

MASSES 6th to 13th Sept 2020

Sun	06	9.30am	Braganza family (Spl int), Adele Idara Luther (1st Biday)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)
			Leo Dunnion (Anni), Adele Idara Luther (1st Biday)
Mon	07	9.30am	Rose Trill (Get well)
Tues	08	9.30am	Jim & Phil (Wed remembrance), Joan O’Keefe (RIP)
			School Children (Spl int)
Wed	09	9.30am	Ellen Sullivan (RIP)
Thurs	10	9.30am	Dennis Cooper (RIP)
Fri	11	9.30am	Patrick Sullivan (RIP)
Sat	12	9.30am	James Sullivan (RIP)
Sun	13	9.30am	William Anderson (Anni), Catherine Bradley (RIP)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)
			Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)

Lectors

06/09/2020

13/09/2020

9.30am	Desma, Anthonia A. (R)	Caroline, Neetha (R)
11.30am	Florence E. , Mary (R)	Florence E. ,

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

Anniversaries during the week: Evelyn Russell, James Crone, Mark Stein, Kathleen Palmer, Leo Dunnion, Tony Shepherd, John Patrick O’Sullivan, Dorothy Wheeler, Winifred Kathleen Ward, Shirley Jolly, Kevil Foley, Dan O’Driscoll, Dean Harris, Rosemary White, Catherine Bradley.

Feast during the week:

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: September 8th is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church remembers the Birth of Mary, our dear Mother. The Nativity of Mary is celebrated nine months after the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th). Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary of whom was born our Lord Jesus Christ. What joy it must have been to Saints Joachim and Anne on the birth of their beloved daughter Mary. Yes this is the day the Mother of Our Lord was born, this is the day the Mother of the Whole Universe was born. Let us offer all our joys and sorrows to her on her birthday. Let us commend our souls and bodies to our Heavenly Mother. Her maternal intercession will lead us to her beloved Son. When we entrust our lives to Mary, we can be assured that her holy intercession will take care of all our spiritual needs.

Care of Creation: Each year, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is observed on September 1. Pope Francis in his prayer intention for September, which this month is for respect for the planet’s resources: that we “take care of Creation responsibly”, asks prayer for the care of creation, which extends to 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Let us make efforts to take care of creation of God.

SUCCESS IS THE SUM OF SMALL EFFORTS REPEATED DAY IN AND DAY OUT



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—23rd Sunday in ordinary time— 6th to 13th Sept 2020

IT IS NOT MY BUSINESS:

Many times we have heard people say to us: ‘it is not my business “*Shauri yako*” “*Tebinkwatako*” others say ‘leave him alone the Lord will soon teach him a lesson, or even others simply pray that someone else would eventually point out the person’s mistake. We are slow to correct others because we do not know how they will take it. Experience has also showed that some people hate others simply because they asked them to correct their behaviour. On the contrary some other people have developed real friendship and trust of the person who corrects them. Thank you for telling me they say.

On this Sunday, the word of God is speaking to us about the duty of each one to correct a brother or a sister. In the same line we’re reminded also that we have the duty to take positively the corrections other people make in our behaviour. Human pride sometimes makes us to think that we are whiter than snow, or blameless as angels. Yet the Bible assures us that we are constantly in need of correcting others and in need of being corrected by those who truly love us.

Listen to the beautiful words of the first reading: “*Son of man I have appointed you an overseer to the house of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name, but if you do not speak to warn him to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin but I will hold you responsible*” Oh my God how many times have we heard people say, “We knew that her husband was cheating on her! Everybody knew that he was going to lose the job, all of us were aware that their children were stealing from them.” We hear these stories every time but the question is: what did you do to help him before disaster struck?

Correcting someone is not so easy; and, Jesus in the gospel is not necessarily giving us the procedure of correcting one another but he teaches us that mutual correction requires real effort, first to contact the person concerned, then to take a friend with you, then to involve the community. The difficulties that all of us have: teachers in schools, priests at the pulpit or neighbours across the road is that people do not want their behaviour to be spoken about. Don’t talk about my children as if to say my children are perfect. If we corrected one another and we accepted the corrections we are given, we would live in a better world.

I will now tell you a story of what happened in my village in 1977 during the regime of Idi Amin. A young man had become a notorious thief and everybody complained about him except his mother.....”

You can see how important it is to correct one another and to accept the corrections given to us by other people. Jesus has given us the ministry of reconciliation. When we forgive others, God forgives them and forgives us too. As you return home today, try to reflect on a brother/sister who you have ignored to correct his ways. Try to reflect also on those who have tried to help you change your bad habits and you refused! Remember, that we are each other’s keeper in the eyes of God, so we are responsible for one another.

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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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 181.50.00 **SO : () £ Non-Gift Aid:** 191.06 **Total :** 372.56

Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.

Hall Hire: **Bonus Ball:** No.

Counters : **Mass Attendance for the week :** 266 **2nd 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:

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

When you follow her; you will not go astray;

When you pray to her, You will not despair;

When you think of her, You will not err;

When she holds you up, You will not fail;

When she protects you, You will not fear;

When she leads you, You will not be fatigued;

When she favours you, You will arrive safely.

She keeps her Son from striking us;

She keeps the devil from hurting us;

She keeps our virtues from escaping us;

She keeps our merits from being destroyed;

She keeps our graces from being lost. (St Bernard)



Mass Intentions

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick up one or write your intention, place it in the box provided or request by calling Tel. 07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

St. Joseph has new Parish Priest: Fr. Stephen Day who is going to be the new Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker. Fr. Stephen will continue to be the Parish Priest of St. Thomas More, but very generously he has agreed to take responsibility for St. Joseph's as well. The two parishes will continue to be separate, and St. Joseph's will continue to have a special outreach towards the University of Warwick. Deacon David Palmer has been appointed as the new Catholic Chaplain at the University, and Fr. Peter Conley has agreed to work with Deacon David to celebrate Mass in the chaplaincy. Fr. Peter will be the assistant Priest to Fr. Stephen and will have a particular role at St. Joseph's.

Bishop's visit: the Bishop of Wrexham Rt. Rev. Peter Brignall paid a business visit to our Parish Priest Fr. Jimmy on Friday 5th of August 2020. He was very pleased to see a church well kept and tidy. He asked me to extend his greetings and appreciation for the good work everyone is doing to keep this place of prayer worthy of its name.

Priestly and episcopal ordinations: Have you ever seen how a Catholic priest is ordained or how a catholic bishop is consecrated? Well you have an opportunity now. On Saturday 12 September at 12noon Clive Dytor and Alex Taylor will be ordained. The following weekend will see Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper ordained on Sunday 20 September at 3pm. The Episcopal Ordination of Bishops Elect David Evans and Stephen Wright will also take place in October. Please do not go to the Cathedral all ceremonies will be broadcast live through the Cathedral webcam.

Church's savings are depleting due to lock down, although the collection box is no longer taken around in churches, we should not forget our Christian duty to support the church. Therefore on whatever day you wish to come for your "Sunday obligation" please place your gift for the altar in the baskets provided at the entrance when you come in or as you leave.

Baptisms in our Parish: can be resumed. If you have babies to be baptised please contact one of the Sisters. It is advised that the baptisms which take place in our churches should be for single families; multiple family baptisms are not encouraged as the mixing of people from different family groups increases the risk of virus transmission. The child to be baptised should be held by the parents only. Other members of the family, including godparents and grandparents should be socially distanced in household groups (or bubbles) in the church. The whole of the Rite should take place around the font to avoid the excess movement of people in the church building. The minister should remain at least 2m away from those congregated unless he has approached the child to perform part of the Rite. Please be reminded that the numbers of those attending the baptism of your child will be 10 Children are not allowed.

Baptism preparation sessions will resume on Monday 7th Sept at 5.00pm both the parents are requested to attend the sessions in the main church. Please make sure that you come with your face mask which must be worn at all time. Social distancing must be observed.

Funeral Mass announcement of Ann Lee will take place on Tuesday 22nd September St. Mary's at 9.30am. Thereafter mortal remains will be taken to London for burial. Our deep condolences to Jacqueline her daughter upon the death of her mother.

Masses for Bereaved: families that lost their dear ones during period Sept 2019—Sept 2020 the lockdown can now arrange with the parish priest to have a family memorial Mass celebrated in the Church for the happy repose of their souls. Due to the present circumstances of Covid 19, we shall not have communal annual Mass for bereaved families instead families are encouraged to contact the Parish priest for this purpose if they need one .

Annual Parish Family Thanksgiving Day: was to be celebrated on 20th September 2020 but due to Covid we shall miss it, but we shall have usual Sunday Mass dedicated to pray for our families especially during this hard time.