

### **MASSES 30th Aug to 6th Sept 2020**

Sun	30	9.30am	Tosh Aikhionbare (Spl int), Negasi Kiflezghi (RIP) People of the parish
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving) Mama Cecile Nzanda (RIP) Patrick & Patricia Family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	31	9.30am	Rose Trill (Get well)
Tues	01	9.30am	Phil Dunleavy (B'day remembrance))
Wed	02	9.30am	Dennis Cooper (RIP)
Thurs	03	9.30am	Thomas Ferris (RIP)
Fri	04	9.30am	Apostles of Jesus (Spl int)
Sat	05	9.30am	Benny Almeida (B'day)
Sun	06	9.30am	Braganza family (Spl int)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving) Leo Dunnion (Anni)

### **Lectors**

**30/08/2020**

9.30am Nicholas O., Creshel (R)  
11.30am Julie, Ashley (R)

**06/09/2020**

Desma, Anthonia A. (R)  
Florence E. , Mary (R)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Patrick Tracey, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulronee, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek , Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley .

**Anniversaries during the week:** Bridget Mulrooney , Janey Walsh, P.J.McGrath, Michael Flahive, Eileen Nora Clarke , Margaret rose Mullins, Roy Darlison, Nora Bernadette Hanbury, Marion Glennon.

**Bible Quiz:** Ans for the quiz - 23/08/2020 : 1. Ps. 22; 2. House of bread 3. Micah 4. Isaiah 5. Zachariah 6. Judith 7. Elijah 8. Saul 9. False. 10. James & John 11. Emmaus 12. John 6 , His body , His blood.

### ***Inspirational quotes***

*“Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you’re willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.” —Lou Holtz*

*“When someone tells me ‘no,’ it doesn’t mean I can’t do it, it simply means I can’t do it with them.” —Karen E. Quinones Miller*

*“The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. Therefore, if you want to be rich, beloved, love true riches. If you aspire to the heights of real honour, strive to reach the kingdom of Heaven. If you value rank and renown, hasten to be enrolled in the heavenly court of the Angels.” -- Pope Gregory I*

### **Mass Intentions**

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick up one or write your intention, place it in the box provided or request by calling Tel. 07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish Newsletter— 22nd Sunday in ordinary time— 30th Aug to 6th Sept 2020**

#### **ON TOP OF THE WORLD AT THE LOSS OF ONE’S SOUL**

Last Sunday, it was pomp and jubilation when the Apostles told Jesus what the people thought who he was. Their own confession through Peter that he was the Christ the Son of the living God, must have been said with confidence. This Sunday the gospel reveals to us the moment of truth.

Today's gospel is one of those texts that cause my heart to chill when I listen to it. Jesus does not talk about personal victory but a crushing defeat, *the Son of Man is destined to suffer at the hands of men who will put him to death*. That is the truth. But Peter like all of us does not want weakness to be associated with his leader; *this must not happen to you* he said. People who flatter their leaders make them blinded to the truth. Politicians of all time enjoy being flattered by their cronies irrespective of the political blunders they are making. But Jesus cannot be flattered, he knew exactly what was going to happen to him. Those people who flatter others just overlooking the truth he calls them Satan!

Jesus speaks about the true cost of following him: if anyone wants to be a follower of mine, he/she must accept to cost him/her a great deal: first, renounce yourself, second, take up your cross then you can follow me. This is a very powerful statement and a warning too, that we cannot be followers of Jesus unless we do something real about it. Jesus is not asking us to take up his cross instead he is asking me to take up my cross. Can we for a while try to think of something you consider as a cross in your life which Jesus is asking you to take up courageously and follow him.....?

Anyone who does not take up the cross, he/she does not become a better person; it is like a parent who does not take up the cross of parenthood, he/she will not be happy with his children. A president of a country who does not carry the burden of serving his people, turns out to preside over a corrupt self seeking dictatorial regime. A priest who does not put up with whatever comes in his life, will look at his vocation as a criminal deprivation of his freedom. But when we take our Christian calling, our marriage and family challenges when we take every suffering inflicted upon us as a cross that Jesus wants us to carry here and now and follow him, we are assured of discovering the will of God, of knowing what is good, what God wants and what is the perfect thing to do.

Those who flatter others, may know the truth, they may get high promotions, occupy privileged positions or hold fat bank accounts but the question Jesus asks us is: what will you gain, if you win the whole world and ruin your soul? What will you gain to be the richest man on stollen money, to be the most beautiful girl or the most handsome man but you used that beauty to ruin your soul? What good will it do to me to make such great impression in this world but I lose heaven for eternity! This is something very serious, and in a celebrity worship culture we live in we must think over and over again. As you walk or drive home today, go and take up that cross and become a true follower of the Lord. Whatever we are, whatever we have is vain unless we work for the salvation of our souls.

**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:** 167.00 **SO : (July) £ Non-Gift Aid:** 163.95 **Total :** 330.95

*Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.*

**Hall Hire:** **Bonus Ball:** No.

**Counters :** **Mass Attendance for the week :** 250 **2nd Collection :**

**Pious Devotions**

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

Confessions :

RCIA Sessions:

Catechism for FHC :

Church Cleaning:

Dates for your diary:

**WHICH MAN REGRETTED KNOWING GOD LATE?**

*Too late have I loved you. O Beauty so ancient and so new, too late have I loved you! You were with me, but was not with you. You cried and pierced my deafness. You have created us for yourself O Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in You! Saint Augustine of Hippo.*

Do not wait to be a serious practicing Christian late in life. It can be the most painful regret to make in the evening of your life.

**Be Alert hackers of Email ID :** It seems emails of several priests of the diocese including of our parish priest are being used by hackers. If you find an email to you in the name of Fr. Jimmy Lutwama, you can read it but DO NOT grant the favours it is asking for in my name. If I need something from you, I will call you on phone.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Statement from the Headteacher concerning the reopening of School:** St Mary and St Benedict School will be re-opening to all pupils starting from Thursday 3rd September - we have all control measures for COVID-19 transmission management in place and our risk assessment has been assured by Coventry City Council officers as safe to open. Pupils in Years 1-6 will return on the 3rd, and Nursery and Reception the next week - please contact the school if you are unsure of your child's starting date.

The playground gates will be open from 8.30am, with pupils able to go straight into classrooms from that time. Breakfast Club will be running for pupils needing to arrive earlier than that - please make sure that you are booked in. Pupils can arrive up to 8.55am when the gates will close - we are doing it like this to reduce the numbers at the gates at any one time whilst allowing for siblings to come to school at the same time. Please maintain social distancing at the school gates and leave once you have dropped your child.

Parents may collect pupils from classroom doors from 2.45pm onwards; pupils who walk home alone (only permissible in Year 5/6) will need a note provided and will be dismissed at 3pm via the side gate. Again, we ask that parents socially distance at gates or doors, and leave the school site and surrounding area as soon as pupils are collected. All pupils should be collected by 3pm.

There will not be any After School Clubs to begin with, but Stay-late will be running until 5.30pm for pre-booked pupils - ask at the Office for details and to book.

If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me - email [headteacher@stmary-stben.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@stmary-stben.coventry.sch.uk)

**Do you need to get your Catholic newspaper :** In our parish we have been receiving supply of the Universe Newspaper but as things stand the parish spends £444.60 annually for this service. Unfortunately some of us just take the papers without paying for them. Therefore, if you would like to continue receiving The Catholic Universe Newspaper, please let the Parish Priest know or one of the Sisters and it will be ordered for you.

**Church's savings are depleting** due to lock down, although the collection box is no longer taken around in churches, we should not forget our Christian duty to support the church. Therefore on whatever day you wish to come for your "Sunday obligation" please place your gift for the altar in the baskets provided at the entrance when you come in or as you leave. I notice that the little savings the church had are getting finished so quickly in payment of those obligatory expenses including ground rates, church insurance and other bills. I thank you all for your generosity which has kept the parish running smoothly for the last 13 years. As your parish priest, I will continue to count on you for the survival of our parish in these difficult times.

**Baptisms in our Parish: can be resumed.** If you have babies to be baptised please contact one of the Sisters. It is advised that the baptisms which take place in our churches should be for single families; multiple family baptisms are not encouraged as the mixing of people from different family groups increases the risk of virus transmission. The child to be baptised should be held by the parents only. Other members of the family, including godparents and grandparents should be socially distanced in household groups (or bubbles) in the church. The whole of the Rite should take place around the font to avoid the excess movement of people in the church building. The minister should remain at least 2m away from those congregated unless he has approach the child to perform part of the Rite. Please be reminded that the numbers of those attending the baptism of your child will be.

**Pray for these Sisters:** We have received the news from Italy that two Homes of the aged Sisters of St. Anne of Providence, the same institution to which our parish Sisters belong is infected with Corona Virus. 23 elderly Sisters have tested Positive for Covid 19 including the community superior and sister nurse. The Sisters do not have serious symptoms, but given their age and health situation of each one, this is of great concern. Please pray for them.