

MASSES 20th to 27th Oct 2019

Sun	20	9.30am	Souls in purgatory , Jean Flannigan (B'day)
		11.30am	Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP)
Mon	21	12.00noon	Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP)
Tues	22	9.30am	Joseph Curry (RIP)
Wed	23	9.30am	Sr. Domitilla (RIP)
Thurs	24	9.30am	Nora Curristan (RIP)
Fri	25	9.30am	Tom Cassidy (RIP)
Sat	26	9.30am	Peter Kenny (RIP)
Sun	27	9.30am	Domingos & Magdalena Miranda (RIP)
		11.30am	Anu Robert Morfaw (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

20/10/2019

9.30am	Anthonia A. , Julia H. (R)
	Barbara (E)
11.30am	Florence E., Honorine (R)
	Serso, Vera (E)

27/10/2019

Nicholas, Veronica Carroll (R)
Betty Osagie (E)
Mary, Patrick (R)
Patricia, Lilian (E)

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

Anniversaries during the week : Matthew Murray, Margaret McDonagh, Catherine Mulvaney, Thomas Burke, Michael Jerome Walsh , Mary Higgins ,John Ferry, Patrick Flynn, Raymond Anthony Day , Dorothy Rixon, Brian Kenney, Eugene Devlin, Michael McHugh, Josephine Maher, Norah Curristan, Vivian Texeira, Angelina McHugh, Patrick Goucher, John Joseph Mulligan, Sam McCosker .

Prayer for the month of October: O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of your Rosary may be for us each day, in the midst of our manifold duties, a bond of unity in our actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the recitation of your fifteen mysteries may form in our souls, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate our understanding, our will, our heart, our memory, our imagination, our whole being. Amen.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary time- Parish Newsletter– 20th to 27th Oct 2019

REASONS FOR NEWMAN'S CONVERSION TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 4th 1843 Newman wrote: "At present I fear, as far as I can analyse my own convictions, I consider the Roman Catholic Church to be the Church of the Apostles. I am very far more sure that England is in *schism* (divisive separation). I'm convinced that the Roman additions to the Primitive Creed may not be developments, arising out of a keen and vivid realizing of the Divine Depositum of Faith." *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*, 300-301

Newman sought truth in religion at all cost. From an early age he made it a point to examine the truth claims of his religious beliefs and leave behind beliefs that he did not think were true. When he became a college Tutor at Oxford, he studied religious truths with particular attention to the content of Biblical revelation, study of the Church Fathers and logical reasoning.

Newman adopted a doctrinal principle in religion. Religion has set truths and rules inspired by God. These beliefs do not admit of subjective changes. He resisted changes in religion for any reason such as personal comfort, an easy agreement with other religious groups or political convenience. Truth cannot be manipulated.

Newman dedicated his life to discern which Christian beliefs were true and which were not. As an Anglican he'd believed that the Catholic Church had three Branches: *Anglicanism*, *Orthodox* and *Roman Catholicism*. He thought that each of the branches are true members of the Catholic Church. He discovered that this could not be true. Antiquity in religious beliefs was the proof of the orthodoxy of beliefs and evidence that a given Church was the one established by Jesus Christ. Invention in doctrine would render faith incredible.

Newman accepted the teaching that Apostolic Succession or the direct connection with the Apostles was a requirement for doctrinal orthodoxy. Studying the early Church history, he realized that the doctrinal disputes of the 4th-6th centuries were settled by the Popes, the Successors of the Apostle Peter. The Anglican Church was lacking in this important source of doctrinal and spiritual unity provided by the Bishop of Rome.

Newman realize that the Anglican Church had removed itself, like other Christian bodies in the 1st centuries, from the communion with the Church. It lacked in Catholicity, the Sacraments and in Ecclesial unity with Christians throughout the world. Furthermore, it failed to act as a divinely instituted body independent of civil powers. Newman was shocked by the seizing of episcopal authority by the English government.

The voice of the Church Fathers, whom Newman had studied extensively urged him to follow the Church of Rome which possessed all the notes of the Church established by Christ. Antiquity, Apostolic Succession, Catholicity and Holiness. For some time, due to the errors and abuses of Catholics, Newman thought that the Roman Catholic Church lacked the note of Holiness, but he finally overcame this prejudice by which he had unjustly looked at her! After six years of prayerful consideration, Newman decided to be received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. On October 9, 1845, Fr. Dominic Barberi heard Newman's confession at Littlemore and received him in the Church. Newman was 43 years old, today he is a **SAINT!**

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: 461.69

Non-Gift Aid: 365.07

Total : £826.76

Counters : Elizabeth & Patsy

Mass Attendance : 525

Bonus Ball : No. 57 Julia Hunt

2nd collections : for the month of October : 20th Oct. APF.

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: 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

Parish Christmas bazaar for 2019 will be on November 30th at 1:00pm
Please keep this date in your diaries.

Day of Prayer for Vocations: Saturday 26th October, is our annual Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed soon after the **9.30am**

Mass and ending with Benediction at 12.00noon. Please make time to come and pray that God may give us vocations.

Red “Missio” Boxes: could I ask those with Red Boxes to bring them to the church for counting.

Matters of Importance

Raffle Tickets: and the list of prizes are available at the back of Church, take as many tickets as you can and sell them among your family and friends. Kindly provide us with tinned foods (within date), Tombola prizes, wine bottles and good items for Bric a Brac. Cash donations are welcome. Strictly **No books or CDs**. Thank you and God bless you .

Cake sale: today there is cake sale to raise funds for the maintenance of the church. Generous ladies of the parish have offered themselves to prepare delicious cakes. Please support their goodwill by buying them. God bless you all.

Last Sunday, in a sun-drenched St Peter's Square, and before thousands of pilgrims' Pope Francis proclaimed five new saints for the Church - Cardinal John Henry Newman, (1801-1890) and four women were given to us by the church as heroic witnesses to our faith. The four women are: Italy's Giuseppina Vanni (1859-1911), founder of the Daughters of Saint Camillus; India's Mariam Theresia Chiramel Mankidiyan (1876-1926), founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family; Brazil's Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes (1914-1992); and Switzerland's Margherita Bays (1815-1879), a laywoman. The first three spent their lives working for the poor.

Connect weekend conference organized by **Life** will take place on 2nd-3rd Nov. 2019 at Maryvale Institute. Attendees will be accommodated at Maryvale. The conference is aimed at bringing together young people interested in the prolife movement and principles but who are not yet certain about where they stand on these issues, or not yet confident in acting on their beliefs. Feedback from attendees last year was incredible – one said 'This was one of the best weekends of the year!' It's a programme by young people for young people. For more information and to book visit <https://www.connectconference.co.uk>, bookings need to be made by Monday 28th October 2019.

World Mission Sunday, falls on 20 October 2019, which is a vitally important part of the Extraordinary Month of Mission. On this day the whole Church unites in an act of universal solidarity in prayer for its missionary activity and in collecting funds to support communities globally that are poor or in need. Around 40% of Church membership falls into this category. Missio is proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission; this year's World Mission Sunday theme is Together we are Mission. This collection is one of three mandatory universal collections, the other two being for the Holy Places on Good Friday and Peter's Pence.

Diocesan Safeguarding Office has changed face : Mr Alan Hassall has recently taken up the post of permanent Head of Safeguarding for the Archdiocese. Alan is a qualified and registered social worker and has recently been working in a Local Authority but has also previously worked for the NSPCC. His work has involved working alongside agencies to develop safeguarding and create organisations safe for children and adults but also for those working and volunteering in them.

Next Sunday 27th October clocks go back .