

MASSES FROM 17th to 24th Mar 2019

Sun	17	9.30am	Mary Molloy (RIP), Emmanuel & Betty Osagie (Spl int)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	18	12.00noon	Philomena Mulvey (RIP)
Tues	19	9.30am	John Hoban (RIP)
Wed	20	9.30am	Margaret Collins (RIP)
Thurs	21	9.30am	Anthony Hoban (RIP)
Fri	22	10.00am	Requiem Mass—Joseph Corcoran
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Esperanca Fernandes (B'day),
Sat	23	9.30am	Osato Osagie (B'day)
Sun	24	9.30am	Marie Alex Gardner (RIP)
		11.30am	Dan Magill , Edward O'Reilly (RIP), Elvidia Galban (Anni)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

17/03/19

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9.30am	Julia Hunt, Elena Wood (R)	Veronica Carroll, Desma (R)
	Jarek (E)	Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	Kassanet, Julie (R)	Nelson, Echee (R)
	Marcel, Frank (E)	Vera, Patricia (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: 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 , Marian Christina Harte , Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury .

Quote for a fruitful Lent: *"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism."* Pope Benedict XVI



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– Second Sunday of Lent - 17th to 24th March 2019

SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD FIRST:

I passed through some African cities recently and I could not believe my eyes. African cities and towns are deadlocked with cars, heavy human population, business men and women not to mention young people who live in them to find life opportunities. Africa is no longer an oasis of quietness but a noisy place influenced by the global mentality of capitalism. If you stand in the middle of an African city you cannot fail to ask oneself: *'where have all these people come from and what are they looking for'?* When you observe the crowds carefully you notice that each individual is intent at achieving something even swindlers and pickpockets seem to have calculated strategy.

Haphazard living is something of the past. Africa is certainly the land of opportunity for all. Western influence is everywhere; unfortunately it's dirty part is exported there too! Struggle for control of natural resources is visible with China challenging European and American so called investors. Thank God, African people and their leaders can have Plan B if Plan A does not work.

It is not manufacturing companies that are shifting their businesses Africa, religious institutions too are doing the same. There is a phenomenon of Catholic Religious institutions establishing themselves on the continent on a massive scale. European founded religious communities have built seminaries and convents to guarantee the survival of those institutions since many African people have great appetite for religion. Many Religious Institutions have transferred their Generalates, Novitiates and seminaries to Africa because that is the catchment areas for vocations. Africa is the only place where evangelisers can work without much criticism and cynicism towards their work. Africa is therefore **NOT** a dark continent as people used to think in the past but a land of opportunity where Christianity has hope.

Jesus spoke to his disciples to place in their lives hierarchy of values; *"seek first the Kingdom of God and these other things will be given to you."* he said (Matt. 6:33) Let us pray for the African Christian people so that in the rapid changing circumstances of their life, they may not lose hold of those values that reveal the Kingdom of God in our midst.

Each baptised Christian is given the task of preserving the faith in its integrity. The life-style we live, the words we speak, the works we do are all good ways by which we show ourselves that we are truly seeking the Kingdom of God or not. Did Jesus not say that you will tell who they are by their fruits? what fruits are these if he was not referring to our moral output which comes through behaviour? Let us therefore be assiduous labourers in the Lord's vineyard and continue to support one another in the tasks God has given to us individually but whose purpose is the salvation of all.

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £248.80 **Non-Gift Aid:** £357.96 **Total :** £606.76

Counters : Elizabeth & Patsy

Mass Attendance : 671

Bonus Ball : No. 17 Damian Curristan

2nd collection : 17th Mar - CAFOD

2nd collection for the months of April & May : 19th April—Holy Places ; 12th May—Clergy Training Fund.

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 Mar St. Cyril of Jerusalem; 19th Mar - St. Joseph Husband of Mary.

Dates for your Diary : First Holy Communion - 18th May - Ss. Mary & Benedict School; 25th May - Polish parish children; 21st Nov - Confirmation.

Matters of Importance

Coventry University Catholic Students have organised a convention called EN-KINDLE (a moment of prayer, praise, adoration and Sacred drama) to take place on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at St. Mary's and Benedict's Church starting from 6:15-9:15pm. It is a great Catholic initiative which I wish to ask you to attend. Come and support our Catholic witness in the community.



Parish penitential service will take place on Monday 15th April 2019 at 7:00pm Come let us be reconciled with God and with one another.

School Confessions will take place on Monday 8th April starting at 10.00am in school.

First Confession for children preparing for their F.H. Communion will be on April 8th at 6:00pm in the church.

Feel welcomed Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Birmingham welcome all people to come and visit or worship with us. You needn't be a baptised Catholic to walk through the doors of our Church or to stay and pray during Mass. We are very happy that you have come to visit us.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith then speak to Fr. Jimmy your local parish priest or to one of the Nuns. There is a period of instruction prior to being received into the Church that people go through so that they may better understand Catholic beliefs and why we do the things that we do. This is called the Rite of Christian Initiation or is more commonly known as RCIA . If you are already a Catholic, but have been away from the Church, you are most welcome to return. You may wish to speak to your parish priest about Confession. It is always a great source of joy when someone returns to the Church after being away from the faith.

Archdiocese of Birmingham is organising an annual pilgrimage to Walsingham on the 11th May 2019 led by Bishop David McGough. If you would like to join this spiritual pilgrimage please contact Fr. Craig on email— Walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk/ 01214224865.

Job Vacancy for a Senior Administrative Assistant/Personal Assistant to the Vicar General Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week) £25,000 to £30,000 p.a. Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway, Birmingham.

Pray the Rosary with Our Lady of Coventry every Friday at 1:40pm in Lent, in May and in October in Priory Gardens near Trinity Church. Please help to create this tradition of prayer first started in Lent 2003 (15 years to date) and now taking place in Lent, May and October. When this started it was the first Rosary to be prayed in the ruins of “St. Mary's Cathedral” for 500 years.

Dementia Prayer Week :the Dementia family Ministry launched a Prayer Card marking 25 years of the Pastoral Care Project's charitable work. Dementia Prayer Week, took place from 12th - 19th March, a national, annual event enabling parishes and schools around the country and elsewhere to use the online resources to participate. Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David McGough wrote the prayers.

GIFT AID: Sister Leera will be giving out the envelopes this week. Thank you for using your envelopes when you donate to the Church. Church lighting and heating are much improved. And if you are a tax payer please join this scheme by filling form which is available at the back of the church.

Novena to Divine Mercy will start on Good Friday 19th April. Divine Mercy Prayers will be held here on April 28th starting at 2:00pm followed by Holy Mass.