

## **MASSES 12th to 19th Apr 2020**

Sat	11	8.00pm	James Gaturi (10th Anni) , People of the parish
Sun	12	9.30am	People of the Mass
Mon	13	9.30am	Janie Patalong (RIP)
Tues	14	9.30am	Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP)
Wed	15	9.30am	Michael Lanigan (RIP)
Thurs	16	9.30am	Griffith family (Thanksgiving), Mary Mulroony (Spl int)
Fri	17	9.30am	Antonio Dores DeSouza (RIP)
Sat	18	9.30am	Paschal Osagie (B'day), Joao Jose Britto (RIP)
Sun	19	9.30am	Mr. Mrs. Fernandes (Thanksgiving), Peter Harte & Annie Laffey, Mami Cecile Nzanda (RIP)
		3.00pm	Divine mercy prayers
		4.00pm	Holy Mass

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

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

**Anniversaries during the week :** Anne Crawley, Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McEleney, C. Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Masterson , Tom & Eileen Fitzsimons, Annie Sheehan, Theresa Jackie Sheehan, Catherine Hearty, Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs, Georgina Martin, Jeremiah Hoban, Grace Maguire , Sheila Mary Guinness, Feichin Patrick Fagan , Fiona Bernadette Logan.

**Prayer for healing:** O Lord, may we find the joy of the Lord even in the midst of our trials. We pray that You would teach us what it means to see beyond our troubles, knowing that You are with us. Even so, Lord God, we see the challenges those around us are facing. We ask You to intervene, to be with those who are in need, to prompt us to participate with You as You care for your people, and, most of all, to restore creation and to make all things new. We pray that we would not be anxious, but that You would give us Your peace. Let us live differently in the midst of trial so that the world might see You in us. Amen.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions forward that request by calling Tel. [07547242375](tel:07547242375) all the Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible. The intentions will be mentioned at the beginning of each Mass. You can also find them in our parish newsletter. If you wish to have the newsletter emailed to you please send your e-mail contact to the same number.**



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **Parish Newsletter— Easter Sunday - 12th—19th April 2020**

### **HE WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD WILL RAISE YOUR MORTAL BODIES TOO.**

The Sisters and I here at St. Mary's and Benedict Church wish you a happy and Blessed Easter. This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad. All of us are heart broken by the way how we are celebrating Easter this time; apart from the tiny children and those being born at this time, all of us will live to remember this event which no one has seen before. While our songs are silenced from within the church buildings, one thing has not been silenced namely the freedom to proclaim Jesus as the risen Lord.

Last night in the Church, news went around that Jesus was Risen from the dead, Jesus the conqueror of sin and death, Jesus the only and sure hope of mankind. We stand here with the Paschal candle in our midst being reminded that when we were baptised Jesus lit the flame of faith in our life and in our families. Jesus is our light. We are ambassadors of Christ, our very presence in this act of worship is a testimony that Jesus rose from the dead.

The first proclamation that Jesus was risen was not by the angel or by the women or by the soldiers who guarded the tomb but by the tomb itself; its captive, the body of Jesus was not there in other words, the tomb itself and its emptiness proclaimed first hand that something had happened to the body of Jesus. However an empty tomb would not mean anything unless the angel from on high would be there to tell the women what exactly had happened to the body of Jesus and where they were to find him. He is risen, go ahead to Galilee you will see him there.

Brothers and sisters what we believe about Jesus is what we believe about ourselves. Jesus was born so were we. He had a mission, by baptism we have been given a mission. Jesus suffered the Cross. In life we too will have crosses to carry. Jesus accepted his Father's plan. We too are called to fidelity.

What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to us? First it means that all of us will rise from the dead by God's power after the pattern of Jesus Christ. Secondly it invites us to a newness of life. Jesus risen from the dead, remained the same but he was different, no longer limited by time and space. Following Jesus calls on us to act beyond earthly attachments and long for heavenly realities. Lastly resurrection means that we have to proclaim it to others. Faith which is not shared with others is like a tomb which does not give away its dead. Such a tomb does not proclaim the resurrection. The first place to proclaim it is in your home. There is no church outside there if it has not first existed inside the family. There are no Christians assembled in any church, if they have not assembled first in the family to pray. By dying Jesus has destroyed our death, by rising he has restored our life. Let our living faith be a constant proclamation of his resurrection.

**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 : £**

**Counters :**

**Mass Attendance :**

**Non-Gift Aid: Total : £**

**Hall Hire:**

**Bonus Ball :** No.

**Second Collection :** 10th April : Holy places

**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:**

*“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.*

**Gift Aid envelopes:** Some parishioners had not got time to pick up their envelopes, you can pick them from the parish office any time. Please make sure that you call before hand. Thank you again for your generosity towards the Church.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

Below are some resources you can use during the time of no public congregations at Mass.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF US:**

The Sisters: Leera, Leena and myself would like to wish you a Blessed Easter. It is a very difficult time for us without you but whatever happens has good purpose for us. 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. We are so grateful for such great gestures of hospitality and friendship.

While we remain separated from one another, we remain intimately united with each other. When the Lord brings us back into our church, let us return with new minds and hearts and with new strength. If we survive this pandemic and do not die from it, let us together make a solemn vow, namely to follow God and to walk in his path all the days of our life.

**MASSES FOR EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Sunday	12th Apr	9.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
Sunday	19th Apr	9.30am	<b>ONE</b> Mass
Sunday	19th Apr	3:00pm	Divine Mercy prayers & Holy Mass.

**EASTER DUTIES:**

Cardinal Vincent comment on ‘Easter Duties’ and the forgiveness of sins: It is an obligation on all Catholics to fulfil what is known as their 'Easter duties'. This is to receive Holy Communion at Easter time and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This obligation is removed from us this year, in the same way as it is not an obligation on us to attend Mass on Sunday, because our circumstances make it impossible. It is the teaching of the Church that the Lord, in His mercy, will forgive our sins, even our grievous sins if we cannot go to Confession as long as we make what is termed a perfect Act of Contrition, and resolve to confess our serious sins when we next have the opportunity to do so.

God forgives our sins when we are truly sorry for them. And when we turn to Him and express our sorrow in an Act of Contrition, it's called an Act of Perfect Contrition when its focus is on the mercy and the love of God rather than on the burden of our guilt. The only thing we have to remember is, when it is possible to make a Confession again, that we remember to mention the grievous sins which were forgiven by this Perfect Act of Contrition. We can make use, under these extreme circumstances, of this great tradition of the Church. Through it, the Lord forgives our sins that we may enter fully into the joy of the Resurrection.

**THE IMAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

The Image of Divine Mercy is already on display in our church, our parish being the centre of this devotion in our city, it means that the coming Sunday is our D-Day. In 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in a vision. She saw Him clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other blue pale. Sr. Faustina gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her: “Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world (47)