

### **MASSES FROM 20th to 27th Jan 2019**

Sun	20	9.30am	Ganet & Jacob family (Spl int)
		11.30am	Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving)
Mon	21	12.00noon	Pauline McDonald (Int), Pearl Osagie (B'day)
Tues	22	9.30am	Steph Osagie (B'day)
Wed	23	9.30am	McFeely (Int)
Thurs	24	9.30am	Sandra (spl int)
Fri	25	9.30am	Rose Trill family (Spl int)
Sat	26	9.30am	Mick & Rose Hogan (Spl int)
Sun	27	9.30am	Ann Wilson (Spl int), Mariam (B'day)
		11.30am	Josephine McCrove (Spl int)

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**20/01/19**

9.30am James M. , Elena (R)  
Barbara (E)  
11.30am Ashley, Honorine (R)  
Serso, Vera (E)

**27/01/19**

Veronica Carroll, Naomi (R)  
Betty (E)  
Maame, Julie (R)  
Loveness, Patricia (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.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Christopher Mooney, Dolores Kealy, Garry Mark Wood, John Dee, Eugene Pinto, Michael Hyland, Francis Hannon, Sylvia Forrest, Kathleen Waters, William Peyton, Denis McGrath, Caroline Alexandra Gorman, Felich Goucher, Alice & Michael Moran, Lynn Hand, Terrence Reily, John Ferry,

**Baptismal classes:** The next class will take place on **22nd Jan 2019** at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. All the sessions must be attended by the parents and God parents.

**Thanksgiving Mass** for Married people will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral. **New year Sunday Lunch** for over 60's: This special lunch is on Sunday **January 27th** after the 11.30am Sunday Mass in our Parish hall

**The sick and housebound:** *I would like to ask you to help the parish priest to locate the sick and housebound members of this parish especially those who might need a visit from a priest. Please let us make sure that they are never left out.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish News letter—Second Sunday in ordinary time- 20th to 27th Jan 2019**

### **YOU DO NOT NEED TO FALL FROM YOUR HORSE TO GET CONVERTED**

This coming Friday 25th January the Church will celebrate the conversion of Saul, the first and greatest threat to the Christians of the first century. If you were to ask some people, what or who they think was the greatest militant against first century Christians, many of them are likely to accuse the Pharisees or the Sadducees; had they not persecuted Jesus? Other people might accuse Pontius Pilate, he was the Roman Governor of Judea, he had sentenced Jesus to crucifixion, would he find difficulty in persecuting those who supported him? Well it was neither the Pharisees, the Sadducees or the Roman empire that scattered the Christians of the first century but a young man who looked after the cloaks of the men who were stoning St. Stephen who had grown to become a dedicated and efficient persecutor.

Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Jew who had acquired Roman citizenship and had been brought up as a strict follower of Judaism. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Jesus to him.

The conversion of Saul reminds us that each one of us makes some journey until he is touched by the finger of God. Saul began as a zealous young man, then a scholar of Jewish Law under Gamaliel, after which he became a fanatical Pharisee which propelled him to take the road to Damascus to bring to an end to the heretical mayhem supposedly being upheld by the followers of Jesus. Shortly before entering the city, he was ambushed by Jesus who struck him from his horse, reprimanded him for his evil behaviour and left him a blind man. This experience shook Saul to the core, he entered Damascus not as a ferocious persecutor but as a defeated injured soldier. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to Asia Minor and southern Europe preaching about Jesus Christ. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D.

I'm sure that some of us including myself have some areas of our lives that we need to change. You need not be stiff-necked that you have to be struck from your horse in order to change your behaviour. It is not too late to change, and you are not beyond redemption. God's time is your time and his time is NOW.

**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:** £216.10 **Non-Gift Aid:** £406.77 **Total :** £622.87

**Counters** : Agnes & Tom Ferris

**Mass Attendance** : **585** **Bonus Ball** : No 8 Mary Morgan

**Second collection :**

Baptism classes **15th & 22nd Jan 2019** at 6.00pm

**Feasts during the week :** 21st—St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, 22nd St. Vincent Deacon, Martyr, 24th St. Francis de Sales, 25th Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle, 26th Sts. Timothy and Titus.

**BREXIT MEANS BREXIT** "As you will be aware, Brexit is causing uncertainty and concern to many EU citizens living in the UK. Both clergy and laity alike share this uncertainty and concern. Apart from those who are uncertain about their future, others are inevitably in a state of ignorance and unaware that *Brexit* will affect their immigration status. In March 20 19, the Government is due to launch a Settlement Scheme. All EU citizens living in the UK will be required to make an application if they wish to remain here after *Brexit*. However, Irish citizens will not be required to apply as their rights are separately protected. Many parishioners, priests and religious in our Dioceses will be affected. A full statement from Catholic Bishops Conference on the Settlement Scheme for EU citizens is available on the parish noticeboard at the back of the church.

**Matters of Importance**

**Acting Cathedral Dean:** following Canon Gerry Breen's departure from the Cathedral on health grounds, Mgr Timothy Menezes has been asked by the archbishop to be a pastoral point of contact for all matters concerning the Cathedral. Mgr Timothy Menezes, will in the meantime serve as an Acting Cathedral Dean until a new Cathedral Dean will be appointed this Summer 2019.

**The Holy Father Pope Francis** extended his gratitude to the people of the Archdiocese for their generous contribution to Peter's Pence. He is grateful for this donation and particularly for the devoted sentiments which inspired of it. He knows that much effort was involved. The Archdiocese contributed £33,1 75.88 to Peter's Pence in 2018.

**Monday Club will resume on Monday** 21st January 2019 men and women who are retired and want to form a new social grouping are very welcome to join this parish grouping which supports the elderly members of our community. That Monday Holy Mass will be at 12:00 noon.

**Fr Tom Walton was appointed** by His Grace the Archbishop to take up his new responsibilities as Parish Priest of St John Vianney, Eastern Green and Our Lady of the Assumption, Tile Hill in Coventry. Fr Tom spent five years serving in the Diocese of East Anglia as Parish Priest and Rural Dean in Peterborough.

**Marriage program course:** If you are planning to get married within the next six months, please contact Fr. Jimmy for a preparation course to be set up. Only one couple has registered so far.

**Crib Offerings.** Thank you for your donations which came to a very impressive £400.00 This money will be sent to the priests of the new mission of Katovu parish to support the priests who are putting a roof over the presbytery they are building. It is this parish where as I mentioned to you a year or so ago that priests were literary sleeping rough. This will give them a push.

**Parish Census:** we are conducting a parish census to know how many baptised Catholics belong to this parish. Thanks to those who took the form and returned it completed. If you have not yet registered, please take the form from at an usher at the back of the church and fill it in. Take this exercise important.

**Guild of St. Stephan's thanksgiving Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday 9th February by Arch Bishop Bernard Longely at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. The Altar servers who are chosen to attend this thanksgiving Mass are requested to attend the meeting on 26th Jan at 11.00am in the Lady's Chapel.

**Headteacher vacancy :** St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School Coventry, is looking to appoint a new Headteacher. If you are interested please check for details on **www.stmschool.co.uk.**