

**MASSES— 6th Aug to 13th Aug.0 23**

Sun	06	9.30am	Betty& Emmanuel Osagie family (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	Acquah Family Obinna Ofili & Family (Spl. Int) Frank & Florence Kasibante (Thanksgiving) Mbide Michael Nzume (RIP)
Mon	07	930am	People of the Parish
Tues	08	9.30am	Pat & William Edward (Thanksgiving)
Wed	09	9.30am	People of the Parish
Thurs	10	9.30am	Sisters of St, Ann
Fri	11	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunle (Ann.) Felipe Da Costa — R.I.P,
Sat	12	9.30am	Deceased Members of Marime Mapuranga & family
Sun	13	9.30am	Frank Healy (R.I.P)
		11.30am	Mama Veronica Atanya (R.I.P)

**Lectors**

**06/08/2023**

**13/08/2023**

9.30am Elena , Filomena (R)

James M., Marij (R)

11.30am Louise, Sharon (R)

Rosaline Karen ((R)

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**30/07/2023**

**06/08/2023**

**9.30am** Cath Slater (E)

Sophie (E)

**11.30am** Florence K. (E)

Lilian (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, Chinasa Okosisi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Vincent McHugh, John Hoban, Peter Hallinan, Patrick John Keegan William Skarwenko, Patricia Ann Mathews, Thomas Moore, John O'Neill, Thomas Alexander Bell Conrod Patalong, Lil Kitson Frank Healy Delia Bridget Shannon Jim Jackson, Patrick Cosgrove, Angela Irene McGrane Mary Foley, Patrick Vincent Cosgrove,

***Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of August: For World Youth Day. We pray the World youth day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives***

**To Reflect on...**

*When God looks at you, He sees His perfect expression manifested in you.  
He has no need to see your past, or imagine your future, that which is perfect  
Simply is, and will always be.*



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter –18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—6th-3th August 2023**

**LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS TO DISCOVER THE GLORY WE ARE MADE FOR.**

The transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of his disciples was meant to enable them to remain strong, when they would see him at his weakest moment, starting from the Garden of Gethsemane, to his hanging on the cross on Mt. Calvary. I'm sure you have heard the song which invites us not lose faith in God 'when things go wrong because the God on the mountains, is the same God in the valley'.

Peter, James and John were now on the Mountain seeing Jesus in glory. They were at their best, that Peter exclaimed: "*it is wonderful for us to be here*" but as we know, a time came when Jesus was not on the mountain but in the Kendrod valley in the garden of despair and agony Gethsemane. It was the same Jesus, the same Lord, the same Saviour. As a pilgrim people on this earth and as Christians, we spend our life between those two places of Ups and Downs. In which ever place we might be, the voice of the Father tells us to '*listen to Jesus his beloved Son,*' or else we would be overcome with fear. Sometimes our life is covered with deep shadow, but we should never forget that the light of Christ eventually shines upon us soon or later.

The second reading is one of those pieces that give us firm certainty of what we believe and proclaim. St. Peter the principle witness to the coming of Christ said: "*It was not any cleverly invented myth that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power of Jesus. We saw his majesty ourselves.*"

If Jesus had not appeared in glory, the agony on the cross and his burial would have ruled out any belief in his resurrection proclaimed by the women who discovered the empty tomb. The event of his transfiguration reminded the disciples that Jesus had come from heaven. Whatever had taken place was to fulfil Israel's prophecy.

The world of God reminds us that what we Christians believe is not a fabrication of the human mind. Christianity is a revelation of God and it is through Christianity that we are called to share fully in the glory of God. It is therefore wonderful for us to be Christians and to be gathered here this morning to profess that we are a people of God.

As we return home today, let us go and build three tents in our homes: one for Jesus, one for our family and one for our neighbour. Let us ask the Lord to give us the grace to love being in his presence. "*It is wonderful for us to be here*" To have our eyes fixed on Jesus will allow us to discover the glory we are made for, the glory we are to share in, the glory that will last forever. Jesus is the beloved Son, he enjoys the favour of the Father, let us listen to him.

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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 (July) : £ Gift Aid : 95.10 Dona: £111.60 Non-Gift Aid: £ 545.80 Total: £ 752.50**

**Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you all.**

**Readings: 1Kings: 3:5, 7-12; Rom. 8:28-30; Mt. 13: 44-52**

**2nd collection :**

**Bonus Ball :**

**Mass Attendance :**

**Choir practice :** Fri- 7.30pm

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

**Church cleaning:** 7.30am

**Confessions:** Saturday- 10.10-11.00am.

**NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI:**

(18th—26th August)

O God who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic Barberi to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal, and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord,

Amen

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God—pray for us

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Sunday School Leaders:** I'm glad to announce the appointment of Ms. Emmanuella Emmanuel, Mr. Alister D'Souza and Mrs Esperance Barutwanayo as leaders of children liturgy in the parish. This has followed their training and scrutiny conducted by the Diocesan Office for safeguarding. I thank them for volunteering in this capacity. Let us all support them.

**Parish Family Thanksgiving Day:** will be celebrated again on Sunday 17th September 2023. Holy Mass will begin at 11:00am followed by get together with our families in the parish gardens. I request you to start preparing for this moment of togetherness and thanksgiving. I ask leaders of different groups and communities to organise as they have generously done in the past.

**Gift Aid** is a UK government scheme that allows charities like churches, to claim back 25% of the value of a donation, as a payment to charities. For a charity to claim this additional money from HMRC, the donor must be a UK taxpayer and make a declaration allowing the charity to claim, at no extra cost to the donor. Therefore, if you are a tax payer please join the Gift Aid scheme by filling a form or directly through the DONA machine. For more information contact Sr. Leera.

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion Catechism classes:** Parents with children, studying in non Catholic schools, the Catechism classes will begin in September. Please enrol your child's name with Sr. Leena so that we can plan the programme.

**Volunteer to re-decorate our Parish Hall** will meet after Mass in the parish hall to decide on the date this can start. If you are interested, you can let me know on 07906124756. Paint and brushes will be provided.

**Annual diocesan Novena** for the canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi will begin on Friday 18 August 2023 and conclude on Saturday 26 August, which is his feast day. Let us place before the Lord this intention.

**World Mission Sunday** 22nd Oct 2023 falls on the penultimate Sunday in October. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

**Second Collection:** in recognition of the work done by the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries in the Archdiocese, the Arch

bishop has permitted them to make two collections every year in the parishes they serve to support the training of their future priests. There will be second collection on the weekend of 2nd/3rd September 2023. Please support us in this noble cause of training future missionary priests. Thank you for being part of our family.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention:** "Let us pray that Catholics may place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration which transforms human relationships profoundly and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.

*Jesus, Bread of Life, every time we receive you in the Eucharist, you come to give new meaning to our weaknesses, and you remind us how valuable we are in your eyes. Through frequent participation of this sacrament, we unite more and more to you, and we assimilate to your way of living, your ability to break yourself when giving yourself to your brothers, and your ability to respond to evil with good. Give us the courage to look past ourselves and to bow down with love towards the weakness of others. Amen*

**Apostles of Jesus Founders' Day:** I would like to thank you for joining us in celebrating the death anniversary of our Founders last Monday. Bp. Sisto Mazzoldi died 27.07.1987, Fr. John Marengoni died 27.07.2007, same date 20 years between them. May they Rest in Peace