

MASSES— 5th to 12th Mar 23

Sun	12	9.30am	Fr. Bob Wright (Anni), Adora D'Souza (B'day)
		11.30am	Alwyn Rodrigues (RIP), Ghebremeskel & Letegerigis (RIP)
Mon	06	12.00noon	Canon Gary Byrne (RIP)
Tues	07	9.30am	Greg Jordan (RIP)
Wed	08	9.30am	Maureen Huckle (RIP)
Thurs	09	9.30am	Fremlin Savio Farias (B'day - Spl int)
Fri	10	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	Holy souls
Sat	11	9.30am	Sick of our parish
Sun	12	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Fr. Harkin, Nora Woods (Anni)

Lectors

05/03/2023

9.30am Marij K., Stanley (R)
11.30am Makah, Florence E. (R)

12/03/2023

Filomena, Cosmos (R)
Morgan, Sharon (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

9.30am Cath Slater (E)

11.30am Serso (E)

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

Anniversaries during the week : Josiah Morgan, Fr. Bob Wright, Josiah Morgan, Fr. Bob Wright, Tommie Doyle, Ada Ryan, John Gill, Ian Stuart McClean, Delia Sheridan, Joe Clark, Anthony Nicholl, John Murphy, Margaret Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Lena Fitzgerald, Edward Brennan, Fr. Harkin, Nora Woods, Margaret Dunne,

Stations of the cross at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

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Today's Second collection is for the Cathedral maintenance. Thank you for your generosity.



Thought for Lent:

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven."

"Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

"Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –Second Sunday of Lent—5th to 12th Mar 2023

LOOK BEYOND AND SEE, GOD IS REALLY WITH US

When I read the story of Abraham, I get strengthened in my life because it reminds me that God has a plan. But this plan is hidden from our vision and from our knowledge. We reach it by cooperating daily with the grace of God at work in us.

Abraham was a rich man, with property but he had no children. At about the age of 75, he was asked by his God to leave his country and go to the country he would show him. His God did not show him the land he was taking him to, he just asked him to cooperate. We shall never have a full picture of what God is doing with us or what he wants us to do with us.

This experience comes out clearly in the Gospel. Peter, James and John were led by Jesus to the mountain; for the three men, it was possibly one of the walks with Jesus; but for Jesus the plan was to prepare them for the scandal of the cross by revealing to them his glory. Yes, God has a plan, our not knowing it does not mean that it does not exist.

During this Lenten season, we are reminded of the mysterious plans of God. Dying on the cross could not be the best choice for the beloved Son. Yet the Father allowed it. Captive slaves returning home through the middle of the Red Sea was not the safest route to take, yet God planned that it was the best option. Freeing captives from Egyptian slavery and keep them wandering in the desert until they all died including Moses, was not true liberation, yet for God that was the best way to teach them that he was their Saviour! To tell an old man Abraham and Sara that he will be the father of multitudes was impossible dream, but it was the best way to teach them that he was a faithful God who kept his promise. Yes, indeed **God has a plan.**

When we discover that God has a plan, then our worries no longer have control over us, what we consider as dangers turn to appear as providential moments and opportunities in life. In the gospel we have heard those beautiful words of Peter "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here" but the same Peter had been panicking with fear as they were covered in a dark cloud. Whichever situation we may be, there will be something to marvel about and, to thank God for, because **God has a plan.**

St. Paul writing to Timothy in the second reading has said: with me bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News. Sometimes it is important to look beyond our difficulties and instead see that **God has a plan** and is present to us all the time even in difficult moments.

As you return home today, take the call of the voice of the Father which said: "this is my beloved Son, listen to him." Yes, if we listen to Jesus, we shall find meaning in every circumstances of our life.

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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

SO (Feb) : £ Gift Aid : £181.00 Non-Gift Aid: £314.27 Total: £ 495.27

CAFOD– Earthquake– £590.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Gen: 12:1-4; 2Tim. 1:8-10; Mt.: 17: 1-9

2nd Collection : 5th Mar.— Cathedral Maintenance ; 12th March— CAFOD

Bonus Ball: No. 35 - Agnes Haffernan

Mass Attendance : 443

Choir practice : Fri– 7.30pm

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Confessions: Saturday– 10.10–11.00am.

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

(RCIA): sessions : every Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

Gospel Reflection

“Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them”

In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. The disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy that He came to institute. The disciples were also entrusted with the prophetic mission of Elijah to call people to repentance and to fidelity to the covenant.

Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Our Parish Penitential service will take place on 27th March at 7.00pm. It is an opportune time to seek reconciliation with God and with one another. Come on let us seek God's mercy together.

Day for Eucharistic Ministers: Fr Stephen Fawcett is organising a day for Eucharistic Ministers to take place at Christ the King on Saturday 25th March. The day will start with Holy Mass at Christ the King at 9.30am followed by Holy Hour and two talks given by Fr Cecil Rogerson and Fr Stephen Fawcett. It will finish with a light lunch at 1pm.

Sacrament of Confession: Fr. Jimmy is available during Lent at any time for anybody who wants to have the Sacrament of Confession. Please give him a call on 07906124756. to arrange the time. Confessions take place also every Saturday from 10:00-10:50am.

Gift Aid Envelops: As the tax year is coming to an end by 31st March those who need the envelopes are ready for collection at the piety stall. New GAD members are welcome that is if you are a tax payer I encourage you to join the Gift Aid scheme to give your Sunday donations. Please talk to Sr. Leera today. **Donating through Gift Aid means charities and communities can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra.**



Coventry Pioneer Association: There will be a meeting on Monday 6th March at 2pm in the Library at Christ the King.

Fr. Jasper Toby will report to his new mission at Cathedral Church Wrexham Diocese Wales on Tuesday 07/3//2023. Thank you for the support you gave in his seminary formation. Let us continue to be a missionary parish with a desire and determination to support the missionary cause of the Church. Indeed the harvest is rich but the labourer are few.

Sunday School: I thank the parents that bring the children to attend Sunday School. It is encouraging to see so many. I ask parents to spend time with your child at home to let the child tell you what he/she has learned. This will help you to evaluate your child's catechetical progress.

Mass for Married Couples are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. Saturday 12noon, April 29 at Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. For more information, contact Paul Northam by emailing marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk or call him on (0121) 321 5148

Solar energy: with the rising cost of energy (Gas and electricity) - now and in the years to come, I'm contemplating of installing solar panels to assist the parish as a partial source of energy for the future. I'm seeking for advice from anyone who has interest in something of the sort to come and have a chat with me. You can give me a call n 07906124756.

Parish Finance Committee members are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 07/03/2023 at 6:00pm in the parish office.