

MASSSES FROM 18th to 25th Nov 2018

Sun	18	9.30am	Lional Roy Fernando, Cath Bradly (RIP) Nora Curristan (B'day remembrance)
		11.30am	Patrick Tully , Emmanuel Okafor Okafor Okechukulu (RIP) Theophilus Buwule, Felicity Nabaygala (RIP) Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving)
Mon	19	9.30am	Deceased members of Lobo family
Tues	20	9.30am	Cath Bradly, Elsie Cartwright (RIP)
Wed	21	9.30am	Jack Brennan (RIP)
Thurs	22	9.30am	Bridie Maguire, Cecilia & Francis Mathias (RIP)
Fri	23	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy (Anni)
Sat	24	9.30am	Josephine Lobo, mark Mathias (RIP)
Sun	25	9.30am	Rosemary Tressy (Anni)
		11.30am	Patrick Tully, Mary Mangwa (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

18/11/2018

9.30am Sr. Leera , Veronica C, (R)
Sophie (E)
11.30am Maame, Mary (R)
Loveness, Marcel (E)

25/11/18

Julia Hunt, Selia (R)
Jarek (E)
Georgina , Echee (R)
Vera, Frank (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, Patricia Waltho.

Anniversaries during this Week: Margaret & Joseph Hamill , William Greene, Robert Wood, Maria Patricia Murphy, John Ledwidge , Thomas Dalton, Willie Docherty, James Cummings Johnston , Con McFadden, Nikki Cherry, Piety Pinto, Cecilia Agnes Wilkinson , Katherine Ward, Patrick O'Donnell, Ethel Smith, Anne Parsons, John O'Shea, Edith Morley, Edward Benedict Cadwell, Rosemary June Treacy, Anthony Crawford, Patrick Plunkett, Celeste Childs, William Doran, Mary Montgomery, Michael McSheffrey, Mary Copland, Jane Walsh, Kevin Patrick Devaney.

If any parishioner is sick or in hospital, please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital ask for their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 33rd Sunday in ordinary time - 18th to 25th Nov 2018

IT IS ALL DUE TO IGNORANCE

A story is told of a king who had a lovely flower garden because of his servant who took great pains to make it a true paradise. One morning the servant discovered that one of his best flowers had been cut from its stem. Soon he saw that many more beautiful flowers were missing. Filled with anger, he hurried to his fellow servants and asked: *“Who stole my beautiful flowers?”* One of them replied, *“The king came into his garden this morning, picked those flowers himself, and took them into his house. I guess he wanted to put them in the rightful place of beauty in his palace.”* The servant was sad but he realized that he had no reason to be so because it was perfectly right for his master to pick some of his own prized blossoms. True, the servant missed his flowers but also realized that he was only a caretaker. The flowers belonged to the king, therefore he, picking them up for his palace would be cause for joy than sadness!

Such is life. In the garden of earthly life we are servants; we feel sad when one of us dies, he/she is the prized blossom of our life. But when we realize, that it is the King Himself – God – who has picked them *“to give them the rightful place of beauty in His Palace,”* we are consoled and get a better realization that there is no reason to be inconsolable like people who have no hope. The flowers in the garden of our lives – the faithful departed, in the true sense, belong to the King, and to Him alone!

During this month of November we pray for all the Faithful Departed; those flowers, who have gone away from the garden of our lives; yet whom we believe, are safe in the Mercy of God! We reach out our prayers that those brothers and sisters of ours, may come to God. The dead are not dead for God. Therefore, it is logical and reasonable that we pray for the faithful departed. All Souls Day, is not only a reminder that our loved ones are gone but it is also a reminder of our own death. During my recent celebration of the jubilee Mass by the graves of my parents in Uganda, the silent graves of my relatives was a reminder that when the evening of our life dawns, all that remains is God's peace. Death is frightening for the faithless but for the faithful, it is the doorway to the Fountain of Faith! Death is horrifying for the loveless but for those who love, it is the passage to the Fullness of Love! Death is devastating for those without hope but for those who hope, it is the entry to the fulfilment of hope. Death is a reality. It is human ignorance of what is to come that makes people anxious and afraid.

May the Blessed Virgin Mother who bore the pain of death of her child Jesus be our refuge and strength. May the prayers of the Church in heaven be our inspiration and strength. *Yes, let us pray: “Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace- Amen.”*

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £338.01 **Non-Gift Aid:** £ 369.22 **Total :** £707.23

Counters :

Mass Attendance : 618 **Bonus Ball :** No. 16 Mary Mulroony

Second collection : ; 25th Nov. Catholic Youth service;

Forthcoming Second Collections November—December 2018 : 9th Dec - Poor parishes 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 & 3.00pm.

Parish Rosary group every Friday at 6.00pm

Choir practice every Friday at 7.30pm

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 (**No Mass this Tuesday**)

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.

Feast day s during the week: on November 21, we remember the presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast stresses the importance of Mary in the salvific history. 22nd Nov St. Cecilia, virgin & Martyr. She is the patron saint of musicians.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) The meetings take place on Mondays in the Lady's Chapel at 6.00pm. Kindly remember in your prayers **Edna and Michael, Adetutu and Hutty.**

Thought on marriage: Money in our families and marriage,...is it master or servant? Money, money, money. Our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed for 'the love of money' For money men will sell their souls, women their bodies and everyone is tempted to lose their virtue. Families are destroyed from the stress both of having too much of it, and not having enough of it. God asks us to seek 'first His Kingdom' and all (including money) will be added 'unto us'. In marriage and our families, money is to be our servant. We are not to serve money.

Matters of Importance

Eucharistic Ministers: The annual Day of Recollection for all Eucharistic ministers is on 24th November. The venue is St. Joseph the Worker Parish Room at 10:30 am to 3:30pm

Our Parish school St Mary and St Benedict requires 3 new Governors. This is a voluntary role that requires a high level of commitment, with mandatory attendance at two meetings per term (6 per year) and at least one other informal visit to the school each term (3 per year). No experience is necessary as training courses and on line training and advice is available. If you are interested please speak to Elizabeth Hancock (Chair of Governors or Mrs McDonald the Head Teacher.

Confirmation: Bishop William Kenny will Confirm 31 children both from parish and school on 29th November 2018 at 7.00pm. There will be a preparation session for children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 26th November at 5.00pm in the Church followed by Confessions.

Our parish Christmas Bazaar was indeed a great success I thank each and everyone who contributed towards it and all those who worked very hard not only on the day of bazaar but through out the year. We were able to raise an amount of **£ 4806.37** May God bless you all.

Winners of the Raffle Prizes

1st Prize NO 002570
2nd Prize No 06829 Tom Ward
3rd Prize No 02776 Sean Ward
4th Prize No 03810
5th prize No 02661 Sean Ward

Please collect your prizes at the piety stall.

Food Hamper Raffles

II- Prize Yellow Ticket Ad849998
276– 280

Advent prayer day for our parish will be on Saturday 8th December from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, sharing the Word of God and personal reflections. I invite all the parishners to make some time and come to rest at the feet of the Lord in prayer as we prepare for the birthday of the Lord.

Parish penitential service will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 6.00pm. There will be priests from the deanery who will assist us with individual Confessions. Let us come together to experience God's mercy and healing as we approach the sacrament of reconciliation. Don't let go of this opportunity but avail yourself for this spiritual food.

The coming Sunday on 25th November we shall celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Let us prepare ourselves for this Solemnity by letting the reign of God in our lives. Multiple zeros get no value if 000001 is placed in the last. Putting 1 first certainly provides value for those zeroes (100000). Man is Zero, God is 1. If we put God last in our life we are definitely worthless on the contrary putting God first makes us so valuable. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these other things will be given to you.