

MASSES FROM 19th to 26th May 2019

Sun	19	9.30am	Josephine Axworthy (RIP), Mable Braganza (Spl int)
		11.30am	Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving), Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP)
Mon	20	12.00noon	Helpers of Monday club
Tues	21	9.30am	Mathew Tanner (B'day remembrance)
Wed	22	9.30am	John Murphy (RIP)
Thurs	23	9.30am	Tony Smith (Get well)
Fri	24	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Sat	25	11.00am	First Holy Communion
Sun	26	9.30am	Maria Eu, Janina Skrzypek, Thomas Duignan (RIP)
			Michael Lanigan (B'day)
		11.30am	Letetion Yacob, Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

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9.30am	Margaret, Desma (R)	Julia Hunt, Anthonia A. (R)
	Betty Osagie (E)	Ann M. (E)
11.30am	Morgan, Georgina (R)	Valerie, Petra (R)
	Vera, Lilian (E)	Patricia, 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, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley.

Anniversaries during the week: Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Bridget Theresa Ludid, William Morrissey, Michael McDermott, Mary Devlin, Edmond Patrick Flynn, James Anthony Domican, James Mullarkey, Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh.

Prayer to Virgin Mother: O Most Glorious Virgin, chosen from among all others by an eternal decree to be the Mother of the Eternal Word, the Treasury of Divine Graces and the Refuge of Sinners, I, thy most unworthy servant, have recourse to thee, that thou mayest be my tender guide and counsellor in this valley of tears. Through the Precious Blood of thy Son, obtain for me the pardon of my sins, the salvation of my soul, and all things necessary to attain them. Grant also that Holy Church may triumph over her enemies and that the Kingdom of Jesus Christ well soon be extended over the whole earth, I ask this through thy intercession. Amen.



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 Newsletter— FIFTH SUNDAY—19th to 26th May 2019

JOB VACANCY

On Tuesday last week there was a Job vacancy announced in the church for the first time. This was not a hoax but a genuine job offer because it was advertised by the top executive officer himself, Simon Peter from Galilee. The job was advertised in his words as he addressed the community of believers in Jesus. From the moment the Apostles discovered that the tomb was empty and that Jesus's body was not stolen (as some Jews were saying) but that he had indeed risen and was appearing to them alive, until then Peter had been addressing the Jewish leaders sometimes accusing them of killing Jesus the stone that had been rejected by the builders which had now become the corner stone. Peter regrettably admitted that one of their own number had offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus. This man Judas took his own life and it was time to have him replaced. The job description was clear: the candidate must witness to the resurrection of Jesus.

What were the qualifications that a suitable candidate had to have?

Someone who has ***been with us*** the whole time that the Lord Jesus was ***travelling round with us***, someone who ***was with us*** right from the time when John was baptizing until the day when Jesus was ***taken up from us***— and he can ***act with us*** as a witness to his resurrection.”

The cutting edge was constancy, fidelity, belongingness, someone who knew how things had evolved and who was willing to take the community ahead in its faith in the Risen Jesus.

I looked at this job offer and I wondered how many contemporary Christians would get it. Many would not apply because they fell away from the church long ago, to the extent that they may not be aware that such job offer exists. Others would not qualify because they follow Jesus at those moments when they feel that they need him. But let each person ask oneself: This job is being advertised to replace Judas Iscariot and to be numbered among the Twelve Apostles; given the criteria that is set, **would I qualify as a possible candidate?**

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:** £243.500 **Non-Gift Aid:** £263.61 **Total :** £507.11

Counters : Agnes & Tom Ferris

Mass Attendance : 310

Bonus Ball : No. 23 Julia Hunt

2nd collection :

2nd collection for the months of June & July : 2nd June— Catholic communications;
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: St. Rita of Cascia: Pope Leo XIII canonised Rita on 24 May 1900. Her feast day is celebrated on **22nd May**. At her canonisation ceremony she was bestowed the title of Patroness of Impossible Causes, while in many Catholic countries, Rita came to be known to be as the patroness of abused wives and heartbroken women.

Quote for the week: *Your talent determines what you can do, your motivation determines how much you are willing to do, your attitude determines how well you do it.*

Matters of Importance

Pilgrimage to Knock Ireland: Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 14th September 2019. £599.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Manchester or Liverpool, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment/ guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

SURVIVE MIVA Appeal: a Catholic lay Association provides funding for Pastoral care, essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas of the world. They will make a non-mandatory appeal today in our parish to support their work of providing transportation in places of difficult to access. Please support them if you can.

Congratulations to twenty six children of our parish and from the school who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. It was a very prayerful occasion which was attended by many people. Thanks to all who prepared it. I look forward to seeing the children joining me in serving Holy Mass at the altar.

First Holy Communion of Polish speaking children will take place on 25th Saturday at 11.00am. It is good to encourage the children with our presence and prayers.

Gift Aid : The new tax year envelopes are still awaiting to be collected. Those who have not picked up your envelopes please see the Sister at the back of the church. Sr. Leera would like meet the person with Env. No. 121.

Parish census: In January I asked you to fill up a Registration Form and thanks to those who took the form and returned it completed. If you have not yet registered, please take the form from the back of the church and fill it in. Take this exercise important.

Catholic Charismatic Conference also known as CELEBRATE will take place on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July at Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield. Celebrate is a Catholic Charismatic conference for all, young and old, open to individuals and families alike. It is hoped the weekend will help you find fresh inspiration and renewal in your faith in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Cathedral Offices introduce photo ID: for the first time to ensure safety and security of their staff who will from now on wear their lanyards – emblazoned with the words 'The Archdiocese of Birmingham' and their photo ID – both on site and when out on business. Visitors to Cathedral House will also be provided with official lanyards for the duration of their visit. The lanyards will easily identify Archdiocese of Birmingham staff and will act as employee identification.

50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford, will be on Sunday 7 July 2019. The program will be as follows: 12 Noon Procession, 1 pm Hall open for refreshments, 2.15 - 3.45 pm Confessions, 3 pm Public Rosary & Marian Hymns, 4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick. Principal Celebrant and preacher Archbishop Bernard Longley.