

MASSES 15th to 22nd Mar 2020

Sun	15	9.30am	Ebron (B'day), Jerzy Rymarski (RIP), Patricia (Get well)
		11.30am	Mami Cecile Nzanda (RIP), Edward Wamala (Biday)
Mon	16	12.00noon	Peter Jones, Joe (Get well)
		7.00pm	St. Patrick's day
Tues	17	9.30am	O'Grady family (Good health)
Wed	18	9.30am	Peter Kenney (RIP)
Thurs	19	9.30am	Julia Hunt (Thanksgiving)
Fri	20	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	Margaret Collins (RIP), Mary Ainsley (B'day)
Sat	21	9.30am	Josephine Axworthy, Neil McHugh (RIP), Julie & family (Spl int)
Sun	22	9.30am	Stephanie & Greg (Thanksgiving), Esperanza Delima Fernandes (B'day)
		11.30am	Irene O'Reilly (B'day), Bridie McAndrew (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

15/03/2020

9.30am	Neetha M., Anthonia A. (R) Barbara S. (E)
11.30am	Nelson, Ashley (R) Lilian (E)

22/03/2020

Children (R) Betty Osagie (E)
Children (R) Loveness, Patricia (E)

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

Anniversaries during the week : Rosalyn Muffitt, Margaret Ward, Micki Kijko, Patrick Flahive, Peter Doyle, Terry Fielding, Ludovic Carl Wysoeki, John J Burke, Marie Murtagh, Maureen Doyle, John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney, OFM. Cap, Frank Keobhan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris.

Pope's prayer for protection from corona virus: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 3rd Sunday of LENT 15th to 22nd March 2020

THE LEVEL OF CORONA VIRUS HAS BEEN RAISED TO LEVEL 2



Please take note of the following:

- The distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds has been suspended.
- Holy Communion can be given only in the hands. Put forward your hands in a n open and reverent manner.
- Physical handshake sign of peace is suspended for the moment. Please wish each other peace without handshake (Mahatma Gandhi Indian style).
- Holy Water stoups at church entry have been removed. Do not bring your home blessed water to replenish fixed water font.
- Do not touch or kiss the statues or the relics of saints in the church.
- As Holy Week comes about, public veneration of the Cross on Good Friday will NOT be by kissing or physically touching it.
- Those most vulnerable such as the elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long term conditions are advised to refrain from large parish gatherings.
- We have ceased to give out hymn books and Mass books. Please follow the Mass and Hymns as projected on the screen.
- Everyone attending Mass must sanitise their hands as they come into church. We have dedicated volunteers to make sure that everyone gets the alcohol based gel sanitiser. Unfortunately we are running short of it and it is not available in shops. Please bring yours from home in your pocket and use it on yourself, family and friends when you come to church..
- I ask everyone to maintain good hygiene especially at Mass and parish do.
- Anyone with cold, flu and running nose symptoms should refrain from attending Liturgy.
- The Sacrament of Confession requires some close contact with the priest, a good distance will be set to protect each other. Please keep that distance.
- Surfaces frequently touched by people such as doors are regularly cleaned. Some doors will be kept open and wedged up.
- Ministers of the Eucharist must wash and sanitise their hands before distributing Holy Communion.
- The Parish priest will not pay pastoral visits to people who are self-isolating until isolation ends.
- The Parish priest will follow advice from the staff on infection control when he visits parishioners in care homes or Hospitals.
- Preparation and serving of teas, coffees in the parish hall where multiple people touch mugs, utensils, biscuits etc. is suspended. Hall bookings are not taken.

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: 260.96

Non-Gift Aid: 295.78

Total : £556.74

SO : Monthly : £520.02

Hall Hire: 70.00

Counters : Pat & William Edwards

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 532

Second Collection : 10th April : Holy places

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm followed by Mass

Divine mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month from 6 -7pm followed by Mass

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

Parish Rosary group every Friday at 6.00pm

Choir practice every Friday at 7.30pm /Saturday at 3.00pm

Church cleaning: Saturday 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

RCIA Sessions: Every Monday at 6.00pm

Catechism for FHC : Every Saturday at 11.00am

Church Cleaning: This week 21.03.2020 Group B. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your diary: Stations of the cross - Every Friday at 6.30pm

FHC— Parish & School children - 16th May at 10.00am

Polish children - 23rd May at 11.00am

Confirmation - 12th Nov at 7.00pm

St. Patricks Annual Mass: will be celebrated on Monday 16th March at 7.00pm at St. Marys Church 52a, Raglan Street Coventry.

Matters of Importance

Welcome Your Grace: we are very pleased to receive His Grace Bernard Longley the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and Fr. Dominic Cosslett his secretary into our parish. He will lead us into the celebration of the 11:30am Mass. His visit comes at a very critical moment in our country and indeed all over the world as we are faced with the crisis of Corona Virus. His presence among us is a great consolation.

Not every student or parishioner will be able to be with us today, please join us by following the Mass on line on www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk and at the home page click on Live streaming of Mass.

The funeral of Fr. Bob Wright Parish Priest of St. John Fisher will take place on Friday 20th March at 12.00 and reception on Thursday 19th at 6.00pm. Let us come together to give thanks to the Lord for his wonderful service to the church.

Parish Penance Service on Wednesday 25th March at 7.00pm. Take this opportunity to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors on Sat, 28th March, 11.00—12.30pm, in the main church in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Holy Thursday.

Coventry University Youth Mission: Catholic students of the University are calling you for their annual gathering of prayer and praise which will take place in our Parish Call on Tuesday 24th March starting at 6:00pm– 9:30pm. This event is meant to prepare our young adults for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

Gift Aid notice: Gift Aid envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the church. If you pay tax on your income please join this scheme by filling a form available at the back of the church You can do so through Gift Aid envelopes or Standing order. For more details please contact Sr. Leera.

Coventry Pioneers Association: will be holding a Month's Mind Mass for both Sister Sabina and John Flaherty on Friday 20th March at Christ the King Church at 7pm. All welcome."

Death announcement of Michael Joseph Lanigan who died on 4th March whose reception will take place on Thursday 2nd April at 6.00pm and requiem Mass on Friday at 1.00pm. Let us implore God's eternal peace and comfort to his beloved family .

I regret to announce the sudden demise of Mr. Tony Nichols of St. George's Road. His funeral will take place on 7th April at 10.00am. May his soul rest in peace.

Easter Monday Mass is traditionally held at St. Osburg's on 13th April at 10.00am Bishop William Kenney will celebrate the Eucharist along with the priests of the deanery. There will be no morning Masses in the parishes on that day. You are welcome to join the priests in the Eucharistic celebration.

Feast of St. Joseph, will be celebrated on March 19th is the Husband of Mary and Patron Saint of the Universal Church . May he intercede for us in our need.



The Feast of the Annunciation falls on Wednesday 25th March. The Feast of the Annunciation commemorates the visit of the archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which Gabriel informed her that she would be the mother of the Son of God and she was to name him Jesus.

