	MASSES— 26th Mar to 2nd Apr 23								
Sun 26 9.30am		9.30am	Osato Osagie (B'day), Jim Dunleavy (B'day remembrance)						
			Adaobi Clarire Obi (B'day), Anthonia A. (Spl int)						
		11.30am	Cicile & Charlie Ekobe (RIP), Obina Ofili (Thanksgiving)						
Mon	27	12.00noon	Jack McCrave (RIP)						
Tues	28	9.30am	Joseph Anatuanya (Anni)						
Wed 29 9.30am		9.30am	Cath Muldoon (Anni), Fabian Mara (B'day)						
			Jan & Emilia Misiuk (Spl int)						
Thurs 30		6.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers						
7.00p	m		Mary Flanagan (RIP), Anthonia A. (Spl int)						
Fri	31	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross						
		7.00pm	Deceased members of Reema D'Souza & family						
Sat	01	9.30am	Vera Dunnion (Good health)						
Sun	02	9.30am	Palm Sunday						
		11.30am	Palm Sunday						
	Lectors								
		<u>26/03/2023</u>	<u>02/04/2023</u>						
9.30)am	Demisha, Noa	ami (R) Cosmos, Desma (R)						
11.30)am	Children (R	Emmanuel, Angela Ngozi (R)						
9.30a	ım	Cath Slatter (E	Cath Slatter (E)						

11.30am Frank (E)

Serso, Lilian (E) The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa

McAffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

Anniversaries during the week : Bernard Kelly, Mary O'Mara, Mary Whiting, Aloysius Patalong, Emma O'Brien, Marie Concepta Garner, Catherine Mary Muldoon, Walter roach, John Molloy, Michael Cox, Bob Brolly, James Herbert, Patrick McHugh, Eric Donnelly, Mary Ellen Allen, Mick Fitzgerald, Seamus Mulrooney, Phelena Seaman.

Holy Week Programme

Parish penitential service- Monday 27th March at 7.00pm							
Palm Sunday	2nd April	9.30am & 11.30am					
Maundy Thursday -	6th April	7.00pm - The Lord's Supper					
Good Friday	7th April	2.30pm - Stations of cross & Service					
Easter vigil	8th April	8.30pm - Easter celebration					
Easter Sunday	9th April	9.30am & 11.30am					
Divine Mercy Sunday	16th April	2.00pm - Prayers					
		4.00pm - Mass					
Let us come in time a	nd receive t	he blessings from our Saviour Jesus Christ.					



Parish Newsletter – Fifth Sunday of Lent—26h Mar to 2nd April 2023								
	A.J. Missions	St. Osburg	Ss. Mary & Benedict	St. Elizabeth				

WHEN WE ARE TOUCHED BY DEATH OUR FAITH MUST INCREASE:

I was travelling on a coach from Jerusalem through Bethany towards Tiberias. Our tour guide brought to our attention the story of Lazarus and how, when he was ill, his sisters Martha and Mary made a sick call to Jesus to come and heal him. The distance from Bethany to Judea is very long through valleys and Galilean wilderness. Canon Garry then Parish Priest of St. Osburgs, was seated beside me, he turned to me and said: Fr. Jimmy this was a very long sick call for Jesus". No wonder, as we have heard, Jesus stayed for two more days before he thought of responding to the sick call. The two sisters had tried every medication and called all doctors, but Lazarus did not get better. There was one doctor left, Jesus, but he did not turn up. It was four days after the burial that he turned up.

The disappointment of the two sisters Martha and Mary, is told: "If you had been here, my brother would not have died" Mary did not even go to welcome the Doctor Jesus when she heard that he had come. She stayed sitting in the house. It was too late she thought. This will echo with many of us who have lost a loved one. Grief triggers inner exhaustion, a near paralysis that turns us into the shadows of ourselves. Even rumours of eternal life seem to be too distant to spur us into action.

The gospel has spoken to us the feelings of a family touched by death and what a devastating loss it causes. "Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died". This tells us of the deep trust that the two sisters had in Jesus. Who do we put our trust into when we are faced with difficulties?

Jesus, interpreted the death of Lazarus as resting, and that it was him who had the power to wake him up. Following this teaching, and after the example of his own resurrection, Christianity has never interpreted physical death as the end of life, but as the beginning of it.

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel born 622 died 570BC spoke about Yahweh who was going to open the graves of those who lay in death, he prophesied the restoration of Israel when Yahweh will be their God.

The second reading has given us a roadmap of how we can hope to live a resurrected life. The human soul is endowed with the capacity to live a spiritual life. It can recognise spiritual realities and seek spiritual values. God has put within the human soul the capacity to believe, to hope and to love. St. Paul has reminded us in the second reading that when we do not develop these divine gifts in our life, we can never please God. Like Martha and Mary, God wants us to believe in him, to hope in him and to love him.

The coming Sunday will be palm Sunday. The mystery of the Cross, no matter in whichever form it comes to us, is one of those moments that throws us out of balance, just as like the death of Lazarus for the two Sisters Martha and Mary. But like them, let us cultivate deep faith in Jesus Christ. He is the life and the resurrection, who ever believes in him though he dies, he will live, and who ever lives and believes in him will never die.

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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 (Mar) : £ Gift Aid : £229.00 Non-Gift Aid: £436.87 Total: £ 665.87 Thank you for your generosity.

Bonus Ball :

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Romans 8: 8-11; John 11: 1-45

2nd Collection : 7th April– Holy places

Mass Attendance : 388

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10-11.00am.

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

(RCIA): sessions : every Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

<u>Mass intentions</u>: If you have requests for Mass for your intentions, envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, with minimum $\pounds 5$ for each Mass.

Gospel reflection

"Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out.

The death of Lazarus can be seen as a symbolic representation of the soul that has died from mortal sin. When Jesus cried out, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, the details were added that Lazarus did come forth but was still bound "hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth." Saint Augustine teaches that, in part, this symbolizes the entire process of confession and the forgiveness of sins. As you do, listen for the passionate voice of Jesus who calls to you, "Come out!" What sin is Jesus calling you to be free from? Identify that sin and repent of it with the same passion that our Lord exhibits.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

<u>Palm Sunday:</u> will be celebrated on this coming Sunday. Please set yourselves to celebrate the mysteries of our redemption.

Exploring the Mass with Cardinal Vincent Nichols is a good resource for your children and family. The Mass is at the heart of all sacramental programmes. This DVD and Book is an invaluable resource for youth, catechists and parents. PLACE ORDER NOW: info@tere.org for the Exploring the Mass DVD rp@rebooks.co.uk for Exploring the Mass for Books The book costs £7.00 and the Video costs £20.00 plus VAT

Harvington Hall History Festival will take place in the grounds of Harvington Hall, in Worcestershire from 25 - 30 July, featuring 16 talks from top historians, authors and broadcasters, as well as a concert by the Birmingham Oratory Consort. This year is an important one for Harvington as it is celebrating the centenary of its purchase, which rescued it from ruin 100 years ago. Tickets are now on sale for the first ever Harvington History Festival, taking place this July. *To book call 01562777555 with the reference Harvington History Festival.*

<u>Appointment of Acting Rector of Walsingham</u> Shrine: Bishop Peter Collins, Bishop Alan Hopes and the Trustees of the Catholic National Shrine at Walsingham, are delighted to announce the appointment of Friar James Mary as Acting Rector of the Catholic National Shrine. Please remember him in your prayers.

Deanery Corpus Christi Procession will be held on Sunday 18th June, starting at 3.00pm at St Anne's Church processing to Corpus Christi. Children who will receive their First Holy Communion are particularly invited to come dressed in their festive dresses.

The Little Sisters of the Poor: after nearly 160 years of dedicated and faithful service in Birmingham, have taken the very difficult decision to leave St Joseph's Home in Harborne, for lack of vocations to support their work. I know that you will pray for all the residents and the staff at St Joseph's Home, for Sr Kathleen Mary and for the present community of Sisters.

<u>The Legion of Mary</u> is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis. Few parishioners have been enquiring to begin the Legion of Mary association in our Parish. If you are interested please contact Fr. Jimmy or Mr. Ernest our parish Catechist.

<u>Golden Jubilee of St. Patrick's Church</u> will be celebrated on 17th May 2023 at 19.00pm. Fr. George Bennett and the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church invite all of us to join them in celebrating the Golden Jubilee. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley followed by refreshments.

<u>Easter Monday Masses</u> across the Archdiocese will be celebrated in the following areas on Easter Monday at 10am: St Chad's Cathedral - Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard Longley Sacred Heart, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent - Celebrant: Bishop Stephen Wright St Osburg, Coventry - Celebrant: Canon Paul Fitzpatrick. All are welcome.

Pope Francis on Ukraine: at the General Audience in Rome, invited us to renew the Act of Consecration to Our Lady on the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25) and to pray for Ukraine And Russia. "I invite each believer and community, and prayer groups, to renew the act of consecration to Our Lady every March 25, so that she, who is a Mother, may keep us all in unity and peace".

<u>The Requiem Mass</u> for Gregory Jordan, brother of Veronica Carroll, will take place at St. Osburg Church at 11.30am on Monday 3rd April, followed by the committal service at Canley Crematorium at 1.00pm. Our sincere condolences to Veronica Carroll upon the loss of her brother. May he rest in peace.