

### **MASSES FROM 3rd to 10th Feb 2019**

Sun	03	9.30am	Sr. Leera Lobo (Thanksgiving), Mary Molloy (RIP) Anisoara Monica(Spl int)
		11.30am	Gibson family (Spl int), Mr. Mrs Alagraj (Wed anni)
Mon	04	12.00noon	Celine Ferris (RIP)
Tues	05	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>School Mass (church)</b> , Mary Kinsella (RIP), Mr. & Mrs. Kasibante (Wed anni)
Wed	06	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass - Philis Mulvey</b>
Thurs	07	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy (Thanksgiving)
Fri	08	9.30am	Tomy McGovern (RIP)
Sat	09	9.30am	Leena Mathias (Spl int)
Sun	10	9.30am	Anna Krawczyk (RIP)
		11.30am	Mama Magdaline Ajenji (RIP)

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**3/02/19**

9.30am Desma, Margaret (R)  
Sophie (E)  
11.30am Valerie, Patrick (R)  
Frank, Vera (E)

**10/02/19**

Alex, Elena Wood (R)  
Jarek (E)  
Kissanet, Florence .E. (R)  
Marcel, 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.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Josephine Robertson, John Nash, Elizabeth Hoey, William, Antony Braganza Peter Montague, Elizabeth Hugh, Frank & Maura Corrigan, Frank & Maura Corrigan , Bridget Molloy.

**Prayer for the week :** *Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me. Amen.*



**The sick and housebound:** *I would like to ask you to help the parish priest to locate the sick and housebound members of this parish especially those who might need a visit from a priest. Please let us make sure that they are never left out.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish News letter– Fourth Sunday in ordinary time- 3rd to 10th Feb 2019**

#### **WHAT A SAD WORLD WE LIVE IN?**

At the time of Jesus, the Roman rule over Palestine was exercised with an iron fist. The religious leaders of the people were always worried that if the people did not keep the peace, the Romans would come and destroy not only the rebellious people but the temple and the whole nation if they wished (Jn. 11:50). Such was the might of Rome. It was within this oppressive mechanism that Jesus taught the unbelievable: *“Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, treat others as you would like them to treat you”* (Matt 5:44, Lk 6:31). We have come to know this as the **‘Golden Rule’**. This teaching applies to every human person, but Christians must do some extra work.

All of us from time to time do receive calls from people who try to sell things to us. Some of these calls are annoying, but it would be unchristian to abuse, or to bang the phone against the caller as if he/she had committed a crime. Some people go to the extent to verbally show disrespect to the caller. It tells a sad world the receiver of the call lives in. I mean the interior world of the soul. Most of these callers are young people trying to find permanent jobs or who might be at their ever first job. I urge you to be considerate to people of this kind.

Priests too are not spared. You call a particular number to inquire about one of your sick and housebound parishioners; before you tell who you are, the person on the other end is already verbally attacking you thinking that you were going to sell to them something. For other people once you tell them that you are a priest, they just stop the phone; if you are lucky they will tell you that it is a wrong number when it is not. Other people bang the phone just because the accent is not the one they expected. This kind of behaviour is not good especially for us Christians. I’m sure Jesus Christ finds it very difficult to talk to such people since he has a foreign accent.

The respect we give to the people we know ought to be extended above all to the people we do not know. It does not make me a good person to greet you with charm and cheer on the face after someone has introduced you to me when I had ignored you in the first place. Loving the stranger shows an overflow of your love of God. Christian ethics demands that we be courteous in behaviour and in speech particularly when we are talking on the phone. Listen first before you speak because you do not know who is calling you and why!

**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: £277.80 Non-Gift Aid: £417.87 Total : £695.67**

**Counters** : Elizabeth H. & Patsy Sproul

**Mass Attendance** : 521 **Bonus Ball** : No.

**2nd collection : 3rd Feb - Pro Life;**

**2nd collection for the months of Feb & March— 3rd March— Cathedral Maintenance; 17th Mar - CAFOD**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

**Parish Rosary group** every Friday at 6.00pm

**Choir practice** every Friday at 7.30pm

**Church cleaning**: 8.00am to 9.30am

**Confessions** : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

**Mass in the University:** Every Tuesday at 1.10pm in Hub

**The Lady's Chapel** is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

**Feasts during the week** : St. Agatha, St. Paul Miki and Companions, St Josephine Bakhita

**Thought on marriage:** Knowing that the bond is permanent each will strive his or her best to make it work and, of course, in sacramental marriage, they have, in addition, a right, a claim, to the special actual graces of the sacrament. It has been truly said that the marriage state has been entered into by, and at the time of, the contract of matrimony, but that the state of matrimony exists for the whole of the life of the two partners. The sacramental state persists in the sense that they have the added graces of their state and that they have a claim to whatever actual graces may be necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties in it.

**Matters of Importance**

**Newly Wedded couples of our parish:** we are glad to join in congratulating the young people of our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of matrimony: Mr Emmanuel Luther and his wife Flora, Mr Michael Orji and his wife Amaka, and Caroline Jackson and her husband Mr. John Mendy. All of them are very active members of our parish. I'm glad for the good example they have given to us. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Our Lady's Catholic Primary** School, Princethorpe is looking to appoint a Head Teacher for September. Closing Date: Monday 25th February; for details please email: admin3561@we-learn.com or 'phone: 01926 632385

**Free lecture:** Catholic Times author Chris McDonnell will give a talk on THOMAS MERTON, Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist and scholar of comparative religion. On Sunday 24th February 2019 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne B17 0DN. Start at 1.30pm tea, 2.00 talk, Q&A, discussion. Everyone welcome. Contact local ACTA at mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

**Funeral of Phyllis Mulvey** will take place on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 10:00am.

**Funeral announcement** is made of Mr Thomas Michael Murtagh of 12, Water Lily Way, Bermuda Park, Nuneaton CV10 7SJ who died in George Eliot Hospital on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January aged 80 years. Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am, followed by committal at Charter Chapel, Canley Crematorium at 10.00am.

**8 February 2019 Catholic** Trust for England and Wales 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX company no. 4734592 registered charity No. 1097482

**Victims of Human trafficking** Thursday 8th February is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita—a Sudanese girl the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by this crime of modern slavery and the people that volunteer to eradicate this crime. This year, the focus is on those who are caught up in forced labour and labour exploitation in the UK.

St Josephine Bakhita, also known as 'Mother Moretta' (our Black Mother) bore 144 physical scars throughout her life which were received after she was kidnapped at the age of nine in Sudan and sold into slavery. Such was the trauma that she forgot her birth name. Her kidnappers gave her the name Bakhita meaning 'fortunate'. She experienced the moral and physical abuse associated with slavery. In 1882 she was bought for the Italian in Consul Sudan. Later, another Italian family bought her where she received from her masters, kindness, respect, peace and joy.

The new owner entrusted her to the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice. It was there that Bakhita came to know about God whom, 'she had experienced in her heart without knowing who He was' since she was a child. She was received into the Catholic Church in 1890, joining the Nuns and made her final profession in 1896. The next fifty years of her life were spent witnessing to God's love through cooking, sewing, embroidery and attending to the door. When she was on door duty, she would gently lay her hands on the heads of the children who attended the nearby school and caress them. A godless society like ours today would probably disapprove of that. Surrounded by the Nuns, she died on 8 February 1947. Let us remember so many people who suffer the tragedy of human trafficking.