—for political leaders

We pray that political leaders will be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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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 thirteen parish priests since 1889. Our Parish welcomes you to promote initiatives that build up and sustain our faith community.

**Parish Development**

**28/07/24: Gift Aid :£ 199.00 Dona: £ 171.91 Non-Gift Aid: £ 327.45 Total: £698.36**

SO ( Jul): £ Second collection - Thank you and may God bless you all.

**2nd collections** 8th -Sept Catholic Edu Service; 15th Sept- CASE

**Bonus Ball** : No.

**Mass Attendance** : 358

**Choir practice** : Fri- 7.30pm

**Church cleaning**: 7.30am

**Confessions**: Saturday- 10.10-11.00am (& by appointment)

**Pious Devotions** : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6pm

**Legion of Mary**: Meet every Sunday after 11.30am Mass

**CUSA weekly prayers**: Every Thursday at 6.00pm.

**SAFEGUARDING** : The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at: [sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE**: must be accompanied by an adult if they need to leave the church to us the toilets during Mass or other Church services. Also, please do not let children of this age go near the votive candle stands unaccompanied, and do not let them run round the car park. It is important that we do everything to ensure that accidents do not happen. Thanks you for your help in keeping our children safe.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**, feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**, solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, two Holy Masses at 9.30am and 6.30pm.

**Thanks to the CWA @ 60 years**

We owe our appreciation to the Catholic Women's Association of Cameroon who, last Sunday, gave us a taste of the *Parish Family Day*. Thank you for sharing with us your faith and generosity and for inspiring our sense of community sharing.

**Seven weeks to 22<sup>nd</sup> September: the Parish Family Day**

The countdown to our Parish Family and Thanksgiving Day is on. Let each association organise a meeting to put together their planned activities. The general community meetings will take place on Sundays, from 1st, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15th September, after the 11.30am Mass.

**Forthcoming matrimonial ceremonies in our Church**

Uchekukwu Chidiebere Francis and Christiana Chikodinaka Okaro at 3pm on Saturday 10/08/2024;

Bibi Sylvester Bougneh and Delphine Sieh Bibi at 3pm on Saturday 31/08/2024.

**Newly Baptised**: We welcome to the Church, God's holy family, the following who were recently baptised:

*Merina Yemane*, daughter of Yemane Adhana Sibhai and Senait Kiflazghi, baptised on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

*Evanna Ezichim Francis*, daughter of Francis Ana Yo Agu and Elizabeth Jjeoma Agu, baptised on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

*Kanyechukwuekene Jason Ukaigwe*, son of Desmond Ukaigwe and Annabel Jjeoma Ukaigwe, baptised on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

*Faith Onyinyechi Iwu*, daughter of Matthew Ndudiri Iwu and Oluchi Dominica Iwu, baptised on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

*Jude Thomas Stevens*, son of Richard Louis Stevens and Emily Jude O'Brien, baptised on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

**Adoremus** - a national weekend of Eucharistic Adoration – 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September.

Every parish is asked to focus on the central place of the Eucharist in our life of faith. Please read more about this here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/adoremus-at-oscott/national-eucharistic-congress-2024/>

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Weekly instruction will be held at 7pm on Thursdays at St. Osburg's, starting on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please inform those who are seeking this programme.