

MASSES 12th to 19th July 2020

Sun	12	9.30am	Sam Aikhionbare (Spl int), James Byrne (7th Anni)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP) Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)
Mon	13	9.30am	NO MASS
Tues	14	9.30am	Sr. Rajendra Mary (RIP)
Wed	15	9.30am	Deceased members of Hogan family
Thurs	16	9.30am	Deceased members of Meehan family
Fri	17	9.30am	Noah Menezes (B'day)
Sat	18	9.30am	Avery De Vera (B'day)
Sun	19	9.30am	Mrs. Thi Tran (RIP)
		11.30am	Dominador Galban Jr. (Thanksgiving) Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

12/07/2020

9.30am Anthonia A. , Nicholas, (R)
11.30am Florence K. & Florence E. (R)

19/07/2020

Selia A., Sr. Leera (R)
Julie, Ashley (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Anne Lee, 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: Donald Brennan, Francis Casey, Robert Butler, Sam Murphy, Kitty Denny, Cissie Allen, Owen Ferry, Margaret Wood, Josephine Duffy, Luz Alba Florez de Taylor, Mary Reid, Josephine Shanley, Nora Nugent, Elizabeth Call, Kevin Byrne, Michael O'Brien, Michael James Murphy .

Children's corner : **Inspirational story— MONEY CAN'T BUY EVERYTHING**

Amazing Bible facts and statistics

Number of Books in the Bible : 73;	Longest Name : Isaiah 8:1	Longest verse: Esther 8:9
Shortest verse: John 11:35	Middle books: Micah & Nahum	Middle Chapter: Psalm 117
Shortest Psalm :117	Longest book ; Psalms (150 chapters)	Longest Chapter: Psalm 119
Number of books in the OT: 46	Number of books in the NT ; 27	Shortest verse in the OT: 1Chro. 1:25
Longest verse in the NT: Rev. 20:4	Longest Chapter in the NT: Luke 1	Smallest Book in the NT: 3 John
Smallest book in the OT: Obadiah	Number of Gospels: 4	Last book of the Bible : Revelation
Number of times the word "GOD" appears: 3358;	Number of times the word Lord appears: 7736	

Return to the Sacraments: If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation please call Fr. Jimmy on 07906124756 any time. The Sacrament is received by appointment.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 15th Sunday in ordinary time—12th to 19th July 2020

WHAT MATERIAL IS YOUR SOUL MADE OF?

God has brought us back into public church worship talking to us first about the parable of the sower. This 15th Sunday reminds us that for God's plan to be fulfilled in us, we need not know everything in detail, but to cooperate with God to achieve what he wants us to achieve. The imagery of the rain that waters the earth making it fruitful, that Isaiah talks about in the first reading, teaches us that God has created us for a purpose. He has given to us what we are, and what we have, because he wants us to fulfil the purpose for which he created us.

In the second reading Paul reminds us that to achieve that, for which God has created us, we must pass through suffering. *But what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory as yet unrevealed which is waiting for us.*

In the gospel Jesus teaches us that God wants every person to do his will and to fulfil the purpose for creating him or her. He is like a man who went out to sow seeds. His desire was that every seed would germinate, grow and produce crops, but this was not the case as we have heard in the gospel. There are people who close themselves off from coming into intimacy with God, people who want to hear the truth but they are unwilling to adjust their lives to it.

The parabolic teaching of Jesus convey profound truth about ourselves and about the kingdom of God. It is not enough to say: *'what a good story'*! But to discover ourselves as the Lord speaks to us. In this parable Jesus teaches us that most people who hear the word of God will not necessarily respond to it positively, just like the seed not all of it fell in rich soil. The disposition of our souls to receive the word is important. This is true of evangelisation, we should not give up doing good sowing the seed but persevere despite our losses.

The seed that fell on the good soil produced fruit that exceeded the initial investment, some 100% some 60% some 30%. Even though few seeds fell in good soil, they produced more crop to make up for the earlier loss. Which means that the good we do, no matter how small can produce a lot of good.

Faith cannot be built on fleeting emotions it is will be lost. It cannot be built on too much worries about wealth. These can choke the word! But our faith should be built on the firm foundation of desiring to know God better, to love him more and to see him at work daily in our lives.

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.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: SO : Monthly : £1555.21 (June) Non-Gift Aid:

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 : 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:

THANKS TO THE CHILDREN

Thanks to all the children who during the lockdown were involved in the weekly Bible Quiz. I'm particularly thankful to their parents who encouraged them and guided them in answering the questions. I understand that answering the questions was in some cases a family activity. Thank you all for the hard work and for keeping the word of God as a light for your footsteps.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions, envelopes are available at the back of the church, pick up one or write your intention, place it in the box provided or request for one 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

Resuming our daily & Sunday Masses : Churches have again opened wide their doors to worshippers. Thanks to God that we are here again. As I have spoken to you in the past, the pandemic is not yet over, some people including the scientific community is speaking about the second wave of infection. I wish to ask you all please, please proceed cautiously and behave responsibly. If you are coming to Mass, you must put on a face mask. Many of us will find them uncomfortable, however if you love your life and if you care for those who love you, then you have to make it mandatory for yourself to put it on.

Try as much as possible to touch as few things as possible. Try to imagine the virus being everywhere; therefore try not to pick it up. Try also to imagine that the virus is not here, there is no reason why you should deposit it on something for someone to pick it up. The situation in which we are, does not only require common sense but Christian charity as well.

Sunday weekly Collection: since Sunday as a day of obligation has been lifted at the moment, please spread your Mass attendance to other days of the week instead of Sunday. To avoid movement no collection basket will go around. When you come for Holy Communion or for a blessing please place your weekly offering or Gift Aid envelopes in the baskets provided in front of the sanctuary.

At Holy Communion only one line will be formed, Sacred Host is to be received in silence by hand only. The church will be sanitized after each Mass, thus I need many volunteers to help in this. Don't congregate in the foyer or outside in the car park.

Please stay at home if you may have a pre-existing condition or are immunocompromised. If you are feeling ill, or you suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid-19 or if you have a sick family member at home.

Let us be vigilant. The virus has not gone away, it has resurfaced in other cities calling for a second lockdown. We must all fight this by keeping the infections at bay. Each Mass should last no more than 40 minutes to keep our congregating as short as possible. Exit from the church will begin with those seated at the back, do not leave the church until the stewards tell you to do so. The same applies to going to receive Holy Communion. These are unprecedented time and very stressful for each one of us. Let us cooperate to stay safe and keep others safe.

Singing in church: Please ensure you comply with these guidelines. There is to be no group singing inside places of worship when worshippers are present. Where music plays a big part in worship, and recordings are available, we suggest you consider using these as an alternative to live singing. You are advised only to play musical instruments that are not blown into. Organs can be played for faith practices, as well as general maintenance, but should be cleaned thoroughly before and after use. Except for the limited circumstances outlined above, people should avoid singing, shouting, raising voices and/or playing music at a volume that makes normal conversation difficult or that may encourage shouting. Therefore, spoken responses during worship should also not be in a raised voice. This is because there is a possible additional risk of transmission in environments where individuals are singing or chanting as a group, and this applies even if social distancing is being observed or face coverings are used.

Feasts during the week: 15th July St. Bonaventure; 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel.