

MASSES— 15th to 22nd Oct 2023

Sun	22	9.30am	Felix & Ida Minezes (20th Wed anni), Anna Mara (RIP) Nora Curristan (6th Anni)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eke Kalu (RIP), Alister & Eden (Thanksgiving)
Mon	23	12.00noon	Nora Griffith (Good health)
Tues	24	9.30am	Fr. Nicholas Kundy & Fr. Fulgence Byarugaba (RIP)
Wed	25	9.30am	Vivian Texiera (RIP)
Thurs	26	9.30am	Mary Flanagan (RIP)
		6.00pm	Divine mercy prayers
Fri	27	9.30am	Peace in the world
Sat	28	9.30am	John Rattigan (RIP)
Sun	29	9.30am	Samantha (B'day), James Mapuranga (Good health)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eke Kalu (RIP)

Lectors

22/10/2023

9.30am Elizabeth H., Nicholas O. (R)
11.30am Emma, Louise (R)

29/10/2023

Filomena, Cosmos (R)
Karen, Angela N. (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

22/10/2023

9.30am
11.30am

29/10/2023

Cath Slatter (E)
Serso (E)

Readings— 22/10/23: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; 1Thes. 1:1-5; Mt. 22:15-21

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : John Ferry, Patrick Flynn, Raymond Anthony Day, Dorothy Rixon , Brian Kenney, Eugene Devlin, Michael McHugh, Josephine Maher, Norah Curristan, Vivian Texeira, William McSorley, Hughie McCabe, Joseph Ryan, Anna Mara, Eileen Mary Kerrigan, Angelina McHugh, Patrick Goucher, John Joseph Mulligan, Sam McCosker, Bernadette Dorran, Eileen Ward, Patricia Bennis, Thomas Lyons .

Thank you Lord...

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread your Gospel. Give them the words they need to spread your Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. Amen.



A.J. Missions



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Osburg



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –World Mission Sunday - 22nd to 29th Oct 2023

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

I'm sure that this is the last time I'm writing in your parish newsletter. The first time I did so, was 10th February 2008. Since that time, there has always been something to communicate to you what I thought was for the good of our parish and for the building you up. I'm so pleased that you have been dedicated readers.

A newsletter is very important in the life of the parish community. It is through the newsletter that the parishioners can exactly tell what is going on in the head of their parish priest. The parishioners can also notice the direction that their priest wants them to take, or the kind of discipline he wants them to observe. Through the newsletter, the parish priest can reach out to his people in all kinds of situations. He can offer words of wisdom, comfort, and guidance to his parishioners. I have never looked at the newsletter as a medium to justify myself or to attack anyone. As far as I was concerned, the newsletter was another opportunity to indulge in verbal diarrhoea which I suffer from so much, as many of you know.

I'm extremely pleased to stand at this Altar with Fr. Aloysius Bukenya AJ who is to succeed me as your Parish Priest. The final confirmation of this fact will come from his Grace Bernard Longley Archbishop of Birmingham when he issues the official letter of appointment. Without any fear of contradiction, I can say that Fr. Aloysius is a good man, who will cooperate with you in the deepening of your relationship with Jesus Christ. That is the only reason why he has been sent to us.

Priests, like the fingers on our hands are different. God is so wise that if he made our fingers the same in size, we would not be able to have grip of anything. It is in their difference that the human hands achieve their purpose. The worst thing we can do is to make comparisons. What I know for certain is that he will always be blessed, he who comes in the name of the Lord. Every priest, big or small does not come in his own name but in the name of the Lord.

Now a new chapter begins in our parish. I wish to thank you all for the support I received from each one of you since I was appointed your parish priest in January 2008, but I arrived on 7th February. St. Mary's was my first parish and my first love. Thanks to the Sisters Leena, Leera and Lydwin who looked after me. The people of this parish made me the person I have been for all these years.

Continue to support my project to train more priests for the Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus. Save and give what you can for the training of our students to missionary life. Let this parish be an example to the rest in the archdiocese as one that propagates the missionary cause of the Church. The Institute of the Apostles of Jesus will do its best to assist you in your pilgrimage of faith, but we need your support too. May God bless this parish under the care and guidance of its new parish priest.

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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

15/10/23: Gift Aid : 202.90 Dona: £ 190.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 428.77 Total: £ 820.77

SO (Oct) : £ Second collection : May God bless you all.

2nd collections : 22/10/23 - APF (Mission Sunday)

Bonus Ball : No. **Mass Attendance : 392 Church cleaning:** 7.30am

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm **Confessions:** Saturday- 10.10-11.00am.

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Legion of Mary at St. Mary's Church : members meet immediately after the 11.30am Mass every Sunday in the Parish meeting room. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions

For Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, handed it over to the sisters with a minimum donation of £5 or you can call Tel. 07547242375.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

A Word of Appreciation to the Apostles of Jesus Fr. Moses, Fr. Pontius, Fr. Reginald and Fr. Sunday who have looked after the parish after I left on 3rd September. Thank you for taking care of them as well. With your new parish priest in residence, the parish can return to normality.

Thanks to those who turned up on Wednesday to welcome Fr. Aloysius Bukenya AJ as he arrived to the parish to start his pastoral ministry. All sectors of the parish membership were represented; children from the school, the youth, young families and the elderly. What a good gesture that you left whatever you were doing to come and welcome him. Thank you so much for this pastoral support to your new parish priest.

November is a special month to pray for and to remember those who have died. The month begins with the feast of All Saints on November 1st and continues to remember those who have died. It is our duty to pray for the dead now, as we shall need the living to pray for us when God calls us. If you would like to have Holy Mass offered for you loved ones, this is the best time to do so. Masses which are not specific can be sent to missionaries abroad to offer them with their people.

Jesus Youth Eucharistic Encounter Enroute: is an eucharistic procession in a motorcade open for everyone to join at any time during its journey. As part of the Encounter Enroute (An initiative of Jesus Youth UK), the blessed sacrament would be received on 31st Oct at 12:00noon at St. Mary and St. Benedict Church followed by Eucharist adoration till 1:15 pm. All are invited to enjoy a spiritual bliss in the Eucharistic adoration.

World Mission Sunday. On this day the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world. Therefore, your generous donations help build the Church, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places. Today there will be a second collection for the same.

Christmas bazar: Parish Christmas Bazar will take place on Saturday 9th December at 1.00pm in the parish hall. I kindly request you to support this event as you usually do by bringing stuff for good Bric a Brac, Food hampers, Bottle stall etc. If you can put up a food stall, you are most welcome. Raffle tickets are available at the piety stall. Please buy them to support the Church. Thanks for your co-operation.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will give the Sacrament of Confirmation to 13 children from our School and 9 children from our parish on Wednesday 9th November 2023 at 6:00pm. Please keep them and the entire parish in your prayers.

On Saturday 28 October we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady, Queen of Palestine with Holy Mass 9.30am at which the intention will be for peace in the Holy Land. All are invited to join us at this Mass for Peace.

Holy Rosary starts at 9:00 am daily, although it is not part of the daily Mass, it prepares us to celebrate it. It will be good if those who come to daily Mass come a bit early to join in the rosary prayer. The lives of Saints are sometimes read for us to find inspiration and endurance in our own troubles.

Note: Clocks go back by one hour the coming Sunday.