

MASSES— 3rd Sept. to 10th Sept .2023

Sun	03	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy (Thanksgiving), Nora Griffith & family (Spl int) Roman Karol Szurala (RIP)
		11.30am	Benjamin Alufeagba, Terry Kimani (Thanks giving) Fr. Jimmy (Spl int) , Mama Helen Forbi (RIP) Mr. & Mrs. Ghebremeske & Letegerigis (Death Anni)
Mon	04	9.30am	Gboyega Odubanjo (RIP)
Tues	05	9.30am	
Wed	06	9.30am	
Thurs	07	9.30am	
Fri	08	9.30am	
Sat	09	9.30am	
Sun	10	9.30am	
		11.30am	Leo Dunnion (Ann.) Mama Helen Forbia (RIP)

Lectors

03/09/2023

10/09/2023

9.30am	Nicholas O, Filomena (R)	Cosmos, Crashel (R)
11.30am	Morgan Mary (R)	Sharon, Roaline (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

03/09/2023

10/09/2023

9.30am	Sophie (E)	Felix (E)
11.30am	Patricia (E)	Serso (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 Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week: Roy Darlison, Nora Bernadette Hanbury, Marion Glennon, Evelyn Russell, James Crone, Mark Stein, Kathleen Palmer, Leo Dunnion, Tony Shepherd, John Patrick O’Sullivan, Dorothy Wheeler, Winifred Kathleen Ward,

Pope’s intention for September: (For people living on the margin) we pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked and never considered of lesser importance.

To Reflect on... The Great Exchange

<i>Our failures</i>	<i>His new beginnings</i>
<i>Our weaknesses</i>	<i>His strength</i>
<i>Our sadness</i>	<i>His joy</i>
<i>Our broken hearts</i>	<i>His comfort</i>
<i>Our pain</i>	<i>His healing</i>
<i>Our disappointments</i>	<i>His love</i>
<i>Our mistakes</i>	<i>HIS Forgiveness</i>

Let us exchange goodness of God in our relationships!



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd Sept-10th Sept 2023

BECOME A DEDICATED TEACHER TO A MISSIONARY

Some experiences we go through early in life, can be compared to a mother dialect, we cannot get rid of them, they influence our life either to the amusement of the people, or to their disgust.

A missionary priest carries baggage whose contents parishioners will never understand. Wherever he is sent, he takes with him the wealth of his culture, his homeland spirituality and expression of faith. He takes his ethnic taboos with him; there are foods he does not eat or which he considers a delicate cuisine which other people will not allow to be brought even near the door.

A missionary priest will never get rid of his foreign accent or avoid pronouncing people’s names and places wrongly. He has no intention to offend; it is just a missionary baggage he cannot get rid of. The Holy spirit will guide your hearts and minds to understand what his mumbling mean.

Blessed Dominic Barberi was that kind of man, in spite of his sanctity, he had a heavy Italian accent that it was very difficult for the English people to understand what he was saying. For those who went to church to listen to a good English-speaking preacher, Fr. Dominic Berberi's church was a no-go area, but for those who sought to deepen their love for Jesus and to build his church, his heavy Italian accent and poor English vocabulary did not count. One of the men that overlooked all that, was John Henry Newman. He was a polished English man who was never put off by Fr. Barberi’s mumbling in his homilies to find the right words.

Do not expect missionaries to speak or to behave like the natives. I recall as a small boy, how we used to teach, English, Irish, French and Italian missionaries how to speak our native languages. We did not laugh at them or stop going to church to listen to the Catechism they taught. As a matter of fact, the more mistakes they made, the more committed we were to help them to get it right.

Two parishes in our denary, St. Mary's and Benedict and Our Lady of Angels, Nuneaton, will receive missionary priests. They are coming to you in the name of the Lord with the baggage I mentioned above. I pray that the Spirit of the Lord will make every person in the two parishes to become a dedicated and tireless teacher to the missionaries that they are receiving. Remember the words of the Lord: “it is not you who speak, the Spirit of your Father speaks in you” (Matt. 10:20). Be sure of this, the people of both parishes have a heavy work ahead.

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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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 (Aug.) : £ Gift Aid :228.82 Dona: £145.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 450.24 Total: £ 824.06

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you all.

Readings: Jere: 20:7-9 Rom. 12:1-2 Mt. 16: 21-27

2nd collection : 03/09/23— Apostles of Jesus Missionaries; 10/09/23 - Thanksgiving day

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 332

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

NOVENA FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY



Oh Most Holy Virgin Mary, our Mother, You were chosen by the most adorable Trinity from all eternity to be the most pure Mother of Jesus. We have come here to honour You, in this Novena that celebrates Your sinless birth. Relying on the infinite mercies of your Divine Son and with confidence in Your powerful intercession, we place all our petitions. (Silently present your petitions)

To You dear Mother Mary, we dedicate all our efforts to live a life that is pleasing to God, and be worthy and vigilant at the time of the second coming of Your Son. We also pray that justice, peace, love and unity may prevail everywhere. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hail Mary ... Holy Mary ... Glory be... (3)

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

The Curtain has been drawn your parish priest for over 15 years, has to leave St. Mary's for a new mission. Thank you for putting up with me. My apology to those who were offended by me. You were all a blessing from God to me. During my work among you, you gave me **529** babies to baptize, **473** children and adults were Confirmed, **22** couples were consecrated in Matrimony, **30** adults were received into full communion with the Church. I preached to you **1664** Sunday homilies, and spoken to your ears **251,876** words. This was a real verbal diarrhea Thank you for your sanctity that inspired others to follow Christ. Thanks you all for doing your duty to God. You showed faith in action.

I will miss each one of you, particularly the little children who related with me in their innocence without fear or suspicion and the senior members of the parish who took me as a son to be loved and to be disciplined.

Responsible for St. Mary's Parish following my move to a new mission entrusted to the AJ Missionaries, I wrote to the Vicar General and the Episcopal Vicar to name someone among the Apostles of Jesus members working in Coventry to be the point of reference but this has not happened yet. Fr. Jimmy will remain responsible for the parish, to make sure that our projects are carried out until some one is named by the Archbishop. The Apostles of Jesus Missionaries will continue to provide pastoral care. It will not take long hopefully.

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on 8th September. Let us honour the Mother of God, blessed among of all women. May her intercession bring forth God's everlasting mercy on all mankind.

Start School children born between 1st Sept 2019 and 31st August 2020 can start school in Sept 2024. You can find out all you need to know about school admission and apply on line from September 2023 at www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions or you can telephone school admissions on 02476975445. For details see noticeboard.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Catechism classes: Parents with children, studying in non Catholic schools, the Catechism classes will begin in September. Please enrol your child's name with Sr. Leena so that we can plan the programme.

Parish Family Thanksgiving Day: is on Sunday 17th Sept. 2023. Holy Mass will be at 11:00am followed by get together with our families in the parish gardens. I will be pleased if we can have cultural dances from different communities. If you are willing to stage one, please let me know.

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 Mrs. Perpetua Sam and Mrs. Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk.

Justice and Peace Assembly annual assembly will take place on Saturday 28 October in the Grimshaw Room at St Chad's Cathedral. It will be hosted by the Birmingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission. The guest speakers will be Tom Piotrowski, Diocesan Trustee, and Fr Robert Taylerson, Spiritual Director at St Mary's College, Oscott. Find out what action the Archdiocese is taking on the climate crisis, and how you can play your part.

Congratulations to Peter Mihael Hallinan and Shiku Williams who got married last Wednesday in our church. It was a colourful day and a happy one as the couple walked home out of Church as husband and wife to go and start life together. May God bless them.

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