

**MASSES— 28th Nov to 5th Dec 2021**

Sun	28	9.30am	Terry Bennett (RIP), Deceased members of Smith family & Lobo family
		11.30am	Pa John Azong (RIP), Departed members of Obi family
Mon	29	12.00noon	Herculano Fernandes & Aex Fernandes (RIP) Departed souls of Griffith & Patalong family Fremlin Farias Good health)
Tues	30	9.30am	Ray & Sam & Elijah (Spl int), Denis Dano O'Brien (RIP)
Wed	01	9.30am	Timothy William Wardell (RIP), Dogollacion & Demape family (RIP) James (Good health)
Thurs	02	9.30am	Eileen Kerrigan, Peggy Hyland (RIP)
Fri	03	9.30am	Deceased members of Janko Peter & family, Cosgrove family (RIP)
Sat	04	9.30am	Deceased members of Drabik family & Urbani family
Sun	05	9.30am	Fr. Patrick Osagie (RIP), Teresia Coughlan (RIP) McHugh & Ferry families (RIP)
		11.30am	Rita Rose family (Spl int), Liong Ching King & family (RIP)

**Lectors**

**28/11/2021**

9.30am Creshel, Elena (R)  
11.30am Perpetua, Louis (R)

**05/12/2021**

Desma, Nicholas (R)  
Sharon, Nicole (R)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley, Gabriel Gwatorisa, Teresa MacCaffer, Andrea.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Edith Gardner, Gerry Seary, Denis Doran, Rosaleen McAndrew, Thomas Howe, Nora Lucid, Paul Michael May, Elizabeth Reid, Mary O'Brien, John Heavey, Ellen Duffy, Rose Donagher, John Sheridan, Joseph Reid, Theresa Hickey, Francis Moloney, Eamon Lusty, Frank McSorley, Joseph Sheridan, Dennis Doran, Kathleen Wilson, Robert McGorman, Charles Ward, Ita Howe, James Gaffy, Margaret McSorley, Sean Kiely.

**Advent Reflection**

'To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognise Him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward Him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously.' Pope St. John Paul II



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter— First Sunday of Advent - 28th Nov to 5th Dec 2021**

**MARANNATHA COME LORD JESUS!**

I welcome you all to the new season of the Church's liturgical year. Today is the first Sunday of advent, the first Sunday of the call to renew hope that Jesus will fulfil his promise to return to save us. The church reminds us from time to time that we are a pilgrim people therefore when Advent comes, the focus on our eternal destination is renewed because it is near.

Last Sunday I mentioned that men in prison look forward with great expectation to the day of their freedom, they don't fear it or feel worried about it, it is lukewarm believers who get afraid and bewildered when they talk about the return of the Lord. St. Paul has instructed the Christians at Thessalonica not to panic about the return of Jesus but to make more and more progress in knowing him and in loving him.

A person with guilty conscience will dread the return of his master; as a matter of fact such a man prays fervently that the master does not return. On the other hand a person who has been doing his best, trying and trying again despite the failures, looks with great expectations to the return of his master, he knows that he will not condemn him for the unfinished work but instead share in his frustration.

What takes place in your mind when you think about the coming of Jesus, do you feel afraid, or even wish that he does not return at all? When you think about meeting with God one day is it something that brings you joy and excitement or something that you dread? Whatever makes you and I feel fearful for the coming of the Lord, is what Advent season asks us to address.

Christianity is strongly marked by a positive understanding of the end of all time. The return of Jesus will not be a moment of terror and dire judgement instead if we keep on loving him and loving our neighbours, practicing our faith, keeping the commandments of God, the end of time and the return of the Lord is something we should long for. Jesus teaches us today that while there will be signs in the moon and in the sun, nations in agony bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and men dying of fear, those who are his own should not feel afraid instead they should hold their heads high because that will be the sign that their liberation has come.

In the meantime Jesus tells us to watch and pray. We know that many people do not believe in God, even for those who believe, we know that they do not behave as believers. Some people think that the pillars of our Christian faith are invented myth. So, Jesus warns us to watch ourselves to make sure that the consolations this world offers: debauchery, drunkenness and lure of earthly riches do not take us too.

As you return home today remember that we have been promised a great future when Jesus will come to bring the dawn of never ending day in our life. My ministry as your priest is to proclaim this promise in your hearing and to prepare you to receive it when it is fulfilled. What a wonderful day it will be when all of us assembled here today will be together in the presence of Jesus in heaven. Let us entertain this hope and long for it by our fidelity to Christ. Therefore stay awake praying at all time for the strength to survive all that is going to happen and to stand with confidence before the Son of man. Our prayer is Maranatha—Come Lord Jesus.

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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

Gift Aid : 157.00 SO ( Oct ) : £1732.00 Non-Gift Aid: 312.64 Total: £ 469.64

*Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.*

### 2nd Collection :

**Bonus Ball :** No. 59 Sr. Leera

**Mass Attendance :** 387

### Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

**Confessions:** Saturday- 10.10-11.00am.

### **Today we enter the First Week in Advent**

We light the first candle to remember the voice and vision of the prophets and peoples who longed for a saviour and leader who would ease their suffering, and bring justice and well-being to their nations and communities.

As you enter into prayer today, as this season of Advent opens, what is the longing deep in your heart?

Listen for the Holy One to speak to you in your deep longing from Isaiah 9: 2-7



### **Mass Intentions**

If you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

### **MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Holy season of Advent** starts this coming Sunday, we are called upon to prepare and pray. **The Christmas Crib** will be blessed at a Service in Broadgate beside Lady Godiva at 4.00pm by the Dean Canon Tom Farrell. We were not able to meet outside last year, but this year it is permitted. Let us gather in large number to witness our faith in the Lord.

**Confessions:** If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation, Fr. Jimmy will be available every Saturday from 10:10am ending at 11:00am in the chapel of Our Lady.

**Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School – Admissions Consultation** The Local Governing Board of Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School are consulting on its admissions policy. The school wishes interested parties to note that the school follows the admissions guidance set by the Archdiocese of Birmingham Diocesan Education Service. Our Admissions policy for 2023 – 2024 is included in this consultation for your information. We propose to change Pupil Admission Number (PAN) in September 2023 to an admission number of 180. If you have any queries regarding our admissions policy please put them in writing to: Bishop Ullathorne Appeals Consultation Leasowes Avenue Coventry CV3 6BH Or please email to [admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk](mailto:admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk) follow the link <https://www.bishopullathorne.co.uk/key-school-information> to view the consultation documents: The consultation will run from Monday 22 November 2021 until Friday 21 January 2022.

**Advent School Masses** will take place in the School hall as follows: Monday 29th Nov for Year 3&4, Monday 6th Dec Year 5&6, Monday 13th Dec. whole School Mass. There will be daily Mass in the church as usual on Mondays at 12:00noon

**The Sower is a diocesan Magazine** for the promotion of vocations in the diocese and in the whole Catholic church. The magazines are being distributed to young people of the parish to fellow youth. Please take one and read it with your family. They are distributed free of charge.

**Job opportunities are available** to work within the Archdiocese of Birmingham at the Kenelm Youth Trust at based in Alton, Staffordshire.

- Full-time qualified live-in Youth Worker/Youth Minister to lead dynamic residential programmes, drawing young people to Christ. £26,000 package
- Part-time qualified Senior Outdoor Educationalist/ instructor
- Full or part-time Catering assistants - immediate starts available
- Full or part-time Housekeeping assistants - immediate starts available
- Volunteers needed to help us in groundwork, heritage, administration, fundraising, events and marketing. Competitive salary for paid positions depending on qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits including good pension, spectacular environment and friendly teams. For more details visit the recruitment page on our website: [www.work4kyt-kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.work4kyt-kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) or contact Debbie Woodward for an application pack via email [Debbie.woodward@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:Debbie.woodward@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk).



**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2022:** 7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact for details and to book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**Baptismal preparation classes** for parents with children to be baptised will take place on Monday 29th Dec at 6.00pm in the Lady's chapel. Parents and God parents are requested to attend the sessions. Kindly keep time.