

MASSES 22nd to 29th Nov 2020

Sun	22	9.30am	Jean Marshall , Anthony D. Dunleony, Cathie Staniland (Getwell)
Mon	23	9.30am	Deceased members of Dunnion & McGrath families Jim & Phil Dunleavy (RIP), Angela Cook (RIP)
Tues	24	9.30am	Cecilia Mathias, Rosa & Colin Taylor (RIP)
Wed	25	9.30am	SSA (Spl int) William Smith , Kathleen Skelly (RIP)
Thurs	26	9.30am	Agnes Ferris (RIP), Fr. Harry Curtis (B'day)
Fri	27	9.30am	Mr. Almeida (Thanksgiving), Bernie Daddy (Get well)
Sat	28	9.30am	Deceased members of Fatima family & friends
Sun	29	9.30am	Mark Mathias (RIP)

Lectors

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek , Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley .

Anniversaries during the week : Piety Pinto, Cecilia Agnes Wilkinson , Katherine Ward, Patrick O'Donnell, Ethel Smith, Anne Parsons, John O'Shea, Edith Morley, Edward Benedict Cadwell, Rosemary June Treacy, Anthony Crawford, Patrick Plunkett, Celeste Childs, William Doran, Mary Montgomery, Michael McSheffrey, Mary Copland, Jane Walsh, Kevin Patrick Devaney, John Hughes, Nancy Shanley, John Anthony McAloon , Sean Heavey, John Coyne, Paul Allen, James Williams, Faye Townley, Nora Stacy, Madeline Carey, Ellen Caldwell , Edith Gardner, Gerry Seary, Denis Doran, Rosaleen McAndrew, Thomas Howe, Nora Lucid, Paul Michael May.

Church is open for private prayer on Saturdays from 12.00—3.00pm

Listening

When a man whose marriage was in trouble sought his advice, the Master said, "You must learn to listen to your wife."

The man took this advice to heart and returned after a month to say he had learned to listen to every word his wife was saying.

Said the Master with a smile, "Now go home and listen to every word she isn't saying."

Baptism, confirmation and weddings: These are now suspended except in cases of emergency.

Christmas Crib Blessing in the city: Next weekend we are organising a virtual blessing of the Crib which will be done live at 4pm on Sunday 29th November and will be made available on the Deanery website. This is not open to the public but will be done with safety and social distancing in mind.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—Solemnity of Christ the King 22nd to 29th Nov 2020

WHAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED MIGHT BE THE MOST IMPORTANT

During the week, I attended a funeral of a lady friend of mine where upon I was suddenly asked to preach. The priest being relatively new, thought that I could give more testimony to the life of the deceased than himself. Preaching the word of God is not easy but it is also a great opportunity. I resisted the offer first on account that although I knew the lady as a family friend and administered to her the sacraments of the church, she was his parishioner, he had the duty to commend her to God. The priest insisted that I preach. Then I looked at the other side namely the opportunity given to me to share the word of God.

When someone dies his future ceases immediately. We do not talk about the future of the deceased but we talk of their past accomplishments. We do not even speak about what they were going to do in the next hour, but we speak about what they did in the last hour of their life. This reminds us to take each moment of life seriously because it is those minute moments that make our history, furthermore it is history that defines who we actually are.

Taking life seriously means putting people or things in their right order and to relate with such things or with such people according to the order to which they belong. For example, the way we relate with our superiors is not the same way we relate with our equals. The way we handle things, is not the way we handle people. If someone fails to distinguish between the two, it means that he/she is not taking life seriously.

Today the church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King. When we talk about kings and rulers, we get frightened because we know what these people do. They want to let every person know that they are commanders in chief, that they have authority. But the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is none of these.

The gospel on this Solemnity of Christ the King directs us where to find the face of the King. It is found on the faces of the hungry, let us give him food. On the faces of the thirsty, let us give him drink, it is on the face of the stranger, let us make him welcome, on the face of the naked, let us give him clothes, the kingdom is on the face of the sick and prisoner, let us visit him. This is where Jesus wants us to find him.

As we gather around this Altar today, look around and see the Kingdom of the Lord on the face of your brothers and Sisters. Christ the King is not an abstract notion but a real person we celebrate who invites us to take life seriously, to treat each other with care and love, because each one of us bears the image of Jesus Christ the universal King. None of us bears the image of Donald Trump, but the image of Christ. Continue to make his presence felt by others in your life, in the families and in the church.

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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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid : £ SO : £ 1372.52 (Oct) Non-Gift Aid: £ Total :£1372.52

Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.

Hall Hire: **Bonus Ball:** No.

Counters:

Mass Attendance for the week:

2nd Collection:

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

RCIA Sessions:

Catechism for FHC:

Church Cleaning:

Dates for your diary:

Confessions:

Daniel 7:14

“And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom,

That all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion

Which will not pass away; And His

kingdom is one which will not be destroyed”.



Mass Intentions

Please 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 with minimum £5 for each Mass or request by calling Tel. 07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Planning for Christmas 2020: As we all know that our capacity of Mass attendance here in Church is very limited and due to the ongoing pandemic, help us plan properly for Christmas. There will be Four Holy Masses over Christmas Vigil Mass at 6:00pm preferably families with children and; 8 30pm. Christmas day 9:30am and 11:30am I would be grateful if you can let me know what Christmas Mass you or your family would like to attend. There are only 57 places therefore first come first served.

Booking for Mass has already begun, the sisters will help you with booking. Please call to the Parish landline 024 76258901 and register your place. Would you also help us by passing on this information to your friends and neighbours, who normally attend Christmas with us at St. Mary & St. Benedict! Thank you.

Sunday offerings: I thank you for being very generous with our parish especially through your financial support to ensure that the parish can pay off its bills. Holy Mass has gone back on line through our parish webcam. Therefore, put your offering and Gift aid envelopes through the Presbytery letterbox or keep your offering until you can return or when you come for your private prayer on Saturdays. Thanks to those who have set up standing orders with their banks to continue supporting the parish. God bless you all.

Holy season of Advent : Next Sunday we begin the season of Advent. Advent invites us into a wondrous encounter in prayer in which we contemplate God made man, born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes. We can but lift up our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to the Father for giving us his son and sending the Holy Spirit. Advent contemplates the great truths of our faith: the Incarnation, God made man, the Word made flesh and the Second Coming of Christ. Let these profound truths open up our hearts to receiving Jesus into our own lives as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Applications for St. Mary and Benedict School: the closing date for Reception Class Applications for September 2021 is 15th January 2021. To have the best chance of securing a place at your child's preferred school, it is essential that you submit your application before these dates, including giving a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate to the school if applicable. Any forms received after this date will be a late application. For any information and advice regarding your application go to www.coventry.gov.uk/ school admissions or speak to the School Office. Even if your child is in our Nursery, you have to apply for Reception Class

During this time of national lockdown, there are obviously tighter restrictions for people to adhere to and as a parent or carer there are a number of things that you should be doing to help make our school and community safe. These are:

⊖ Not sending your child to school if they are showing coronavirus symptoms or if someone within the house is showing symptoms;

⊖ Keeping your child at home where they have been identified as having contact with a confirmed case either in school or elsewhere - ensuring the whole household isolate where a household member is awaiting a result, and continued isolation if test result is positive;

⊖ Arranging a test if you or your child develops symptoms – no matter how mild – and informing the school of the result;

⊖ Reinforcing with your children how to wash hands, make space and minimise contact;

⊖ Adhering to the current rules when you pick up and drop off children at school by ensuring you wear a mask and

⊖ Ensure that your child is not playing on the adventure playground before or after school.