

MASSES— 25th June to 2nd Jul 23

Sun	25	9.30am	Emmanuel Osagie, Warren Osagie (B'day) Caetano Joaquim Menezes, Charles Ferry (RIP) Grace Boyle (Good health)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	26	12.00noon	Jim Hogan (RIP)
Tues	27	9.30am	Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Wed	28	9.30am	Grace Isoken Iluobe (Anni)
Thurs	29	9.30am	Mary Flanagan (RIP), Thomas Joseph Cosgrove (RIP)
Fri	30	9.30am	Cony Aspin (RIP), Emilia Misiuk (Spl int)
Sat	01	9.30am	People of the parish
Sun	02	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

25/06/2023

9.30am Children
11.30am Children

02/07/2023

Dan, Clinton (R)
Emmanuela, Valerie (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

25/06/2023

9.30am Ann M. (E)
11.30am Lilian (E)

02/07/2023

Felix (E)
Serso (E)

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 Okosisi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week: Teresa McManus, Anthony Hegarty, Patrick Mullaney, Joseph O'Neill, Kathleen Leslie., Patrick Joseph Moore, Margaret Brophy, Doreen Davies, Patrick Michael Boyle, Desmond Michael Whelan, Elizabeth Keegan, Michael Joseph Dowd, Thomas Joseph Cosgrove, Joe Byrne, Teresa McPartlain, Annie Dunnion, Patrick Meehan, Phyllis Johnson, John Johnson, Thomas Anthony Gleeson, Martin Kelly.

Two Apples

A lovely little girl was holding two apples with both hands. Her mom came in and softly asked her little daughter with a smile: my sweetie, could you give your mom one of your two apples?

The girl looked up at her mom for some seconds, then she suddenly took a quick bite on one apple, and then quickly on the other. The mom felt the smile on her face freeze. She tried hard not to reveal her disappointment.

Then the little girl handed one of her bitten apples to her mom, and said: mommy, here you are. This is the sweeter one.

No matter who you are, how experienced you are, and how knowledgeable you think you are, always delay judgment. Give others the privilege to explain themselves. What you see may not be the reality. Never conclude for others.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter – 12th Sunday in ordinary time 25th Jun to 2nd Jul 2023

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY

On my trip to Uganda, I was joined by two friends who I met at Birmingham Airport. They were travelling to Uganda to pray at the Shrine of the Uganda Martyrs at Namugongo. We travelled together and soon, my itinerary became their itinerary too. It was their first time in Africa. We arrived in Uganda, just three days after the pilgrimage had taken place. Some people still holding on to the sanctity of the place, told us that about 5 million people had turned up. We had no verification for it, but the literally crushed and shredded lawn in the vast park surrounding the shrine, pointed to the fact that it was a mammoth gathering.

At Namugongo, there is something interesting namely, the disappeared memory of the men who killed the Martyrs, they held power in their hands, their word could either cause life or death, what they said became law even before they pronounced it. The memory of the evil men has vanished. Amazingly, what remained and freshens everyday is the memory of the crushed, vanquished ordinary young men who stood their ground for Christ. Their memory draws people from all around the world.

Last Thursday, we celebrated the memory of yet other great Saints of our country; St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher. I was impressed that in my local church, the village catechist, called on the people to celebrate their memory and to follow their example. There was not a single mention of the men who put them to death. This is the paradox of martyrdom; that the men who were put to death started to live from the very moment they were martyred, while those who had a hand in their martyrdom died and vanished in the dark abyss of history, the very moment they carried out their evil crime.

In the gospel today, Jesus has spoken to us those beautiful words: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, rather fear him who can destroy body and soul in hell". It reminds us that while we shall be persecuted and killed, we should not be deterred but remain steadfast in faith in God. St. Thomas More went further to acknowledge that while he was bound to obey the laws of the King, it was also his duty to disobey especially in those matters that went against his conscience as a follower of Jesus Christ and believer in God's legislation.

In our Christian ministry we will face sufferings, hardships, sacrifices, rejection etc. Jeremiah is perhaps the greatest example of a minister who had to face such trials. "All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall" (Jer 20:10). So it will be for us when we minister, and try to reflect in our lives the values of the Kingdom.

As you return home today, take with you the double message that Jesus gives us. First, he assures us that persecutions will come to us, his love will not prevent them or insulate us from them.

Secondly Do not be afraid when persecutions or persecutors come. The memory of persecutors vanishes like a morning dew while the memory of the righteous lives on forever.

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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

SO (May) : £ 2799.00 Gift Aid : 184.10 £ Non-Gift Aid: £ 495.48 Total: £679.58

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you all.

Readings: Jer. 20:10-13 ; Rom. 5: 12-15; Mt. 10:26-33.

2nd collection : Day for life— **£163.93. 2nd July—Peters Pence**

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 364

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

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel of today advises us not to be afraid of human persons. Jesus repeatedly asks the twelve disciples not to be afraid. As disciples we stand with Jesus entrusting ourselves to him. Jesus plants into the hearts of his disciples the great power and might of God who is their care taker. He assures them that they can trust God's sovereignty as their protection in the face of any disaster or death. Jesus delicately tells his disciples not to be worried of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. The history of the church is filled with examples where people have stood for Jesus and sacrificed their lives. Jesus is also very aware of the fact that fear can become overwhelming. This is especially the case when we must endure any form of severe persecution or trial. Therefore, He speaks a consoling line to the Twelve to help them have hope.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with fear. As you do, reflect upon Jesus' words over and over. "Fear no one." Do not allow yourself to be controlled by any injustice inflicted upon you. Instead, remain confident in the truth and, if some injustice is not able to be corrected here and now, look forward to the end of time when everything will be brought to light in accord with the mind and justice of God.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Legion of Mary devotion : A group of parishioners who belong to the Legion of Mary and others gather every Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the parish hall to pray to our Lady. If you would like to be a part of this devotion please contact the sisters.

Sunday School volunteers: We thankful to the volunteers for their generous time to share the faith with the little children to catechize in the Catholic faith. But we lack volunteers for 9.30am Mass. I request you parishioners to come and help us in the Sunday school to lead the Sunday liturgy for the little ones. If anyone interested please let the sisters know.

Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition: From Tuesday 20 June to Sunday 2 July at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, North Street, Wolverhampton. The exhibition features a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin (the actual Shroud is housed in the Cathedral of the Italian city of Turin) and includes detailed information boards about aspects of the shroud. Visitors are given a chance to gain a deeper understanding of the great sacrifice Christ made for us for our own redemption. This is a great opportunity to visit the replica of the Holy Shroud

Second collection: Next Sunday there will be second collection for Peters Pence. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.. Be generous towards this cause.

Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul 29th June: is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, which is observed on 29 June. It's Holyday of obligation, on which the faithful are expected to attend Mass. There will be only one Mass at 9.30am.

Death announcement: Of your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Father Bernard Garratt, Retired Priest of the Archdiocese, who died on Wednesday 21st June, at home in Burford, aged 79. He was ordained on 12th July 2008 and ministered to the parishes of Bicester and Southam until his retirement in 2018. We pray for Father Bernard's family, friends, his former parishioners and all who mourn him. May he Rest in Peace.

Death announcement: We regret to announce the death of Catherine Ward sister to Sean Ward. We extend our hearty condolences to him and his family and eternal peace to Catherine Ward. The requiem Mass will take place on Monday 17th July at 10.00am at St. Mary & Benedict's Church.

OVERFLOW is the first national gathering organised by CHARIS England and Wales (CNSC). CHARIS seeks to bring together individuals, communities, prayer groups and movements in Catholic Charismatic Renewal, who share in baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church and beyond. It will take place on Saturday 1 July at Bethel Convention Centre in Birmingham.

Divine mercy prayers : We will be no Divine mercy prayers this week on 29th June. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Pope's prayer intention for July: For a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their live, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.