

## **MASSES FROM 27th Jan to 3rd Feb 2019**

Sun	27	9.30am	Ann Wilson (Spl int), Mariam (B'day)
		11.30am	Josephine McCrove (Spl int)
Mon	28	12.00noon	Patsy Lesley (Thanksgiving)
Tues	29	9.30am	<b>School Mass (church),</b> Holy souls
Wed	30	9.30am	John Ferris (RIP)
Thurs	31	5.00pm	Divine mercy prayers
		6.00pm	Mary Mulroony (Spl int)
Fri	01	5.00pm	Prayer for priests
		6.00pm	Sr. Lydwin (Spl int)
Sat	02	9.30am	Kasibante (Thanksgiving)
Sun	03	9.30am	Sr. Leera Lobo (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Gibson family (Spl int)

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**27/01/19**

9.30am Veronica Carroll, Naomi (R)  
Betty (E)  
11.30am Maame, Julie (R)  
Loveness, Patricia (E)

**3./02/19**

Desma, Margaret (R)  
Sophie (E)  
Valerie, Patrick (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.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** John Ferry, Harold Rixon, William Michael Redmond, Bridget Teresa Chapman, William Molloy, Marie Macken, Teresa McSharry,

**Prayer for the week :** O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.



**The sick and housebound:** I would like to ask you to help the parish priest to locate the sick and housebound members of this parish especially those who might need a visit from a priest. Please let us make sure that they are never left out.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **Parish News letter—Second Sunday in ordinary time- 27th Jan 3rd Feb 2019**

### **AVOID BEING A PILLAR OF SALT ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

Few days ago, I asked somebody whether there is a country or a continent where the Catholic Church does not exist. He thought and thought again, then he said “*the Catholic Church is in every country and on every continent.*” I believe that you appreciate being part of a family whose teaching and values are upheld the world over.

The universality of the Catholic Church is not what makes it Catholic but the inclusion of every person, the equality and dignity of every baptised, the recognition that every baptised is a new creation, and, the unity of believers is what makes it truly Catholic. From the beginning of Christianity, men and women, Jews and Gentiles, free and slaves, citizens and immigrants, the circumcised and non circumcised, were all accepted as beloved members of the body of Christ that formed the Church. This is where the ‘*Catholicism*’ of the Church takes its name.

All over the world the Catholic Church through her Roman Rite has a uniform way of celebrating the liturgy. It does not matter where you come from or which language you speak, Catholics who practice the faith will know exactly what is going on at Mass. This is not the case with Pentecostal Churches, since there is no organised liturgy, or systematic liturgical calendar, you cannot tell exactly what the pastor is going to say or to preach about. However, there are three words that he would certainly not miss: “***Praise the Lord!***,” ***Alleluia!***” and ***Amen.*** This is not the case with Catholic liturgy which is so organised such that no matter where you are, the faithful will offer the same praise and listen to the same message from the Lord in the scriptures. If he cannot read the language he can at least respond to the parts of Holy Mass in his/her own language. A catholic cannot be lost.

It is not strange these days to go into churches and find people who came to Sunday Mass and leave without opening their mouth, they seem to be literary blind, deaf and dumb. Don't be surprised, it is very common. Well if prayer means giving praise and thanksgiving to God, I don't think that persons who God has given the gift of speech and hearing show their gratefulness when they come into his presence and appear like pillars of salt. Avoid becoming a frozen pillar of salt on a beautiful Sunday morning; endeavour to be lively and active as much as possible. Holy Mass is a celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, therefore it is also our victory with Him, in Him and through Him. Let us proclaim it.

**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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**Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid:** £406.94 **Non-Gift Aid:** £407.35 **Total :** £813.29

**Counters :** Par & William Edwards

**Mass Attendance :** 585 **Bonus Ball :** No. 38 M. Hogan

**2nd collection : Pax Christi collection—204.05. Thanks for your generosity.**

**2nd collection for the months of Feb & March— 3rd Feb - Pro Life; 3rd March— Cathedral Maintenance; 17th Mar - CAFOD**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

**Parish Rosary group** every Friday at 6.00pm

**Choir practice** every Friday at 7.30pm

**Church cleaning:** 8.00am to 9.30am

**Confessions :** Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

**Mass in the University:** Every Tuesday at 1.10pm in Hub

**The Lady's Chapel** is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

**Feasts during the week :** 28th Jan. St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & Doctor; 31st Jan - St. John Bosco; 1st Feb - St. Bridget Virgin; 2nd Feb—Presentation of the Lord.

**Thought on marriage:** Marriage is a commitment- a decision to do, all through life, that which will express your love for one's spouse. When there is love in a marriage, there is harmony in the home; when there is harmony in the home, there is contentment in the community; when there is contentment in the community, there is prosperity in the nation; when there is prosperity in the nation, there is peace in the world.

**Matters of Importance**

**Our Lady's Catholic Primary** School, Princethorpe is looking to appoint a Head Teacher for September. Closing Date: Monday 25th February; for details please email: [admin3561@we-learn.com](mailto:admin3561@we-learn.com) or 'phone: 01926 632385

**Coventry Tyrone Association** – Annual Dance on Friday 15th February at Christ the King Centre. Admission £5 – Music by “Ally Harron and Marian Curry”. Proceeds on the night will go to Prostate Cancer.

**Marriage program course:** registering for those who are planning to get married within the next six months closes today. If you have not done so, please make sure that you do it today. The next announcement will be made in July for those intending to get married in August to December 2019..

**Graduate Assistant for 2019-2020** Rye St Antony is an independent Catholic boarding school for girls aged 3-18 and day boys aged 3-11. The school offers an excellent location for a graduate looking for experience of working in an educational environment, be it as a teacher or in an administrative or marketing capacity. The school is currently recruiting for several Graduate Assistants to join us for the academic year 2019-2020. The Graduate Assistants will work in one of the two boarding houses and also within an academic department, or in administration if this is preferred. Full details and an application form can be downloaded from the [Staff Vacancies](#) page of our website ([www.ryestantony.co.uk](http://www.ryestantony.co.uk)). The closing date for applications is Thursday 14 February 2019, and interviews will be held on Tuesday 26 February 2019.

**Parish Census:** we are conducting a parish census to know how many baptised Catholics belong to this parish. Thanks to those who took the form and returned it completed. If you have not yet registered, please take the form from an usher at the back of the church and fill it in. Take this exercise important.

**Guild of St. Stephen's** thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 9th February by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. Some of our Altar servers will attend.

**Headteacher vacancy :** St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School Coventry, is looking to appoint a new Headteacher. If you are interested please check for details on [www.stmschool.co.uk](http://www.stmschool.co.uk).

**Unwanted gift, don't bin it donate it:** If you have some presents that you received and you do not need, kindly donate them to the parish for future use.

**Thanksgiving Mass for marriage :** will celebrate on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral by the archbishop.

**Free lecture:** Catholic Times author Chris McDonnell will give a talk on THOMAS MERTON, Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist and scholar of comparative religion. On Sunday 24th February 2019 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne B17 0DN. Start at 1.30pm tea, 2.00 talk, Q&A, discussion. Everyone welcome. Contact local ACTA at [mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk)