

MASSES— 29th Oct to 5th Nov 2023

Sun	29	9.30am	Samantha (B'day), James Mapuranga (Good health) Betty & Emmanuel Osagie (Thanksgiving) Eileen Mary Kerigan (2nd Anni) Jolly (Spl. Int.)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eke Kalu (RIP)
Mon	30	12.00noon	Liam Mulroony (RIP)
Tues	31	9.30am	Trran (Good health)
Wed	01	9.30am	Sick of our parish
Thurs	02	9.30am	Deceased members of Tran family
		6.30pm	Holy souls
Fri	03	9.30am	Peace in the world
Sat	04	9.30am	Sr. Ermelnda (RIP)
Sun	05	9.30am	Deceased members of Dunleavy & Murphy & Conconan families Anthonia (B'day) Jason Irianan (B'day)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

29/10/2023

9.30am Filomena, Cosmos (R)
11.30am Karen, Angela N. (R)

05/11/2023

Elena, Clinton (R)
Chidima, Rosaline (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

29/10/2023

9.30am Cath Slatter (E)
11.30am Serso (E)

05/11/2023

Sophie (E)
Lilian (E)

Readings— 22/10/23: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; 1Thes. 1:1-5; Mt. 22:15-21

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

Anniversaries during the week: Eileen Ward, Patricia Bennis, Thomas Lyons, Ellen Floyd, Bridget Prosser, John Lucid, Thomas James Byrne, Maureen Thornton, Angela Cook, Ellen Roe, Danny Prosser, Richard McCann, John Joseph Carey, Martin Muldoon, Mary Kavanagh, Kathleen Skelly, Pat Sheehan, Jim Maguire, John Lawrence O'Sullivan, Patricia Buxter, Maureen Reilly.

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours. Amen.



A.J. Missions



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Osburg



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter —30th Sunday—Year A—29th Oct to 5th Nov 2023

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT OF ALL

Thanks to the pharisees who asked Jesus the question about the greatest commandment of the Law. In answer to them, our Lord stated the central teaching of universal morality and the golden rule of Christian life. He said, *“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind”*. The second resembles it: *“You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets too”* (Mt. 22:37 -40)

We would like to believe that this law is instinctively clear to every person, because everyone wants to be loved. The law is implanted in every individual mind, and therefore built on human psychology.

Looking at ourselves and the events about us, we ask several questions such as the following: Why are there many acts contrary to love in our immediate and extended world? What are causes of repulsions among people? What causes so much selfishness and indifference to the neighbour? Why do we experience a lot of pain in certain situations of family, community, and international relationships? What are causes for wars and destruction of the neighbour? We could argue that to love is difficult and that is why God imposed it as a law (Dt. 6:4-9).

In my view, the secret to observing God's Law lies in the formation of the human mind and consciousness. To love one must be connected life to God by a holy the creator and also have a firm belief in oneself. Thus, the subject of love must so well formed as to uphold one's self-esteem that is buttressed in psychology as discussed by Nathaniel Brendon in his masterpiece entitled, *‘The Six Pillars of Self-esteem’*. Individual persons of our times will cope amidst the rapidly changing world only if they have a high degree of self-esteem. Such self-esteem is founded on six pillars, namely: self-consciousness, self-acceptance, self-responsibility, assertiveness, living purposefully and living in integrity / holiness.

In other words, for a person to confidently love God and the neighbour one must be holistically prepared as an individual. Love should not be taken for granted, thus not everyone has the capacity to love, each person must be trained and formed to genuinely love. It is important for each person to enter the inner recesses of one's mind and heart and weigh if they are formed well enough to love. There is need for the conscious predispositions of self-confidence by attentively listening to the other as a preparation to enter respectful relationships with strangers, the vulnerable, and ultimately with God.

It is one who is properly formed to love the neighbour that will ultimately love God. About this we read, *“If anyone boasts, I love God, and goes right on to hate his neighbour, he is a liar”* (1John, 4:20) If e won't love the person who he cannot see, how can he love the God he cannot see? At the start of this week, I ask you to consider how you hold yourself. Do you have the rich confidence to love yourself as a foundation for confident love of God and the neighbour?

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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

22/10/23: Gift Aid : £126.00 Dona: £ 146.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 440.75 Total: £ 712.75

SO (Oct) : £ Second collection : Mission Sunday—256.69 May God bless you all.

2nd collections : 05/11/2023—Johnson Association

Bonus Ball : No. **Mass Attendance : 392 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

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Legion of Mary at St. Mary's Church : members meet immediately after the 11.30am Mass every Sunday in the Parish meeting room. All are welcome.

Induction of Fr. Jimmy

Fr. Jimmy invites us to his induction as parish priest of Our Lady of the Angels parish, Nuneaton Coton Road, CV11 5UA. It will take place on Thursday 30th November at 7.00pm.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Fr. Aloysius's Highlights of the Week:

Tuesday, 24th October 2023 was a productive day for me. Fr. Jimmy introduced me to His Grace Bernard Longley, the Archbishop, who sent his greetings to the Parish. On the same day we participated in a meeting of University Catholic chaplains. I was updated about the ministry to our young adults of the Coventry University. I am glad to learn of the rich talent and energy that exists in our Parish due to the involvement of the Catholic students and faculty of Coventry University.

Still on the same date, at Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton, I took part in the thanksgiving Holy Mass of the former parish priest Rev. Fr. Simon Hall who moved to St. Thereza's Parish Stroke-on-Trent-. We are organizing a similar event for Fr. Jimmy AJ, our parish priest.

On Friday, 27th October we held special prayers for world peace as the wars escalated between Israel v's Palestine, in Sudan (Khartoum) and the Russia v's Ukraine.

Collection to support our Priests: The Annual Collection for the Johnson Association provides financial help and support to the retired, sick and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Next Sunday there will be a second collection to support our retired clergy.

Welcome: We welcome today in our midst Sr. Jasintha Saldanha, Provincial Superior of our parish sisters Sr. Leena & Sr. Leera, who is on her canonical visit to her sisters. We greatly appreciate her presence with us and wish her all the blessings of God. Happy stay with us.

Solemnity of All Saints : On 1st November we shall celebrate the Solemnity of All the Saints (known and unknown) who are now in heaven. The Church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone's reach. Through the communion of the Saints we can help each other. It's Holyday of obligation, Mass will be at 9.30am. All saints in heaven, pray for us.

All souls day: the Church, after rejoicing with those in heaven, invites us to pray for all who in the purification of purgatory await the day when they will join the company of the saints. It is our duty to pray for the dead now, as we shall need the living to pray for us when God calls us. If you would like to have Holy Mass offered for you loved ones, this is the best time to do so. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church to offer a Mass for your loved one. **On 2nd November All Souls' Day there will be two Masses 9.30am and 6.30pm.**

Catechism for First Holy communicants (FHC)- Children studying in non- Catholic schools and who have reached the age to receive First Holy Communion (year3), the preparation classes will commence on 18th November at 11.00am in the Lady's chapel. I request the parents to send their children for the Catechism classes without fail. It is our priority to instil into the hearts of our children the faith which is precious.

Christmas bazar: I kindly request you to support this event as you usually do by bringing stuff for good Bric a Brac, Food hampers, Bottle stall etc. If you can put up a food stall, you are most welcome. Raffle tickets are available at the piety stall. Please buy them to support the Church. Thanks for your co-operation.