

## **MASSES— 15th to 22nd May 22**

Sun	15	9.30am	Betty Osagie (B'day), Monica Horner (B'day)
		11.30am	Pa Ekobe Charlie (1st Anni), Clare McAndrew (Good health)
Mon	16	12.00non	Vera Dunnion (Thanksgiving)
Tues	17	9.30am	John Dunleavy (RIP), Emmanuel Chukudi (Spl int)
Wed	18	9.30am	Marino & Elena Bertossi (Get well)
Thurs	19	9.30am	Barbara & family (Spl int)
Fri	20	9.30am	Mathew Tanner (RIP)
Sat	21	10.30am	First Holy communicants
Sun	22	9.30am	Estelizio Menezes (1st Anni)
		11.30am	Clare McAndrew (Good health)

### **Lectors**

**15/05/2022**

**22/05/2022**

9.30am	Preethika, Alex (R)	James M., Anthonia A (R)
11.30am	Morgan, Florence E. (R)	Mary, Florence K. (R)

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**9.30am** Ann Mapuranga      **11.30am** Vera Dunnion & Patricia K.

**The sick of the Parish:** Marie Matthews, Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Sean Anthony Logan, Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Bridget Theresa Ludid, William Morrissey, Michael McDermott, Mary Devlin, Edmond Patrick Flynn, James Anthony Domican.

### **MONEY CAN'T BUY EVERYTHING**

Nick was a 10 year old boy. He was the only son to his parents. Nick's father was a very busy businessman who could not spend time with his son. Nick yearned for his father's attention. He wanted to go outdoors and play with his father just like his friends did.

One day, Nick was surprised to see his father at home in the evening.

"Dad, it is a big surprise to see you at home," Nick said. "Yes son, my meeting was cancelled. So I'm at home. But after two hours I have to catch a flight," his father replied.

"When will you be back?" "Tomorrow noon." father replied.

Nick was in deep thought for a while. Then he asked, "Dad, how much do you earn in a year?"

He said, "My dear son, it's a very big amount and you won't be able to understand it."

"Ok dad, are you happy with the amount you earn?" "Yes my dear. I'm very happy, and in fact I'm planning to launch our new branch and a new business in a few months. Isn't that great?"

"Yes, dad. I'm happy to hear that. Can I ask you one more question?"

"Yes, dear."

"Dad, can you tell me how much you earn in a day or even half a day?"

"Nick, why are you asking this question?" Nick's father was perplexed.

But Nick was persistent. "Please answer me. Can you please tell me how much you earn in an hour?"

Nick's father gave in and replied, "It will be around \$ 25/- per hour."

Nick ran to his room upstairs, and came down with his piggy bank that contained his savings.

"Dad, I have \$50 in my piggy bank. Can you spare two hours for me? I want to go to the beach and have dinner with you tomorrow evening. Can you please mark this in your schedule?" father was speechless!

**The greatest gift a parent can give his child is time. Money can't buy everything!**



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter— 5th Sunday of Easter 15th to 22nd May 2022**

### **PUT FRESH HEARTS INTO EACH OTHER**

On the 13th October 1974 boxing legends George Foreman and Mohammad Ali fought in Kinshasa—Zaire (now Democratic Rep of Congo) in an epic boxing match which is considered to be one of the most important in recent history. Mohammed Ali won it at knockout in the 15th round. The two men were faced with momentous task that, caused them not only body pain, but public embarrassment also. What kept them going was the cheering support from their fans. Punch after punch, the two men could hear the demand to give more and when one was getting it wrong there was a call to carry on.

The first reading has spoken about the missionary journey by Paul and Barnabas that made them travel through different Christian communities. Wherever they went, their experience was the same, sufferings, persecutions and deprivation of the believers in Jesus. In all these, they put fresh heart into the disciples encouraging them to persevere in the faith. They also said something very important which has been borne out of experience that we all have to experience many hardships, before we enter the kingdom of God.

This is very relevant to every Christian. Yes, all of us will have to experience many hardships, before we enter the kingdom of God! We need to realise that faith in Jesus will sometimes make us experience sufferings, will call on us to make sacrifice, or to offer the best of ourselves to others. Keeping in mind that our salvation was won at the altar of the cross, we must encourage one another to persevere. This is what Paul and Barnabas did and this is what being followers of Jesus in a parish is all about.

In the gospel, Jesus gives us the ingredient that makes us to live together and to overcome all things, it is a new constitution, a new rule of life -Love. As your priest, I meet people who speak to me about how you treat them when they come to our parish Church. *"The people were very welcoming, the choir was great, the readers were very good, the children were well-behaved, we felt welcomed. Surely we shall come again"* they say These are words I hear about you. Such a behaviour is a witness, a silent proclamation of the Good News, a very powerful and effective one. The beauty of our parish and its strength will be revealed if we love one another and encourage each other.

It was at the last Supper when Jesus spoke these words. Judas Iscariot the man who betrayed him, had received the bread and walked out. Night had fallen. He missed the important words of the Lord when he said: *"I give you a new commandment love one another as I have loved you"* This reminds us of the dangers of going out of church before the Mass is ended.

As you return home today, let us encourage one another and pray for one another. The strength of each of us is brought about by the support of others. Therefore, it is by our love for one another that they will know that we follow Jesus Christ. Our family thanksgiving day due 28th August, is a means of supporting one other in our family life and to thank God together for the blessings we receive as families. Let us put fresh hearts into one another.

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**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.

**Parish Development**

**Gift Aid :** £ 119.00 **SO ( May ) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 595.18** Total: £ 714.18

*Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.*

**Readings:** Acts. 14: 21 - 27; Apocalypse.. 21: 1-5; Jn. 13 : 31-35

**2nd Collection :**

**Bonus Ball : No.**

**Mass Attendance :** 318

**Pious Devotions**

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice :\_Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

**Confessions:** Saturday- 10.10 -11.00am.

**Glorification Through Suffering**

*When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him." John 13:31*

Reflect, today, upon this scene of the Gospel. Gaze upon Judas leaving the Last Supper and going out into the night to betray our Lord. But look at it in the way Jesus saw it. Look at it with the understanding that this was the means chosen by the Father to bring salvation to the world. Reflect, also, upon every opportunity that you are given to do as Jesus did. Try to be concrete and specific and see any and every suffering you endure as a glorious opportunity to dispense the mercy of God. Though this may be difficult at first, it is this act of love that will give great glory to the Father in Heaven!

**Mass Intentions**

If you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Parish Family Thanksgiving Day:** will be celebrated on August 28th 2022. It will be a parish get together to thank God for whatever he has given to us especially after the Covid 19 pandemic. I'm sure that you have something to thank God for as a person and as an individual. We shall start with celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass and proceed to the parish garden to have lunch together and some entertainments.

**Gift Aid helps our parish to thrive:** it is a way of increasing your charitable Sunday donation to the parish at no extra cost to you. It is a government approved scheme that allows charities to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer. The parish can claim back from the HMRC 25p for every £1 you donate. If you give a weekly income of £5.00 without gift Aid it remains £5.00 but with Gift Aid it becomes £6.25. and if your weekly donation is £20.00 with Gift Aid it becomes £25.00 because the government gives back to the Church £0.25 on every pound you donate. Sign up today with Sr. Leera our G.A assistant.

**Second collection** was mandated by the Archbishop to take place today to assist the afflicted people of Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity.

**The paradox of abundance:** over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

**Confirmation classes:** children who are studying in non catholic schools who have reached the age to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, the Catechism will begin from 11th June at 12.00noon. For more information please contact Sr. Leena.

**Returning to Mass at Pentecost:** on Friday 6th May 2022, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales reinstated the Sunday Obligation. A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

Since the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, not restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply.