

MASSES FROM 14th to 21st Oct 2018

Sun	14	9.30am	Leonard Lobo (RIP), Gerald Griffith (Good health)
		11.30am	Mr. Moses (Get well), Emmanuel Eguogwu (Spl int)
Mon	15	12.00noon	Margaret Keane (RIP)
Tues	16	9.30am	Agnes & Tom Ferris (Spl int)
Wed	17	9.30am	Vera Dunnion (Spl int)
Thurs	18	9.30am	Roque Xavier Almeida (RIP)
Fri	19	9.30am	Moreen Gregson (Get well), Felix Menezes & Arcanjela Almeida (Wed Anni)
Sat	20	9.30am	Jean Flannigan (B'day)
Sun	21	9.30am	Irena Tadeusz Rakowiec (RIP), Cissie & Jimmy Fitzgerald (RIP)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu (Spl int), Elizabeth Nyaruai (B'day)


Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

14th Oct 2018

9.30am Veronica Carroll, Asipita (R)
Elizabeth P. (E)
11.30am Avril, Mary (R)
Patricia, Frank (E)

21st Oct 2018

Desma, Julia H. (R)
Barbara (E)
Cynthia, Florence E (R)
Vera, Marcel (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Patricia Waltho. 

Anniversaries during this Week: Catherine McKeon, Michael McKeon, Roger Kockelberg, Christopher Doyle, Victor Pickett, James Delaney, Jim Hogan, Patrick Benson, Nicki Cherry, Hanorah Royal, John Doyle, Eileen Teynan, James Crawford, Dolly Rixon, James Flynn, Agnes Kathleen Molloy, Eve Jones, Ellen O'Brien, Martin King, Matthew Murray, Margaret McDonagh, Catherine Mulvaney, Thomas Burke, Michael Jerome Walsh, Mary Higgins.

Dates for your diary:

28th October Welcome Mass for the University students;
17th November X'Mas Bazar from 1.00pm to 4.00pm;
29th November Confirmation. 7.00pm



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 28h Sunday in Ordinary time 14th to 21st Oct 2018

THE STAINED GLASS PICTURES ABOVE THE SANCTUARY

After children had had their School Mass, some days ago, I went to school and a little child asked me a question I was not prepared for: "How many women were there among the Twelve Apostles"? Well as far as I know, all the apostles were men I replied. The child was not convinced and tried to show off that she was observant as she sat in the church. Well Father, when you go back to Church there are four pictures in stain glasses above the sanctuary one of them with blonde hair was a woman called Joannas which is also the name of my elder sister" I was so pleased with the challenge the child had given me, when I returned back to church I wanted to see what she claimed .

The names of the Apostles in the glass stained windows in our church are written in Latin, and the mind of the child with a bigger sister called Joanna, it could make sense to conclude that there was a woman or women among the Twelve Apostles.

Like that little child, I want you to be observant and to get used to the symbolic language of the church. If you look carefully, each picture of these four evangelists is represented by a figure of an animal or a bird. Do you know what they mean and what they require of us as Christians of our time:

Matthew the Evangelist, the author of the first Gospel account is symbolized by a winged man, or angel. This represents Jesus' Incarnation, and so Christ's human nature and implies that we should use our power to reason to achieve salvation.



Mark the Evangelist, the author of the second Gospel account is symbolized by a winged lion – a figure of courage and monarchy. Mark has John the Baptist preaching "like a lion roaring" at the beginning of his Gospel and this symbol implies that Christians must be courageous.



Luke the Evangelist, the author of the third Gospel account (and the Acts of the Apostles) is symbolized by a winged ox or bull – a figure of sacrifice which suggests that Christians should be prepared to sacrifice themselves as believers.



John the Evangelist, the author of the fourth Gospel account is symbolized by an eagle – which is reputed to be able to look straight into the sun, suggesting that Christians should be able to look on eternity without fear or flinching.



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 258.00 **Non-Gift Aid:** £411.26 **Total :** £669.26

Counters : Vera & Philomena

Mass Attendance : 637

Bonus Ball : No. 4 Mick Hogan

Second collection : CAFOD

Forthcoming Second Collections October - November 2018 :

21st October—APF World Mission Sunday.; Nov 4th: Retired & infirm clergy ; 25th Nov. Catholic Youth service.

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm.

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

The Lady's Chapel is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Feast day s during the week: 17th Oct St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr; 18th Oct, St. Luke the Evangelist; 19th Oct, Sts. John de Brebeuf & companions, Martyrs.

Baptismal classes will take place on 17th, and 24th Oct. at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. All must be attended by the parents and God parents.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open to everybody who wishes to deepen their faith. The meetings will take place on every Monday in the Lady's Chapel at 6.00pm. Kindly remember in your prayers **Edna and Michael** the RCIA candidates as she continues her sessions of faith.

Prayer for the week:

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may not be so consistent in the small things of life that I will lose the great inspirations that come to the soul. Broaden my life, that I may have the freedom of heart and mind to pass over the failures and interruptions, and with vigorous energy continue in the progress of life. Amen.

Matters of Importance

Parish Christmas Bazaar (17th Nov at 1.00pm) is fast approaching and we need your cooperation . Be generous in donating the tin food, tombola prizes, wine bottles or soft drinks, items for Bric a Brac. We also need volunteers to prepare the hall for the Bazaar. Please remember to return the stubs and the money by Sunday 4th November.

Welcome Mass at St. Mary & Benedict Church: for Coventry University students who have newly joined the University, will be on Sunday 28th **October 2018** at 11.30am followed by a cup of tea/coffee in the parish hall for all. We invite all the students to be present for the Holy Mass.

The Gift" - a Life in the Spirit Course: You are warmly invited to join on a new and exciting DVD course which has been given an Apostolic Blessing by Pope Francis. "The Gift" will be presented at St Osburg's over **six Thursday** afternoons from 1.30 - 3.00pm started on Thursday 27th September.

Intercultural Mass at St. John Fisher parish on 21st October at 3.00pm. If anyone would like to take part—a word of welcome in your Native language at the beginning of the mass or a Reading, a bidding prayer , sing a hymn. You are welcome to do so. You are all invited to join for refreshments in the parish centre after the Mass .

World Mission Sunday is on next Sunday 21st Oct, 2018. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Please join this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church.

A Rosary prayer group: of our parish meets every Friday in the month of October, to recite the Rosary in the Lady's Chapel at 6.00pm. You are welcome to pray and receive blessings from our Mother Mary.

Red "Missio" Boxes: could I ask those with Red Boxes to bring them to the church for counting. Remember to collect your Missio Calendar from the piety stall.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION DAY On behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham you are invited to come and join the first Diocesan Celebration Day on October 14th (10 am – 4pm) at Cardinal Wiseman Secondary School (part of the Romero MAC). The day is to bring together some of the main events in the life of the Church this year and share our diocesan involvement in them. The day will include live streaming of canonisations in Rome, Mass celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, talks, theatre performances, exhibitions etc . You are welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers' Training Day, is being organised at St. Joseph the worker parish on Saturday, 27th October, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. All the Eucharistic Ministers (9.30 & 11.30am Mass) of our parish are requested to attend this training. Details kindly meet the sisters.