

MASSES 24th Nov to 1st Dec 2019

Sun	24	9.30am	People of the parish, Mrs. Tran (Get well), Rev. Fr. Patrick Osagie (Spl int)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu & Dorothy Maimo (Thanksgiving) Teresa Neequaye (RIP)
Mon	25	9.30am	Mass at this time please. Holy souls, Michael Campbell (RIP)
Tues	26	9.30am	Deceased priests
Wed	27	9.30am	Sandra (Spl int), Denise Breton (Get well)
Thurs	28	9.30am	Michael Campbell (RIP)
Fri	29	9.30am	Joe Owens (RIP)
Sat	30	9.30am	Deceased members of Mable & Derick family
Sun	01	9.30am	Tony Mulroney (RIP), Sandra (Spl int), Mr. & Mrs Tran (Get well), Goan families (Thanksgiving in honour of St. Francis Xavier)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

24/11/2019

9.30am Juilia H. & Veronia C. (R)
Barbara (E)

11.30am Kisannet, Honorine A (R)
Marcel, Patricia (E)

01/12/2019

James M. , Naomi (R)
Betty Osagie (E)

Valerie, Florence K. (R)
Frank, Vera (E)

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

Anniversaries during the week : 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, Elizabeth Reid, Mary O'Brien, John Heavey, Ellen Duffy, Rose Donagher, John Sheridan, Joseph Reid, Theresa Hickey, Francis Moloney.

As we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, reflect upon the presence of the Kingdom of God present among us. Do we see it in our hearts? Do we daily invite Jesus to rule our lives? Do we acknowledge Him as our Lord? And do we see the ways He comes to us through our daily circumstances or in others? Seek Him out constantly and this will bring joy to our hearts.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Feast of Christ the King - Parish Newsletter- 24th Nov to 1st Dec 2019

YES HE IS KING, BUT WHAT KIND OF SUBJECT ARE YOU?

We have come to the end of the Church's liturgical year with the proclamation of Jesus as the King of the Universe. Christians have never abandoned a claim so scandalous to the Jews that the man they handed over to be crucified by a hated foreign power (the Romans), could be acclaimed as King. Pontius Pilate himself had been puzzled by the Jewish attitude towards a Galilean who claimed to be their king: "do you want me to crucify your king?" (Jn 19:15 he asked).



Jesus is not a king in abstract, he is a king of people, he has followers. Did I hear you say that you are one of them? Then you belong to him. Belongingness is a human emotional need to be an accepted member of a group. Whether it is family, friends, co-workers, a religion, or something else, people tend to have an 'inherent' desire to belong and be an important part of something greater than themselves. To belong implies a relationship that is greater than simple acquaintance or familiarity. This desire is so universal that the need to belong is found across all cultures and different types of people.

A good number of baptised Christians have not progressed to realise that to be a Christian goes beyond being familiar with Christian teaching; that being a member of the parish goes beyond knowing it as the local church building in the vicinity where I live, or that to be baptised is more than pouring water on a baby's face and have a party afterwards! These aspects demand real participation, commitment and identification with. We who live in the religious life, to be a member of a Religious Order demands that we embrace all the demands and sacrifices of that Order.

During the last census in the United Kingdom, many people identified themselves as being Christians but only few admitted practicing Christian teaching and beliefs. You can imagine what it feels to call Jesus Christ your King and yet you do not have respect for him or obey any one of his teaching. You can imagine also the emptiness of anyone to claim that 'this is my parish' but has never participated in any of the activities that build up that parish! Making empty claims about being a Christian without practicing the Christian faith or doing one's best to support the community of faith (the church) does not improve your rating before God or the community. Jesus as King is committed to us his subjects, "I'm the Good Shepherd and I lay down my life for my sheep" (Jn. 10:14-15) he said. As we celebrate this Solemnity of Christ the King, reflect upon the presence of the Kingdom of God among us. Just ask yourself 'if Jesus Christ is my King, what kind of subject am I'?

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.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 292.50 **Non-Gift Aid:** 366.21 **Total :** £658.71

Counters : Pat & William Edwards

Mass Attendance : 538

Bonus Ball : No. 12 Rose Hogan

2nd collections : for the month of Nov—Dec : 24th Nov. Catholic Youth service; 8th Dec. Poor parishes 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 & 3.00pm.

Parish Rosary group every Friday at 6.00pm

Choir practice every Friday at 7.30pm /Saturday at 3.00pm

Church cleaning: Saturday 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

RCIA Sessions: Every Monday at 6.00pm

Catechism for FHC : Every Saturday at 11.00am

Invitation to a Christmas Party: Bishop Ullathorne School hosts an annual Christmas party for elder members of our parishes. The next one will be on Friday 13 December. The event will run from 12.00 -2.00pm. If any senior citizen wishes to go, please let me know not later than Friday 29th November 2019 so that transport can be arranged for you.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood on Saturday 21st December 2019 at Westminster Cathedral. We are invited to join him for that Mass but especially to remember him in our prayers.

Matters of Importance

Solemnity of Christ the King: is celebrated today 24th of November. It is a Solemnity that invites us to recognise Our Lord Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe. It also marks the end of the liturgical year of the Church. I wish to thank you all for your fidelity to Jesus Christ King of the Universe. The following Sunday 1st December will be the First Sunday of Advent.

Launching the Year of the Word of God: Archbishop Bernard will launch the Year of the Word – The God who Speaks at the 4.30pm Mass on Saturday 30 November – the Vigil of the 1st Sunday in Advent, at St Chad's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome. The year 2020 has been earmarked as a focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has invited all Christians to celebrate, live and share God's word 2020 has been chosen as it is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. St. Jerome translated the Bible from Aramaic /Hebrew language into Latin. Let us listen carefully to God who speaks to us in the scriptures. The Archdiocese of Birmingham is embracing this Scripture initiative and a steering group is already in place to develop how we will celebrate, live and share God's word in 2020.

Baptism Course: Tuesday 26th November, talks start at 6:00pm in the Lady's Chapel.

Coventry Pioneers' Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 25th November 2019 commencing with Mass at 7.30pm at Christ the King Church, West hill Road, Coventry.

Advent Parish Penitential Service for St. Marys will take place on 13th December 6.00pm; St. Elizabeth parish will have their Penitential Service on 12th Dec at 6.30pm. "Come let us return to God. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us. He has struck us down but he will bandage our wounds; after a day or two he will bring us back to life, on the third day he will raise us up and we shall live in his presence" Hosea 6:1-3.

The Sower Publication: copies of the Advent edition of the Diocesan publication *The Sower* (with the finance report included) were sent to us on Thursday 21st November. This is a **free** magazine. For this edition please look especially at pages 8 and 9 in which the Archbishop has discussed the most recent update on the Diocesan Vision. You will find the contents of this magazine always beneficial.

Volunteers to clean the church: I'm very pleased to know that the following parishioners responded to my call last Sunday for volunteers to clean the church; they are *Edna Muluzi, Florence Ekobe, Lilian Onuorah, Henry Ofidile, Chukuemeka Elranochie, Grace Mwuese Tarnonogo, Sam Okoro Gbenga Iroko, Vera Tuenbull, Vijaya Socretis Benny, Crashel, Alagaraj and Aron.* Thank you for accepting the challenge. It is when we participate in something that we feel true part of it.

Blessing of the Crib on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December at 4.00pm. In the City centre near Marks & Spencer.