

MASSES FROM 21st to 28th Apr to 2019

Sun	21	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	22	—	Denary Easter Mass at Osburgs 10.00am
Tues	23	9.30am	Sr. Theresa (Spl int), Josephine Lobo (B'day remembrance)
Wed	24	9.30am	Sr. Philomena (Spl int)
		6.00pm	Reception—Mary Josephine
Thurs	25	11.00am	Requiem Mass
Fri	26	9.30am	Murphy family (Spl int)
Sat	27	9.30am	Mary McGonagle (Get well)
Sun	28	9.30am	Peter Harte, Annie Laffey (RIP), Sandra (Spl int)
		11.30am	Banadzem Joseph Lukong, Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

21/04/2019

28/04/2019

9.30am	Naomi, Mapuranga. (R)	Elena Wood, Anthonia A.
	Elizabeth P (E)	Sophie (E)
11.30am	Jeraldine, Patrick T. (R)	
	Serso, Marcel (E)	Patricia, Vera (E)

MASSES FROM 29th Apr to 5th May 2019

Mon	29	9.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Spl Int)
Tues	30	9.30am	School Mass— Tony Smith (Get well)
Wed	01	9.30am	Fr. Pat Downey (Anni)
Thurs	02	9.30am	Tony Smith (Get well)
Fri	03	6.00pm	Prayer for priests
		7.00pm	Josephine Avworthy (RIP)
Sat	04	9.30am	Rose Trill & family (Spl int)
Sun	05	9.30am	Breda Costello, Letetion Jacob (RIP)
		11.30am	Banadzem Joseph Lukong (RIP), Kenyan community
		2.00pm	Divine mercy prayers

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

Anniversaries during the week: Sheila Byrne ,Elizita Cabral ,Meta Stretton, Michael Kavanagh ,Bridie Durkan ,Mario Giampaglia ,Minnie Noonan, Mary McCarron ,Nada Stojanovic ,Mary Margaret McGlynn, Eric Maurice Goulden ,Roseleen Killen, Brendon Noel Gilroy ,Mary Greene, Jistus St John, Frank Seaman, P. Caroleen, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan ,Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly, John Montague , John T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers , John T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter– EASTER SUNDAY 21st April –5th May 2019

TAKE AWAY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS YOU CHANGE THE WORLD FOREVER

Few days ago, scientists using hundreds of powerful telescopes brought to our home televisions the mystery of the universe by revealing what has for sometime been known by scientists as the “**Black Hole.**” This discovery has increased the curiosity of scientists.

Try to think about this; imagine the bones of Jesus were found tomorrow, would you walk away from Christianity? Some people might say ‘**No**’, but I say ‘**Yes**’ for the reason that faith in a dead Jesus is worthless. St Paul wrote to the 1Corinthians 15:14; “*If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*” The bones of Jesus would render our faith *useless*. If Jesus did not rise bodily from the grave, then Christianity is a fairy tale. What should people think about us who believe? St. Paul says “*we are to be pitied more than all the people*” 1Cor 15:19. So, when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, everything is at stake for Christians.



Jesus died by Roman crucifixion a fact testified by the four gospels and by independent early Jewish historian Josephus and the Roman historian Tacitus. He had been totally defeated and brutally killed before their eyes. The community had split. Judas Iscariot ‘auctioned’ him; Peter denied him three times, the rest ran away in fear. Something happened that transformed them from cowards who abandoned their leader to courageous men who risked life and limb for His message. They didn't just claim Jesus had risen, they saw him and really believed it. *We ate and drank with him after his resurrection.* A fabricated story would not raise such conviction.

The disciples believed they had seen the risen Jesus. Paul lists the eyewitnesses: “*For what I received I passed on to you that Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day.... and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me too*” 1 Cor 15:3-8.

The fact of the resurrection transformed people. Saul of Tarsus the first enemy of the Risen Jesus, converted because he believed he had also seen the risen Jesus. On the road-to-Damascus he was on a mission to destroy the Christians. He beat-up, imprisoned and killed them. But suddenly, he converted to Jesus. Why? He believed that the resurrected Jesus had appeared to him. The holiness of people in the world and the courage of martyrs are daily proofs that Jesus is risen and he reigns. The resurrection of Jesus confirms the truth of Christianity that it is not founded on a fairy tale but on a fact.

I wish you all a Blessed Easter, your presence here today is a proof of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, For “*If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless. And what is more serious all who have died in Christ have perished. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep*” 1Cor15: 14-21.

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: £ 392.65 Non-Gift Aid: £393.56 Total : £786.21

Counters :

Mass Attendance : 621

Bonus Ball : No. 52 Damian Curristan

2nd collection :

2nd collection for the months of April & May : 19th April—Holy Places ; 12th May—Clergy Training 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 & 3.00p`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.

First Holy Communion - 18th May - Ss. Mary & Benedict School at 10:30am.

25th May - Polish parish children at 11:00am

Confirmation will take place on 21st November 2019 at 7:00pm. If you are an adult who has not been confirmed yet please contact Fr. Jimmy or one of the parish Sisters.



Matters of Importance

Dowry pilgrimage of the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham: During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. The Triduum date set aside for Birmingham is 20 to 22 June at St Chad's Cathedral. Please make a note of this in your diary.



Divine Mercy Sunday: will be celebrated here this coming Sunday after Easter. Prayers will start at 2:00pm. You are all very welcome.

Change of Mass time: due to road closure on Sunday 12th May, which will include Raglan street, there will be Mass on Saturday for Sunday on 11th May at 6:00pm This Mass is for those people who drive from home to Church for Sunday Mass who will not be able to do so due to road closure for 100 Miles Road cycling event. The road will be open to people walking on foot but not to motorists. Please remember that there will be 3 Masses on the weekend of 11/12th May Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:30am and 11:30am. You will not be able to drive to the Church for the two Sunday Masses on this weekend

Baptismal classes: for parents who would like to have their children baptised, are informed that the classes will take place on 7th & 14th May 2019 at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. All the sessions must be attended by the parents and God parents.

Easter Monday Mass Bishop William Kenney will lead us in Easter Monday Mass at St. Osburg's 10.00am. There will be no Mass in the parishes of the Deanery including St. Marys. Let us join together at St. Osburgs to proclaim the resurrection of the Lord as a city.

Training programme for teachers: The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service is offering a course on Saturday 11 May 2019 aimed at practising Catholics who wish to secure a leadership role in one of our diocesan schools. The course will focus on the distinctive nature of Catholic Education and what it means to lead a Catholic school. The course will take place at the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service, Don Bosco House, Coleshill B46 3EA from 8.30am to 3.30 pm. To book, please access the booking form by typing the link below into your web browser <http://w.pfrms.co/bj4jc> or visit the DES website www.bdes.org.uk.

New carpet on the sanctuary: As you can notice we have a new carpet on our church sanctuary. It was sponsored by Kenyan women with the help of their husbands. I wish to thank them on your behalf for making beautiful this holiest place in our parish.

The preparation of Easter was well done. I wish to thank you all for the efforts you made from the first day of Lent (Ash Wednesday until today). Thanks for attending the Stations of the Cross in large numbers during Fridays of Lent. Congratulations to those who made their Confession and are now reconciled with God and with one another. There has been a lot of efforts put to organise this event of our salvation. Special thanks to our Polish Catechist Yarek for preparing the Tomb of Jesus, the church cleaners for making our church look so beautiful, the choir members for such good music, the Altar servers etc... Thank you all for cards, telephone calls and compliments of the season received by your Parish Priest. **I wish you a Blessed Easter:**

