

MASSES 16th to 23rd Feb 2020

Sun	16	9.30am	Thi Tran, Anna Krawczyk (Kravchick) (RIP) Barbara Shaughnessy (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Josephine McCrove (Spl int), Catherine Lutwama (Anni)
Mon	17	10.00am	Requiem Mass— Mabel Braganza
Tues	18	9.30am	George Dunnion (RIP), James Mapuranga (Good health)
Wed	19	9.30am	Jean Morton, Neil McHugh (RIP)
Thurs	20	9.30am	Sr. Stella D'souza (RIP)
Fri	21	9.30am	S.S.A. -(Thanksgiving)
Sat	22	9.30am	Kosisochukwu Eke (B'day)
Sun	23	9.30am	Thi Tran, Jane Patalong (B'day)
		11.30am	Lanigan family (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

16/02/2020

9.30am	Julia H., James M. (R) Ann M. (E)
11.30am	Florence E., Cynthia (R) Serso, Patricia (E)

23/02/2020

Veronica C. , Naomi (R) Barbara S. (E)
Bimi, Mary (R) Lilian, Loveness (E)

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

Anniversaries during the week : Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash ,George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd, William Mara, John Callaghan, Francis Quilter, Jimmy Allen, Joseph Corcoran.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

When, during Mahatmaji's 21 days' fast undertaken in September 1924 for bringing about Hindu-Muslim unity, the doctor, noticing the extreme weakness of Gandhiji at the end of twelve days of the fast, spoke to the latter about the perishing of the body, Gandhiji, with a smile gleaming in his eyes like sunshine, answered simply, "You have forgotten the power of prayer."

The power of prayer did, indeed, prevail, for Gandhiji survived the ordeal, as the world knows.



Tea and Coffee available after 11.30am Mass in the Parish hall on every Sunday. It's an opportunity to know one another.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—6th Sunday in ordinary time - 16th to 23rd Feb. 2020

CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES FOR THE CHURCH FEBRUARY 2020

These guidelines were compiled on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales by Professor Jim McManus, a member of the Healthcare Executive Group. The Bishops are asking us to read this information carefully.

On 31 December 2019, the World Health Organisation was informed of a cluster of cases of pneumonia of unknown cause detected in Wuhan City, China. The cause is now identified as a **coronavirus**, one of the family of viruses which caused the SARS (Serious Acute Respiratory Syndrome) outbreak in 2002-2003 across the world, though it is less severe than SARS. The virus is now called *Novel Coronavirus* (2019-nCoV). As a family of viruses, these viruses are fairly common, and can range from mild to very severe.

Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. Most people who get coronavirus will have mild to moderate illness, a bit like 'flu. Coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

At the time of writing, individuals in the UK remain at low risk from coronavirus. The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to **use universal good hygiene**, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus. We should be doing this all the time for 'flu: **Catch it** - sneeze into a tissue **Bin it** - bin the tissue, **Kill it** - wash your hands with soap and water. Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands. Ensure good regular cleaning of surfaces lots of people touch regularly.

The Government has issued guidance for the public; this remains the best source of advice. The link can be found below. • At the time of writing there is no need to take special measures on suspending the Chalice or Sign of Peace. Should that become necessary, more detailed pastoral care guidance will be issued. ***Ministers of the Eucharist should wash their hands always before distributing Holy Communion.***

Those who have been asked to self-isolate in the community as a precaution by medical staff will understandably be anxious but equally it is important not to breach this isolation. "In person care" should be kept to a minimum and advice taken from NHS 111 or call NHS Direct Wales on 0845 4647 on any precautions needed.

For the latest information go to: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know> NHS Information <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/wuhan-novel-coronavirus/>

Take this very seriously by observing universal good hygiene behaviour. Save Life!

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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Parish School: St Mary & St Benedict's, Leigh Street CV1 5HG

Tel: 02476 229486 Head teacher Mrs McDonald

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 273.67 **Non-Gift Aid:** 320.97 **Total :** £594.64

SO : Weekly/Monthly : £380.00 **Hall Hire:**

Counters : Pat & William Edwards **Bonus Ball :** No.

Mass Attendance : **Second Collection :** 16th Feb. - Pro life

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 015.02.2020 Group C. Thank you for your co-operation.

GIFT AID NOTICE : For the coming Tax year 2020 we advice you to pay by Standing order. Please contact Sr. Leera today.

Dates for your diary: FHC— Parish & School children - 16th May at 10.00am

Polish children - 23rd May at 11.00am

Confirmation - 12th Nov at 7.00pm



Matters of Importance



St. Patricks Annual Mass: will be celebrated on 16th March at 7.00pm in our parish. You are welcome to join the celebration as Irish nationals will be celebrating their patron Saints day.

Archbishop's visit to St. Marys: His Grace Bernard Longley will celebrate Holy Mass here on Sunday 15th March 2020 at 11:30am and meet with the students and youth of the parish in the parish hall. This pastoral visit is particularly meant for the young people. I wish to ask students of the University to pass on this information to others and to prepare one another for this rare visit.



Bring your Bible to be Blessed This coming Sunday: To make this 'Year of the Word' more meaningful I ask you to bring your Bibles to Church next Sunday so that we can bless them and make a promise to read them and pray more regularly using the Scriptures. This is all part of the encouragement we have received from Pope Francis, who has asked us to focus more on our understanding and use of the Bible.

Bishop Walsh Catholic School in Sutton Coldfield (part of the St. John Paul II MAC) are seeking an inspirational, collaborative and outward facing Principal for September 2020. The closing date for the vacancy is Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 4pm. If you are also able to circulate details via social media, this too would be helpful. **Full details can be found on the school website: www.bishopwalsh.net**

Coventry Marriage Care - Volunteers needed: Could it be you? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services through 50 centres across England and Wales. The Coventry Centre is seeking Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to present and facilitate marriage preparation courses to small groups of engaged couples. The centre is also looking for **Qualified Counsellors**. Additionally we need **Receptionists** for counselling, and a **Head of Centre** to lead and support our team of facilitators, counsellors and receptionist. Marriage Care will provide all the training needed for the role, and you'll be volunteering with like-minded people. For more information please visit: <http://www.marriagecare.org.uk> or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

Talk by Archbishop Bernard Longley on ARCIC III - the third Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, on how the two traditions might learn from each other. Venue: Margaret Roper Room, St Thomas More Church, Watercall Avenue, Coventry CV3 5DE Date: Tuesday 25 February 2020; Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm. All are welcome. Information: Veronica Carroll, Secretary, Coventry Circle of the Newman Association,; veronica.carroll12@btinternet.com; Tel:07980506620

Winter Night shelter: St Osburg's and All Souls house the homeless for a night each week (Mon and Wed). They require items such as coffee, long life fruit juices, biscuits, cup-a-soups, hygiene items, new socks, hats, gloves, sugar etc. Cash is always welcome.



Season of Lent: We shall begin the Holy Season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on 26th Feb. There will be two Masses at 9.30am and 6.30pm. In this Lenten journey of prayer and grace the Walk With Me booklets have been produced and provided. Please pick your copy from the back of the church and use it in your prayer and reflection.