

MASSES -29th Sept to 6th Oct 2019

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| Sun | 29 | 9.30am | People of the parish |
| | | 11.30am | Laurence Carey (RIP), Frank Kasibante (B'day) |
| | | 3.30pm | Bereavement Mass |
| Mon | 30 | 12.00noon | Rose Hogan (Thanksgiving) |
| Tues | 01 | 9.30am | Sr. Immaculate D'Souza (RIP) |
| Wed | 02 | 9.30am | Joan O' Keefe (RIP) |
| Thurs | 03 | 9.30am | Dores Richards (RIP) |
| Fri | 04 | 6.00pm | Prayer for priests |
| | | 7.00pm | Rose Trill (Spl int) |
| Sat | 05 | 9.30am | Mr. & Mrs. Martin (Wed Anni) |
| Sun | 06 | 9.30am | Griffith family (Thanksgiving), Nora Healy (RIP) |
| | | | Michael Appleby (Good health) |
| | | 11.30am | Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP), Michael Henneberry (RIP) |

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

29/09/2019

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| 9.30am | Nicholas, Naomi (R) |
| | Elizabeth P. (E) |
| 11.30am | Stephanie, Cynthia (R) |
| | Patricia, Vera (E) |

06/10/2019

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| Demisha, Clinton (R) |
| Ann Mapuranga (E) |
| Joanne, Ashley (R) |
| Lilian, Serso (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, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Thi Tran, Christopher Browne.

Anniversaries during the week : Anne Travers, John Joseph McSweeney, Alan Conlon, Patrick Benson, Mary Shepherd, Mary O'Neill, Catherine Kennedy, Catherine O'Brien, Robert Elliot, Michael Whiting, Mark O'Keane, Colum Byrne, Mary Ann Young, Michael O'Shea, Mary Margaret Murphy,

Month of October is dedicated to our Lady of the Rosary. I invite you to cultivate this habit of praying the Rosary in your families. The family that prays together stays together. Through the recitation of the Rosary directed to Mary the Mother of God we ultimately praise God the Father. Let us make our families a welcome place for God to dwell.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

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THE BENEFACTORS OF JESUS

For those people who attentively listen to the Word of God being read in the Church, something strikes their hearts such that they might wonder whether they heard correctly what was read or not. When you listen to the story of how Herodias advised a child to ask for murder of John the Baptist (Mk. 6:24-25), or how a small boy David defeated a mighty warrior Goliath (1Sam. 17:48-51) you wonder! Or else how could the discovery of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb be attributed the women (Matt.28:1-8) instead of being attributed to the apostles individually or collectively! These and many other Bible passages challenge our ordinary thinking.

The Bible speaks about the benefactors of Jesus; it was a group of women who travelled with him on His journeys; *"now after this he made his way through towns and villages preaching and proclaiming the good news. With him went the twelve as well as certain women Mary surnamed the Magdalene, Joana the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna and several others who provided for them out of their own resources"* **Lk 8:1-3**. These were the benefactors of Jesus, It shows the freedom he allowed women to have in his own ministry. He welcomed them and accepted their support.

Two weeks ago, two groups of women from our parish were commissioned and dedicated at St. Chad's Cathedral Birmingham and Holy Ghost Catholic Church Luton, for the service of the Church; they are: Delphine Bibi, Honorine Akenji, Claudine Ngwa Mary Asoba Alice Tarh Elizabeth Nyaruai, Cecilia Gatehi, Patricia Kabue, Catherine Kinyanjui, Nancy Ngunjiri, Veronica Kaminyu, Angela Njuki, Elizabeth Kiruthi, Jacline Kimani, Jean Kirubi, Lilian Ndugi, Rachel Gaturi, Rosemary Owen, Esther Kanyiri, and Shushu Terezia. Forence Ekobe and Melvis Mangwa started their training. Like the women of the Bible we pray that these women will dedicate their lives to the service of the church under the name Catholic Women Association (CWA).

Although priests and nuns are chosen from the people, they do not strictly speaking live among the people. The women who have been dedicated live among you, therefore they understand the hustle and bustle of daily living in the family. In the busy life they live, they will also attend to the support of the domestic Church in their homes and support the parish in its work of evangelization. I can clearly see a new Pentecost in our parish. Just as Jesus appreciated the generosity of women and defended them against those who ridiculed their acts of love, I pray that these women and many others will continue to strengthen our parish with their faith and dedication to Jesus who has called them to make provision for him from their own resources.

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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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £278.80

Non-Gift Aid: £353.03

Total : £631.83

Counters :

Mass Attendance : 548

Bonus Ball : No. 47 Julia Hunt

2nd collections : for the months of September & October : 22nd Sept—Fr. Hudson's Society; 6th Oct—CAFOD; 20th Oct. APF.

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 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00p`m.

Parish Rosary group every Friday at 6.00pm

Choir practice every Friday at 7.30pm /Saturday at 3.00pm

Church cleaning: Saturday 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Parish Christmas bazaar for 2019 will be on November 30th at 1:00pm
Please keep this date in your diaries.

Our day of Prayer for Vocations: Saturday 26th October 2019

Death announcement: I regret to let you know that Phil Kenny lost her husband Mr. Peter Kenny on Friday 27th September. Phil is a faithful and active member of our parish community. Funeral will be announced later. Our condolences to Phil and to her family.

Blessing of the Graves: will be as follows: London Rd 29th Sept, St. Paul's 6th October all services start at 3.00pm.

Matters of Importance

The Parish Choir: our parish choir is renowned for producing good liturgical music which supports us all in our prayer of the Mass. However the choir is made up by people who offer part of their time to God by coming for practice and by leading the faithful on Sunday in their prayer and praise. Please come and join our parish choir today after 11:30am Mass.

Welcoming New Students to our Parish: please note that on Sunday October 6th we shall officially welcome new students to our parish during the 11;30am Mass. I Invite Old Catholic students to let new students know about this and help them to find where this church is. There will be light refreshments served to students after Mass in the parish hall

RCIA Program will start on 7th October 2019. If you are an adult from 10 years and above who has not been baptised or who was baptised in other churches but you would like to be received into the catholic church, you are warmly welcome.

Novena with Newman nine days of prayerful preparation for the canonisation of B. John Henry Newman will , start on Friday 4th October and finish on Saturday 12th October on the eve of the canonisation. Canonisation will take place on 13th October in Rome.

Annual Christmas Bazaar meeting : I wish to invite you for a meeting on Saturday 12th October to organise for the Parish bazaar. The meeting starts 6:00-7:15pm in the parish hall.

Raffle Tickets: and the list of prizes are available at the back of Church, take as many tickets as you can and sell them among your family and friends. Kindly provide us with tinned foods (within date), Tombola prizes, wine bottles and good items for Bric a Brac. Cash donations are welcome. Strictly **No books or CDs**. Thank you and God bless you .

Receive the Newsletter by email. A good number of parishioners receive the Newsletter now by email. This is a response to Pope Francis' call to live simply by finding ways to reduce waste and move away from our "throw away" society. Those who would like to receive the Newsletter through email send your email ID to our parish email address : stmaryandbenedictch@yahoo.com

Catechism for children who go to non catholic schools is going on every Saturday starting from 11:00-12:00noon in the Lady's chapel.

St Chad's Primary School, Birmingham are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher from January 2020. For further information and an application pack, please contact the school on 0121 464 6554 or email the Business Manager, Karen Robinson at k.robinson@st-chads.bham.sch.uk Closing date 15th October.

Catholic Students of Coventry University: are informed that there is Holy Mass every Tuesday in the Faith and Spirituality Centre (Hub) 3rd Floor at 1:10pm. Fr. Jimmy the chaplain is available everyday for prayer and for any discussion. You can contact him on 07906124756, or email him at lutwajim@yahoo.com