

MASSES— 2nd to 9th Jul 23

Sun	02	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	03	12.00noon	Jim Hogan (RIP)
Tues	04	9.30am	Greg Jordan (RIP)
Wed	05	9.30am	Myles Sheridan (RIP)
Thurs	06	9.30am	Sick of the parish
Fri	07	9.30am	Annie Dauitt (RIP)
Sat	08	9.30am	Una Anderson (RIP)
Sun	09	9.30am	Zoey Irianan (B'day), Sam Aikhionbare (B'day), Patrick Byrne (RIP)
		11.30am	Ijeoma Lemchi (40th B'day)

Lectors

02/07/2023

9.30am Dan, Clinton (R)
11.30am Emmanuela, Valerie (R)

09/07/2023

James M., Marij (R)
Attracta, Kenneth (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

02/07/2023

9.30am Felix (E)
11.30am Serso (E)

09/07/2023

Betty O. (E)
Marcel (E)

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

Anniversaries during the week: Martin Kelly, Hugh Devlin, Mary Cannon, Mary Kelly, Patrick Kevin Kelly, Esther Kenny, Peter Hoey, Lisa Kerry Somma, Josephine Murray, Catherine Bridget Logan, Sheila McLeany, Thomas Joseph Mee, Joyce Heffernan, Frank Obrien, Samuel Kennedy.

A guy who was late!

It is the story of a late man for an outing who showed up at a railroad station. He bounced onto the most readily accessible train. He napped off for some time. And after awakening saw the train thundering along at max throttle towards an obscure objective. He started asking everybody where the train was going. He demanded that the train stop to let him off. The more energized he became. The more different travelers, shockingly quiet and undaunted, appeared to be baffled by his conduct. At long last, an old man, advised him don't you realize this train has just a single objective? There's nothing left but to utilize our lifespan to foster the brain looking for edification for us and others. We have it that one day we will bite the dust – so even though you can't handle that. You can make the best out of this train ride called life.

***The Moral:** Rather than revealing the dimness, light a flame and make light and make the best out of every day. You have this to inspire you!*



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter – 13th Sunday in ordinary time 2nd to 9th Jul 2023

GUARDIAN ANGEL

You must have heard or said a prayer to the Guardian Angel. It is important to invoke his protection and guidance before you start a journey or before you take a decision. This invocation worked for me recently.

I'm grateful to many of you who have sent emails, SMS texts and WhatsApp messages inquiring about the progress of my holiday in Uganda. I'm feeling well, except that I have a cold (flu), some fever and a running nose. As someone who grew up playing in the dust, I think it will soon go. There is nothing to worry about.

You must have heard about the massacre of more than 40 children who were killed in their school two weeks ago at Mpondwe Uganda/Congo border. It was such a tragic event. Please pray for the souls of children who were killed, freedom for those who were taken into captivity, and health recovery for those who were injured and left for the dead.

On my travel to Uganda, I mentioned that I was joined by other two UK nationals who are friends. It was their first time to Africa and Uganda in particular. On arrival to Uganda, we were received by a priest friend of mine, who was very zealous to take us around. His zeal took us to national parks, and to other places of interest in Uganda. Consequently, we found ourselves at the border between Uganda and Congo. I have been here in 2001, but infrastructure has changed. In 2001, the Mpondwe crossing was a tiny bridge with no buildings around; today, it is a flourishing place with hundreds of people walking to either side of the border.

I instinctively had a feeling that the priest was making a terrible risk to take us to Congo. Using our mother tongue, I raised my voice to him expressing my disapproval. He did not take notice about the risk, but accused me of holding on to an old mentality of fear. The two friends must have been surprised to see us arguing about something they did not understand! Although the priest was determined to make us feel safe, there was a feeling within me, that this was a terrible risk we were taking. He prevailed, we found ourselves at the Congo side of the border. The reception was filled with suspicion by the Congolese, such that we were soon mobbed by many people including the police. I had a feeling that we could be kidnapped. I'm not sure whether the priest felt it too, but immediately we walked back into Uganda and drove to our hotel 50 miles away.

Four hours after we left, the massacre took place at the very place where we had been but this was not immediately broadcast here in Uganda and business seemed to go on as usual. It was some Israel tourists who were in hotel with us that gave us the information.

The massacre took place four hours after we left, but I believe that the planning had taken place much earlier. The murderers were among the hundreds of persons that walked across the Mpondwe border with us all they waited for was the time to carry out their heinous act.

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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 (May) : £ Gift Aid : 163.10 £ Non-Gift Aid: £512.57 Total: £675.67 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you all.

Readings: 2Kings 4:8-11,,14-16 ; Rom. 6: 3-4,8-11; Mt. 10:37-42.

2nd collection : 2nd July—Peters Pence; 9th July: Apostleship of the Sea

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance :

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

Gospel Reflection

The readings for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time encourage us to make our relationship with God first in all we do. The first reading recounts how a woman provided hospitality to Elisha and was rewarded for her generosity. The psalm reminds us that all of the good things in our lives come from God. And in the gospel Jesus tells us that we must stop clinging to our own self-interests in order to follow him. Jesus acknowledges that following Him may result in division and conflict within families, highlighting the potential sacrifices and challenges that disciples may face for their faith.

Who or what takes first place in your life - in your daily thoughts, cares, and concerns? God has put us first in his thought, care, and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding kindness and mercy towards us.

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. The first and great commandment is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Matthew 22:37). If we pursue the love of God and put his kingdom first in our lives, then he will give us everything we need to sustain us now and in the future as well. Who is the Lord and Master of your life?

This reminds me the prayer we say invoking the protection of our Guardian Angels. Looking back at the event and the risk the priest had put us into, I can see clearly that our guardian Angels watched over us. Remember to invoke the guidance and the protection of these heavenly friends.

Remember too that not every good intention is necessarily worthy taking risk for, and too much overconfidence can lead you into trouble. We need the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Closing Deanery Visitation for Coventry and Nuneaton deanery will take place at St. Thomas More church, on Thursday 6th July at 7.00pm. This is a very important meeting at which we shall be told the outcome of the visitation. I encourage all the parishioners to attend this meeting, particularly those who attended the opening meeting last year at Christ the King, to come and represent the parish at this closing event. The Archbishop and Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will make their presentations at the meeting.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place today 2nd July. Pilgrims will gather at 4.00pm to celebrate holy Mass at the Grotto and anoint those who are sick. In order to sustain our faith, we should get used to visiting Holy places within our country such as Walsingham, Harvington Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes among others. There will be an exhibition of the replica of the Shroud of Turin, the cloth in which Jesus Christ is believed to have been buried, and which was discovered by the disciples rolled by itself early on the Sunday morning.

Death announcement: I regret to announce the death of Catherine Theresa Ward, Sister to our fellow parishioner Sean Ward which took place on Friday 9th June. Requiem Mass will take place on July 17th July at 10.00am. We extend our condolences to Mr. Sean Ward for the loss of his sister and eternal bliss to her soul.

Legion of Mary devotion : A group of parishioners who belong to the Legion of Mary and others gather every Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the parish hall to pray to our Lady. If you would like to be a part of this devotion please contact the sisters.

Sunday School volunteers: We thankful to the volunteers for their generous time to share the faith with the little children to catechize in the Catholic faith. But we lack volunteers for 9.30am Mass. I request you parishioners to come and help us in the Sunday school to lead the Sunday liturgy for the little ones. If anyone interested please let the sisters know.

Second collection: Today there will be a second collection for Peters Pence. Peter's Pence is a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. With your donation, you support the Pope's mission, which embraces the whole world. Let us support the church with your generosity.

Apostle of the sea: Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. So please give generously. Thank you.

Pope's prayer intention for July: For a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their live, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.