

MASSES 7th to 14th June 2020

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| Sun | 07 | 9.30am | Adam Benassia, Mami Cecile Nzanda (RIP) Lolo Josephine Onye (Anni) |
| Mon | 08 | 9.30am | Florence Ekobe (B'day) |
| Tues | 09 | 9.30am | Robert Skelly (B'day remembrance), Felix Menezes (B'day) Esperito Lutwama (Anni) |
| Wed | 10 | 9.30am | Sr. Reine (RIP) |
| Thurs | 11 | 9.30am | Sr. Nocoletta (RIP) |
| Fri | 12 | 9.30am | People of the parish |
| Sat | 13 | 9.30am | Mapuranga family (Thanksgiving) |
| Sun | 14 | 9.30am | Kenneth Ferris, Lolo Josephine Onye, Mami Cecile Nzanda (RIP) |

LECTORS

Lectors: 07.06.2020 Clinton O., Nardos: Res: Fr. Jimmy
14.06.2020: Ashley, Asipita Res:

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

Anniversaries during the week: Margaret Crawford, Michael Woods, Joe Heavey, Esperito Lutwama, Edward Devlin, Mary Elizabeth Hand, Jack Dunne.

Children's corner : Bible quiz- (Refer Genesis)



1. And God blessed them, saying, "Be and and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.
2. God them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the and subdue it.
3. God called the dry land, and the waters that were gathered together he called
4. God called the firmament
5. God called the light, and the darkness he called
6. God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; and he created them.
7. God created the great sea and every living creature that moves, and every bird according to its kind.

Please write your answers on a paper take photo of it and send it to **Fr. Jimmy or Sr. Leena.**

Congratulations to the winners of the Bible quiz:

Ella & Joe, N & N Menezes; E & D Almeida; D & D Miranda; J. Soretis; C. Obanore; ; Z. Umeh; N & S Ihionu; A&A Tekel Rafael, K&K Kardo. Thank you for your clearly thought-through answers.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity— 7th to 14th June 2020

THE MYSTERY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY:

This is one that we have been taught by Jesus himself otherwise we would not know what it is. Scholars of all types and colours have tried to battle with this mystery and all they get is more mysteries since the mind of man cannot fully understand the nature of God. On one Trinity Sunday, a parish priest was preaching about the Trinity. He warned his parishioners that it was a mystery but as he reached three quarters of his sermon, one woman stood up and said "*Father, you said that the Trinity is a mystery, but I have got it now, I understand it clearly, it is not a mystery to me and it is no longer a mystery to all of us listening to you*" The priest replied: Oh if you understand it clearly, then I have not explained it right!

The Prophets did not speak about the Trinity but they spoke about God and his attributes. Moses in the first reading proclaimed *God as Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.* Ezekiel saw God as a God of breath that gives life in the valley of dry bones. Amos saw God as someone who is not indifferent to injustices done to the poor. These are attributes of God but they are not his nature.

In his teaching Jesus taught us the mystery of the nature of God. *Go and baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* He did not say in the **names** of but in the Name implying that in God there are three persons but only one nature. Jesus spoke of the Father who loved him, so he loved us, the Father who Sent him, so he sent us, the Father who will send us the Spirit at the request of the Son. Jesus spoke of the Advocate the Spirit of Truth that the Father would send to his disciples. On Pentecost day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and all believers; it was not the Father, it was not the Son, but the Holy Spirit came upon them.

Whatever we say as Christians about One God can be said by Muslims and a Jews; they believe in the One God, but what makes Christian doctrine different is in what we did at the beginning of the Mass or indeed at the beginning of every Christian prayer: the Sign of the Cross. By the revelation of God himself we believe in God Father, we believe in God the Son and in God the Holy Spirit. We do not say that there are three gods here just as we do not say that because the egg is made of the shell, the white and the yolk, therefore I have three eggs.

Our holy Father St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the nature of the Most Holy Trinity to the people of Ireland. The shamrock has three distinct leaves on one stock but we do not call it leaves but shamrock leaf.

We are so used to invoking the Trinity when we make the sign of the cross without even thinking about it, but the mysteries of our faith are very deep. We cannot comprehend them and finish otherwise we would be gods ourselves. God created us, God saved us and God has made us Holy. Like all the mysteries of our religion, the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to live in communion with God and with one another. When we live in love with one another or when we minister to one other or live in agreement with one another, our life reflects the life within the Trinity. Let us confidently say "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end Amen..

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: SO : Monthly : £1300.73 (May) Non-Gift Aid:

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Hall Hire: Bonus Ball : No.

Counters : Mass Attendance : Second 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:

READ YOUR BIBLE: How can we find direction in life under this quarantine? Where can we turn for some words of wisdom to endure? ***“You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true: Remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures— from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus....this is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work” 2 Tim 3:14-17.***

MASS INTENTIONS

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions forward that request by calling Tel. **07547242375 all the Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.**

Thank you for taking care of us in various ways, we have received several calls asking how we are and some food has been brought to us. Thank you for such acts of generosity.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Feast of Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest is a newly established feast in the church to be observed on Thursday after Pentecost. In Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As Mediator between God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus, instituting the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice,. With a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the human heart. The feast is Proper to England and Wales.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is celebrated this Sunday. As we celebrate this feast let us join St. Francis Xavier praying: “Most Holy Trinity, who live in me, I praise You, I worship You, I adore You and I love You.” Let the Son lead us to the Father through the Spirit, to live with the Triune God forever and ever. Amen.

The Opening of Churches: Priests have received a document from the Vicar General advising them what to do when Churches reopen. The procedure is a long one and I will need the cooperation of every person, to prepare the church for safe return and to support the cleaning/sanitizing regime. I will need a number of people to carry out some duties, stewards at the entry and exit points, those to help with handwashing and sanitizers, those to count the people to make sure that we have number in church that can allow safe social distancing. **TOILETS** and Confessionals will remain **LOCKED** at all times. Those who are deemed vulnerable over 70 or with pre-existing health condition, self isolating should not volunteer. I will probably make public addresses to you every time when some information comes in. I will let you know before hand when this is to take place, so that we can prepare ourselves together.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: This feast calls on us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others. Therefore, at the end of the Mass, we shall have Benediction, stay kneeling & praying as we adore the Lord.

Gift Aid standing orders: When the lockdown came into force we unable to give out the GA envelopes, but a good number of you have been supporting the parish through Standing Orders with your banks. How I wish most of us put this system as a way of our Sunday giving to the Church.

Maryvale Sacred Heart Novena: We are invited to join online for the Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart at Maryvale Institute. There will be a Mass, Sermon and Novena live streamed each evening at 8pm from Thursday 11 June to Friday 19 June 2020 (Feast of the Sacred Heart). Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 21 June at 11am (on the day the ‘physical’ Pilgrimage would have taken place). It will be live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral. Full details, and how to access each event, are available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org>.

Feasts during the week: June 11th St. Barnabas, Apostle, 13th June memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the church. May these saints inspire & guide us in our journey of faith.