

MASSES 16th to 23rd June 2019

Sun	16	9.30am	Bernadette (Spl int), Tose Akhionbare (Spl int)
		11.30am	Mami Cecille Nzanda (RIP)
Mon	17	12.00noon	Mrs. Tran (Get well)
Tues	18	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy (Spl int)
Wed	19	9.30am	Warren (B'day)
Thurs	20	9.30am	Ben Ossuetta (RIP)
Fri	21	9.30am	Nick Brady (RIP)
Sat	22	9.30am	Sr. Baptista (RIP)
Sun	23	9.30am	Shawn Aikhionbare (Spl int),
		11.30am	Mami Cecille Nzanda, Maie Claire Nassi (RIP)
			Dorothy Maimo (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

16/06/2019

9.30am Elena A. , Nicholas (R)
James M. (E)
11.30am Patrick, Florence E (R)
Frank, Marcel (E)

23/06/2019

Noami, James M. (R)
Betty Osagie (E)
Estee, A Honorine (R)
Lilian, Vera (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, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley.

Anniversaries during the week: Katie McHugh ,Patsy Cooke ,Bridget Meehan, William Maggs , Daniel Murphy, Martin Ward ,Minnie Byrne ,Timothy O'Driscoll, Baby Cara Whelan, Patrick Francis Hallinan .

Conspiracy does not necessarily pay off: four college students went partying and didn't study for the test which was to take place the next day. In the morning, they thought of a plan; they made themselves look dirty with grease. Then they went to the Dean and told him how they nearly escaped death on their way back with a burst tyre. We pushed the car all the way back, we feel traumatised and not ready to take the test. The Dean thought for a minute and deferred the test after 3 days. They went away happy. Three days later, they appeared before the Dean who said that as this was a Special Condition Test, all four were going to sit in separate classrooms for the test after all they had prepared well in the last 3 days. The test consisted of only Two questions with a total of 100 points:

1) **Your Name?** _____ (1 Points) 2) **Which tyre burst?** ____ (99 Points) Options – (a) Front Left (b) Front Right (c) Back Left (d) Back Right.

Hmm! You can guess the answer.

Moral teaching of the story:

Sometimes people conspire to do evil or to make unfounded allegations. Conspiracy is not a winning factor, instead take responsibility, tell the truth or you will learn your lesson.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter– Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity -16th to 23rd June 2019

IF JESUS HAD NOT GIVEN AN EXAMPLE, NO ONE WOULD DARE.

Standing on the high terrace of the English College Villa Palazzola Rome I looked across the city right over Castello Gondolfo the Holy Fathers summer residence. What a peaceful place it was, but we know that Rome was not always silent; for centuries it was a place of bloody contest where Christians proved their faith through martyrdom. Christians longed to go there to make public proclamation that Jesus is Saviour; by his passion, death and resurrection he became King and Lord of every sovereignty including the emperor! An African Christian Anthony from Egypt, travelled three times to Rome to be thrown to the lions but three times the emperor refused because it was not worth feeding his lions on such a skinny man! Anthony went back to Africa and started a new form of martyrdom - Religious life.

In religious life, Anthony saw a new form of martyrdom whereby someone put himself or herself entirely at the service of Jesus Christ. In **Poverty**, someone imitated *the Son of man who had no where to lay his head (Mtt. 8:19-22)*; in **Chastity** someone followed Jesus in his purity and in **Obedience** someone followed *Jesus who came not to do his will but the will of his Father (Jn. 6:38)* Since human nature does not naturally act this way, religious life is a true kind of martyrdom.

At the time when religious life and religious values were held in esteem, society progressed, self respect and respect of others formed the fabric of life and society. This is no longer the case as there is increasing false feeling that an individual or a country can make progress without including others. Christians are faced with this challenge to resist ideologies that consider success purely in terms of being due to one's hard work thus excluding the poor. Surely those who are less successful are not lazy.

Jesus told a parable of men who planned to travel between Jerusalem and Jericho (Lk 10: 25-37). Some travellers went through without problem but one man did not, he was ambushed, robbed and left for the dead. Those who passed through could probably blame him for not taking personal security insurance, or for not having antitheft gadgets in his carriage or for just being careless; but the point is God has no favourites. He provides for the weak and for the strong alike, *he causes his sun to shine on good and bad men alike, his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike* (Matt. 5:35).

Jesus taught his disciples by example in order to give them confidence to do what he did to serve as he served, to endure as he endured and to love as he loved. Christianity has never been a religion hidden away in peoples hearts but one to be received and to be given away. Millions of the followers of Jesus over the centuries have, like him, had to sacrifice themselves for heavenly causes. Jesus gave the example first lest we would think that it is not possible to believe, to love, to trust, to endure or to hope. Humility is not a sign of being naïve. Forgiveness is not a sign of weakness and courtesy is not a sign of fear. Instead as Jesus said *"Let your light shine in the sight of others, so that seeing your good works they may give glory to your Father in heaven"* (Matt. 5:16)Martyrdom is not a thing of the past.

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.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £374.93 Non-Gift Aid: £346.13 Total : £721.06

Counters : Pat & William Edwards

Mass Attendance : 519

Bonus Ball :

2nd collections : Catholic Communications—195.55 May God reward your generosity.

2nd collection for the months of June & July : 16th June —Day for life; 30th June—Peter's Pence; 14th July—Apostleship of the sea.

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 & 3.00p`m.

Parish Rosary group every Friday at 6.00pm

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

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Mass in the University: Every Tuesday at 1.10pm in Hub

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.

Feasts during the week: **18th June** - Dedication of the Cathedral ; **19th June** - St. Romuald born in Italy of a noble family. He was a Hermit and a reformer of the monastic customs of his time. **21st June**—St. Aloysius Gonzaga : An Italian Jesuit of a noble family, he died as a result of his devoted and heroic nursing of the plague-stricken. **22nd June** -**St.John Fisher**, and his friend St. Thomas More gave up their lives in testimony to the unity of the Church and to the indissolubility of marriage.

Matters of Importance

Marriage preparation course: at least three couples from our parish have asked to have their marriage blessed in the church. Preparation classes will take place on the following days: Saturday 29th June, Saturday 6th July and Saturday 13th July starting at 4:00pm ending at 6:00pm both couples MUST attend these three sessions.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits share & care : some parishioners have volunteered to provide tea and coffee in the parish hall starting today after the 11.30am Mass. It is just to have a chat with each other after Mass. Please support this initiative. All are welcome.

Mission appeal in our parish 7th July : There will be a mission appeal for the Missionary Society of St. Columban. The aim of the Columban's is inculturation of the Gospel in Cross Cultural environments by engaging in reconciliation, dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. Please support them generously.

Deanery Corpus Christi Procession. scheduled for Sunday 23rd June is CANCELLED due to conflicting event in Broadgate on that Sunday afternoon. The Dean has not been granted a licence to process.

Baptismal classes: for parents who would like to have their children baptised, are informed that the classes will take place on **24th June & 1st July 2019** at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. All the sessions must be attended by the parents and God parents.

Day for life: this year will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived domestic abuse. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection held today will be used for the promotion of the dignity of the human person at every stage of a person's life. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

England is to be re-dedicated as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. The statue will be coming to St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham 20th to 22nd June 2019.

Fr. Michael Stack a retired hospital chaplain has written a book 'Lord, when did we see you Sick?' Over 20years Fr. Michael's ministry has been in Health care as a Hospital Chaplain. This book gives us his life giving journey with the sick and the dying. The book is for sale at the piety stall, costs only £5, buy it , read it and be inspired.

St Thomas More parish will be celebrating our patron saint on Saturday 22 June, but also marking 25 years of Pat Jeary's diaconal ministry. You are all invited to be at the Mass. There will be a barn dance afterwards.

Confirmation preparation classes for the children studying in non Catholic schools will begin from Monday 2nd September at 5.00pm in the parish hall. Parents who are interested kindly meet the sisters to enrol the names of your children.

Pilgrimage to Hednesford Marian Shrine: Deanery coach has been booked to leave on Sunday 7th July at 1.00pm. The coach will leave from Christ the King and the cost is £8. Places can be booked by phoning Fiona at the Christ the King - 024 76 591618.