

MASSES— 20th to 27th March 22

Sun	20	9.30am	Patsy Leslie (RIP), Mathew Coady (Good health)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Spl int), Ben McAndrew (77th B/d) Terry Kimanni (Thanksgiving)
Mon	21	12.00noon	Jim & Phil Dunleavy (RIP)
Tues	22	9.30am	Elvidia Galban (6th Anni), Cecilia Mathias (RIP) James Clane & family (Spl int)
Wed	23	9.30am	Greg Osagie (B'day)
Thurs	24	9.30am	Dulam Fernando (Thanksgiving)
Fri	25	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Melvis Mangwa (Spl int)
Sat	26	9.30am	Jim Dunleavy (B'day remembrance)
Sun	27	9.30am	Jack McCrave (RIP)
		11.30am	Pa John Azong (RIP) Evarest Nnamdi Obi (RIP) CWA B'ham (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

20/03/2022

9.30am Creshel, Anthonia O. (R)
11.30am Preethi, Maame (R)

27/03/2022

Naomi, Nicholas (R)
Scarlett, Valerie (R)

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny McAndrew, Teresa Mcaffer, Andrea.

Anniversaries during the week: Marie Murtagh, Maureen Doyle, Janie Patalong, John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney, OFM. Cap, Frank Keobhan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Marian Christina Harte, Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury, J O'Sullivan, Mary Josephine Axworthy, Bernard Kelly, Mary O'Mara, Mary Whiting.

Dates your diary - First Holy communion: Confessions—28th March at 6.00pm in church; Sunday 9.30am Mass for FHC - 15th May; FHC - 21st May at 10.30am.

WHY DID JESUS DIE

JESUS DIED FOR THE SINS OF ALL MANKIND

Jesus paid our sin debt in full. Matthew 26:28 says Jesus blood would be shed for many "for remission of sins".

At the end of the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus recalled that God's love excludes no one: "So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that not one of these little ones should perish." He affirms that he came "to give his life as a ransom for many". The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: "There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer."



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— Third Sunday of Lent—20th to 27th March 2022

"YES I'M AWARE"

You must have heard our choir sing: *'All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, it was God that made them all. Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours, And made their tiny wings'*. That song fits well with this Sunday reading which tell us that God is aware of everything that goes on in our lives no matter how tiny and negligible they may seem to be.

"I have seen the miserable state of my people....I have heard their appeal to be free....yes I'm aware of their sufferings." It is amazing that God did not speak directly to the suffering people but used someone who seemingly lived a better life Moses. What he assured him was that he was aware of what was going on. The God that we Christians worship is not an ignorant God, blind or deaf. We must be aware that someone, God himself is watching and is listening. Nothing can be hidden from him.

The present painful situation of the people around the world is not hidden from God's eyes, he knows the perpetrators of sufferings and the fact that people who suffer hunger, war, homelessness and laboratory engineered diseases do so not because they are guilty but to enable all of us to approach life with repentant and contrite hearts.

The gospel reading is a beautiful example of how the mercy of God to me or to us should be recognised by looking at the sufferings of other people. It was at that time that Jesus was told about some of his fellow country men from Galilee who were offering sacrifice, Pontius Pilate rounded them up and killed them, mixing their dead bodies with the sacrifices they were offering. The other incident concerned sick people who had gone to the healing waters at Siloam. The tower collapsed and eighteen lost their lives!

Israel's mentality is not different from that of many people today who think that misfortunes of war, poverty and disease come only to those people who are negligent. Yet Jesus teaches us that it is God's benevolence and his patience with us that he overlooks our sins in order to give us another chance to change our lives and be converted. Let us also keep in mind that the people who choose to live a righteous life often have to endure all sorts of contempt and suffering whereas the corrupt and sinful people seem to enjoy life. The reason God gives prosperity to sinners is to help them recognise his goodness, be converted and live. When the righteous suffer it is not because God does not approve of their goodness but to make those who enjoy life to recognise the mercy of God.

As you return home today, I ask you to take into consideration God's patience with me his patience with you and with us as a community. That we have enjoyed life from one new years day to the other. We have not suffered hunger or thirst as many of our brothers and sisters around the world do; that we have been spared of death from Covid19 that has claimed lives around the world. Yes in all these favours, God must be that labourer who digs round, manuring our life so that we might bear fruit next year. God is Good all the time and all the time God is good.



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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.

Parish Development

Gift Aid : £ 190.00 SO (Mar) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 644.64 Total: £834.64

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection CAFOD: £210.19

Bonus Ball: No.

Mass Attendance : 360

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10
-11.00am.

Gospel Reflection

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts.

Traditional Easter Monday Mass: will take place at St. Osburgs. There will not be Mass here at Easter Monday and in other parishes. We want to come together as a people of this city to celebrate easter together. Mass will start at 10:00am.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Holy Hour Prayer for Ukraine: Two Saturdays 19th and 26th March starting with Mass at 9:30am end 11:00am. Please come and pray for peace.

Parish penitential service will on Monday 4th April at 6.00pm. Priests from the deanery will be here to help us with individual confessions. I request you to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family in preparation to celebrate Easter.

Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA a renowned Polish preacher on Divine Mercy Devotion will visit St. Mary's Parish and preach at both Masses on Sunday 1st May 2022 the Sunday following the Feast of Divine Mercy.

Tangney Tours renowned for taking pilgrims to Lourdes and Holy Land have revised the dates for Lourdes Pilgrimage this year 2022. It will take place from Sat 28 May - Fri 3 June 2022. Due to planning difficulties and a shortage of charter aircraft available on the Sunday, a decision has been made to amend their dates and depart a day earlier. Pilgrims will still return on the Friday, thus extending the pilgrimage by one night at no extra cost. Lastly, they have also decided to limit the number of spaces available on the pilgrimage. If you wish to book you are advised to do so as soon as possible. Any questions contact Nicholas Tangney.

Nurses and doctors needed: every year the diocese brings sick pilgrims to Lourdes, a pilgrimage that they cannot make without the support from the wonderful doctors and nurses who come with us. Without your expertise we cannot give as many pilgrims the wonderful experience of Lourdes. This is an opportunity for you to do something new and to make a real difference for these travellers. Doctors are a valuable addition to a clinical team in Lourdes. If you wish to offer your services please email: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

Marriage Banns:

1. John Patrick Gibbons of 23 Garrick Close Coventry, son of John & Maggie Gibbons of St. Georges Rd Coventry would like to marry Ms Caitlin Jane O'Hara of 23 Garrick Close daughter of Mr & Mrs Andrew and Deborah O'Hara of Sir Thomas White Rd.
2. Victor Okechukwu Onye son of Mr & Mrs Victor Ugwudiala Onye & Josephine Onye from Amaimo, Ikeduru Imo State Nigeria, would like to marry Obianuju Okaome Nwakaeme, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Onouha Nwakaeme & Victoria Onyemaechi Nwakaeme, Ihiala Anambra State, Nigeria. If someone knows why they should not get married to each other please inform the Parish Priest.

Leave a Legacy: by remembering your parish in your Will, you can support the vital work of priests and people in the building up of God's Church, in looking after our churches and in reaching out to those in need in our local communities. All of this is made possible as we give back to God in response to His care of us. The Missionary Order of the Apostles of Jesus which trains and supplies missionary priests in Africa and several parts of the world need your support too. By including it in your Will, the Love and care of Jesus through his priests is sure to be brought to the needy.

Gift Aid Envelops: I thank you all for the support you give to the parish through Gift Aid. It is your generosity that keep the parish. As the tax year is coming to an end by 31st March those who need the envelopes kindly collect them at the piety stall as you leave the Church today. If you pay tax on your income to the HMRC I encourage you to consider giving your Sunday donations through Gift Aid. Please talk to Sr. Leera today.