

MASSES— 22nd to 29th Jan 23

Sun	22	9.30am	Pearl Iranian (B'day) Neil McHugh (RIP) , Tran family (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart— Eric D'Souza & family
Mon	23	12.00noon	Edmund Malize (RIP)
Tues	24	9.30am	Edmund Malize (RIP), Beatrice Byimana (Thanksgiving)
Wed	25	9.30am	Marino & Elena Bertossi (Spl int)
Thurs	26	9.30am	Barbara & Bertossi family (Spl int)
Fri	27	9.30am	Sorin Pescan (Good health)
Sat	28	10.00am	Sr. Marcelline Ekka (RIP)
Sun	29	9.30am	Pearl Iranian (B'day) Neil McHugh (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

22/01/2023

29/01/2023

9.30am	Clinton, Dan (R)	Asipitha, Emmanuela, (R)
11.30am	Michelle, Scarlett (R)	Mary, Sharon (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

9.30am	Cath Slater (E)	11.30am	Patricia, Frank (E)
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The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

Anniversaries during the week : Michael Hyland, Francis Hannon, Sylvia Forrest , Kathleen Waters, William Peyton , Denis McGrath, Caroline Alexandra Gorman, Felich Goucher, Alice & Michael Moran, Lynn Hand, Maria Hilda Vaz , Terrence Reily, Fame (Mabel) Braganza, Neil McHugh, John Ferry, Harold Rixon, William Michael Redmond, Walters.

Saint of the week: St. Angela Merici : *Angela was the youngest of five children born to her virtuous and faith-filled parents. She was born in the town of Desenzano in northern Italy. God used Saint Angela for a unique mission. She fell in love with her God at an early age, dedicated herself solely to Him as her Spouse, and followed His will as it unfolded. At first, her mission was a personal mission of loving girls and guiding them to God in her home. Eventually, God expanded that mission and enfolded it into His Church. Saint Angela saw the need to care for and teach young girls and found God's Will till the end.*

Bible verses on Word of God

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalms 119:105

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –3rd Sunday in ordinary time — 22nd—29th Jan 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOU INSTEAD OF DISAGREEING AMONG YOURSELVES.

The Catholic Church has designated today as Sunday of the Word of God, encouraging us to reflect on the gift of the Scriptures. The Bible, and especially the four Gospels, witnesses to the coming of the eternal Son of God as the Word made flesh. It is our privilege to receive the Scriptures to read and reflect on them, and it is our task to share them with others as missionary disciples of the Lord.

The Word of God forms us as we listen to it together at Mass. We are grateful when our priests and deacons share their understanding of the Scriptures and the insights of their experience in the homily. This deepens our love of the Word of God and allows it to influence our lives. The Holy Spirit is at work in those who preach and in us as we listen. It is good when the preacher receives a considered response to his preaching. Pastoral Letters too benefit from charitable criticism from time to time - but don't, please, all write at once!

The Word of God gathers us together, and unites us as we listen to its message. This work of gathering is completed in the Mass as we receive the Eucharist. The Eucharist that we receive, transforms us into a people in union with one another. As Catholics we believe that the Eucharist is both a sign and an instrument of our communion, our unity, making it visible and deepening it, making it fruitful. Apart from being the Sunday of the Word of God, this Sunday also falls within the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. We recall the prayer of Our Lord in St John's Gospel, that his followers may all be one. The quest for Christian Unity is not peripheral to our lives as Catholics - it is an intrinsic part of our mission and it lies within the DNA of an authentic Catholic identity. When we profess our belief, in the Nicene Creed, in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, we are acknowledging the gift of unity which has been entrusted to us in its fulness as Catholics. But we are given a task to build up our unity with other baptised Christians, with other churches and Christian communities, through our baptism, our shared reverence for the Word of God, and through our mission to evangelise. While this unity is real it remains incomplete. This undermines the effectiveness of our preaching of the Gospel - it weakens the impact of our work for unity and peace.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians says: *make up the differences between you...be united again in your belief and practice.* The need to resolve our differences reflects our human condition, that we are not perfect. The best way to help the world to s Cont.....pg 3.

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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 : 90.00 **SO (Jan) :** £ **Non-Gift Aid:** 511.21 **Total: £. 601.21**

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Is.23:9:3; 1Cor :1:1: 10-13 Mt.: 4:12-23

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance :

Pious Devotions

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Confessions: Saturday-
10.10-11.00am.

Divine mercy prayers : Last
Thursday of every month at
6.00pm followed by Mass.

Gospel Reflection

In Matthew's Gospel, from which we read today, we hear the first words spoken by our Lord as He begins His public ministry: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus adds something that John could not: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As Jesus begins His preaching, His words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by His new proclamation about the Kingdom.

One helpful insight we can take from these first words of Jesus' public ministry is that this is the best way to share the Gospel with those who do not yet follow Christ. As you ponder this, think about those in your life who also need this initial sense of hope and holy curiosity about the Gospel .

Mass intentions:

If you wish to offer a Mass for your intentions please use the Mass intention envelopes found at the piety stall. Write down the intentions with donation £5.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

The greatest obstacle to Christian Unity is believing that we don't really need the other churches and Christian communities - that we are fine by ourselves. We believe that the Catholic Church has received the fulness of the means of salvation, entrusted to us by Our Lord, but we also believe that the Holy Spirit is at work within and through the worship, work and witness of our fellow Christians.

As we continue to walk along the synodal pathway and as we engage with the diocesan vision, looking for ways of sharing our experience and resources more effectively - we offer thanks for the services and outreach that already witness to our common faith in Christ. The food banks, street pastors, walks of witness and clergy fraternal can lead us from cooperation to commitment and deeper communion.

Please pray with me today for the other churches and Christian communities, and particularly those within our local area - that we may have a heart that is more and more open to the will and prayer of Christ that all may be one. With my prayers for you as another year unfolds,

+Bernard Longley

Given at Birmingham on the 19 January 2023 and appointed to be read in all Churches and Chapels of the Archdiocese on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (21/22 January 2023)

Funeral arrangements of Deacon Joe Patterson : Reception at Christ the King on Wednesday 25th January at 6.00pm and funeral Mass is on Thursday 26th January at 12.00noon.

Baptismal last session for parents with children to be baptized will take place on 22nd after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel. Parents and God parents are requested to attend the sessions.

Catechism for First Holy communicants will take place on every Saturday at 11.15am in the Lady's Chapel. Parents are requested to enroll the names of the children who go to non-Catholic schools with Sr. Leena.

Gathering of Altar servers both old and new: will be celebrated on Saturday 28th January with a thanksgiving Mass at 10.00am. It will be an honour to have you in our midst as we celebrate 60 years of ministry at the altar and the establishment of St. Stephen's Guild in our parish. All the altar servers both old and new who served at the altar at St. Mary's are welcome.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls from 18-25 January 2023. The theme this year is *Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice*. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

Headteacher Vacancy - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Princethorpe: in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, seek to appoint a highly motivated and inspiring headteacher to lead our successful primary school in its beautiful rural setting. Applications close 9am, Friday 3 Feb. <https://www.ourladysrc.warwickshire.sch.uk/current-vacancies>.