

MASSES— 22nd to 29th May 22

Sun	22	9.30am	Estelizio Menezes (1st Anni)
		11.30am	Clare McAndrew & Ben McAndrew (Good health), Henny Taylor (B'day) Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP) Tony & Veronique , Victor Onye & family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	23	12.00non	John Dunleavy (RIP)
Tues	24	9.30am	Josephine McCrave (Spl int), Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Wed	25	9.30am	Leni Pereira (RIP)
Thurs	26	9.30am	Marie Mathews (Good health)
		7.00pm	People of the parish
Fri	27	9.30am	Sr. Esther George (RP)
Sat	28	9.30am	Rose Hogan (Good health)
Sun	29	9.30am	John & Valana DeSouza (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Good health)

Lectors

22/05/2022

9.30am James M., Anthonia A (R)

11.30am Mary, Florence K. (R)

29/05/2022

Elizabeth H., Naomi (R)

Sharon, Preethi (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

9.30am Sophie Drabik

11.30am Patricia K. & Lilian

The sick of the Parish: Marie Matthews, Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi.

Anniversaries during the week : James Mullarkey, Agnes Ethna Tolan , Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh, Gerald Doyle, Michael McMillan , Margaret Murphy, Antony Nicholl, Ann Bridget Kavanagh, Mary O'Sullivan, Eugene Heavy, Sarah Furey, Ellen Heavey, Brenda Moles, Charles Russell, Brigid M Domican.

Dates for your diary: Parish youth concert : 16th July

Parish thanksgiving day: 11th September 2022. Details of the day will be communicated.

Confirmation : 8th Nov 2022 at 6.00pm

What do you know of Jesus?

A poor illiterate man wanted to be baptized. The parish priest asked him many questions to see whether he was fit for baptism. "Where was Jesus born? How many apostles did he have? How many years did he live? Where did he die? The poor man knew nothing of all these questions. Irritated, the priest then said, "At least you know prayers like the Our Father and the I Believe"? The man again shook his head. "What do you know then?" asked the priest flabbergasted. The man explained, "Before I met Jesus I was a drunkard who beat up my wife and children; I lost my job and was wasting my life." Then he continued, "But after encountering Jesus, I've quit drinking. I work hard and have begun to love my family. For me Jesus is my personal Saviour!"



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 6th Sunday of Easter 22nd to 29th May 2022

LET YOUR DECISIONS BE INSPIRED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT?

During the week, the readings at Mass spoke about the great decision which changed the way the first Christians looked at themselves. It concerned a matter of no little controversy. Christianity had sprung from Judaism, but now Gentiles /pagans were also coming to believe the Good News. Differences of opinion had also sprung up: must Gentiles be circumcised before they were accepted into Christianity or not? The disagreement over circumcision was so serious that Paul and Barnabas travelled from Antioch to Jerusalem (about three hundred miles) to seek its resolution.

Each side of the debate had valid viewpoints. Surely, pagans were not descended from Abraham, but Jesus had also commanded them to go to the whole world and proclaim the Good News. He did not command them to preach exclusively to the Jews but to all people. But rather than split up the early Church because of difference of opinions, the Apostles and elders sat down together to discuss the matter. Together, they considered the issues carefully. Together they prayed. Together they took a decision guided by the Holy Spirit. They left a model for us to copy.

The Church is a family of believers. It lives in time, so it has to respond according to the needs and signs of the time. In the past 2022 years, of her existence, Christians have never been far from disagreements sometimes based on who should lead her, or what should be taught, or what discipline should be observed. If you are looking for a church where there will be difference of opinion, or a parish where there will be no differences, you are very much mistaken. But how should we handle the differences between us?

The first leaders of the Church, made extraordinary journeys to go to seek clarification, to explain facts and to support each other. None of them abandoned the Church, but they worked together to find ways of responding to their difficulties. Resolving differences that threaten to cause conflict or division requires patience and charity. It requires peace and a confidence that God will guide the discussions. It demands self-control to listen to another point of view without jumping in to shoot it down. It is not enough and not an answer to walk away.

The decision that was taken by the early Christians came about after prayer and listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit that they could say: "*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves*" to remind us that before we take decisions, we need to pray hard about it. Many mistakes we make in our relationships are caused by the fact that we do not pray first or seek guidance from above.

As you return home today, and as we wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, I ask you to recall the Sacrament of Confirmation you received. The Spirit of wisdom and understanding are available to guide you, in issues that threaten to cause discord. The Holy Spirit in you will give you patience to take time to pray over difficulties; will give you peace to calmly consider other points of view; and self-control to keep your temper or to hold your tongue in discussions. In moments of conflict, pause to ask the Spirit for the grace to bear the appropriate fruit.

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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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 : £311.50 **SO (May) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 513.21 **Total:** £824.71

Ukraine appeal- £324.59

Readings: Acts. 15:1-2, 22-29; Apocalypse..21: 10-14,22-23 ; Jn. . 14:23-29

2nd Collection : 29/05/2022

Catholic communication

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance :

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." [John 14:23](#)
It's interesting to note that love of God means, in part, that we are obedient to Him. But that's the nature of God. He is Love itself and, therefore, loving Him necessarily involves a complete submission of your will to His. Perfect obedience to Him in all things is a powerful way of loving Him. It's a way of allowing Him to dwell within you and, in that act, to take over your will. Only then can you love Him even more fully with your whole being. Reflect, today, especially upon your desire to have the Most Holy Trinity come and dwell within your soul. This should be the primary goal of our lives. If God lives within us then all else in life will fall into place. through us.

Mass Intentions

If you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Mass for Uganda Martyrs: Ugandans in UK and devotees to the Martyrs of Uganda will come together to celebrate Holy Mass in honour of their countrymen who died for the faith in Jesus Christ. Mass will take place at St. Mary and Benedict Church from 2:00pm. It is the first time such event will be celebrated in the Midlands. Since Martyrs belong to the universal Church, everyone is welcome.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebration on Thursday 26th May 2022.

The *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord* is one of the great solemnities in the Christian liturgical calendar, and commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter. It's Holy Day of obligation, celebrate it with the whole Church by attending Mass on that day.

Change of Date: Parish Family Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated on Saturday 11th September 2022. It will be a parish get together to thank God for whatever he has given to us especially after the Covid 19 pandemic. I'm sure that you have something to thank God for as a person and as an individual. We shall start with celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass and proceed to the parish garden to have lunch together and some entertainments.

Gift Aid helps our parish to thrive: it is a way of increasing your charitable Sunday donation to the parish at no extra cost to you. It is a government approved scheme that allows charities to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer. The parish can claim back from the HMRC 25p for every £1 you donate. Sign up today with Sr. Leera our G.A assistant.

Confirmation classes: children who are studying in non catholic schools who have reached the age to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, the Catechism will begin from 11th June at 12.00noon. For more information please contact Sr. Leena.

Congratulations to the 21 children who received their first Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May. You have been entrusted with someone so precious in this life, remain in his love.

Celebrating St Chad - booking now open Join us for a day of celebration and history organised collaboratively by St Chad's Cathedral and the Archdiocese of Birmingham History and Archives Commission. Saturday 18 June, opening with Mass at midday, including the Rite of the Dedication of the Altar. The historical event, for which advance booking is required, will begin after Mass with light refreshments, and an opportunity to visit a special historical exhibition in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Speakers include Dr John Jenkins from University of York, and Dr Judith Champ, Archdiocese of Birmingham.

World Communication Sunday will be marked on Sunday (29/05/2022) with a theme "Listening with the ear of the heart". The theme invites us to realise that listening involves more than simply the sense of hearing. True listening is a foundation of genuine relationships, and is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity. The Pope, quoting St Paul, noted that "faith comes through hearing." Human beings are called in turn to "tune in, to be willing to listen," as God calls us to a covenant of love. Fundamentally, the Pope said, "listening is a dimension of love."

Parish youth concert: the young people of our parish have prepared a concert to cheer us up after Covid19 pandemic on 16th July 2022. Please put the date in your diary and remember to turn-up and to support them. It will be an opportunity for parents to see the talents their children have.