

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

Sun	03	9.30am	Mapuranga & Marime family (Thanksgiving), Zygmunt Drabik , Catherine & Joseph Curry (RIP)
		11.30am	Kirkwood & family (Spl int)
Mon	04	12.00noon	Philomena Mulvey (RIP)
Tues	05	9.30am	Peggy Smith (RIP)
Wed	06	9.30am	School children & people of the Parish
		6.30pm	People of the Parish
Thurs	07	9.30am	Philomena Mulvey (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the cross</b>
		7.00pm	Adora D'Souza (B'day)
Sat	09	9.30am	Fremlin Farias (B'day), SSA (thanksgiving)
Sun	10	9.30am	Mary Molloy (RIP), Stuart McLean (RIP)
		11.30am	Joseph Loftus (RIP)

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**03/03/2019**

**10/03/19**

9.30am	Naomi, Nicholas (R)	Julia Hunt, Elena Wood (R)
	Barbara (E)	Jarek (E)
11.30am	Stephanie, Florence. K. (R)	
	Serso, Vera (E)	Patricia, Loveness (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Curristan, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Josiah Morgan, John O'Driscoll , Tommie Doyle, Ada Ryan, John Gill, Ian Stuart McClean, Delia Sheridan , Joe Clark , John Murphy, Margaret Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Lena Fitzgerald.

**Prayer for a fruitful Lent:** *My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent.*

*I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust. I offer You my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day. Do with me, Lord, as You will. I pray that this Lent will be fruitful. May this Lent be a time through which Your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul, and into the souls of all Your faithful.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish News letter– 8th Sunday in ordinary time- 3rd to 10th March 2019**

### **KEEP STEADFAST AND MOVE ON**

Last week I was in Nairobi, Kenya for a very important assembly which brought together missionary priests and Brothers of the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus. We were about 500 in number. It was nice to meet again with former classmates and former formators. What a jovial atmosphere it makes to meet with former acquaintances! The meeting and the discussions that took place challenged me to think about my parishioners at St. Mary's and to feel missing them deeply.

St. Marys parish is a family just like any of our families. For the family to survive, it needs the good will of every member to support it and to live according to its objectives. As a family, a parish needs new members, that is why baptism is important, it needs the vigour of the youth, that is why Confirmation is important. It needs to be renewed and to be fed so the Eucharist is central. The Sacraments of the Church are saving signs by which God shows his love and care for all.

During the assembly I realised how the Church is rightly called the '**Body**' of Christ. In some parts of the world where our missionaries work, the Church is going through terrible sufferings and hardships. Indeed the Church has never ceased to be a Missionary Church, we are all constantly being called by the Lord and sent by him to go and become fishers of men for the Kingdom of God.

On the faces of our missionaries and in the stories we shared among ourselves I noticed that the Church needs courageous men and women. For the sake of Christ and to remain bound to him, some of our missionaries showed scars of bullet wounds inflicted in ambushes or attempted murder, others showed signs of diseases contracted in the course of their works while others spoke of some physical pain they suffered for one reason or the other. In other words there was considerable accounts on the cost of discipleship. Mediocrity and lukewarm Christianity will not take Christ to others nor will it bring him home or keep him bound. I use the word '**bound**' deliberately because Jesus must stay with us at all times; a family which keeps Christ bound at home will stand the trials of life. It will not be spared of trials but it will be able to endure. Keep steadfast and move on.

**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: £ 399.85 Non-Gift Aid: £ 303.26 Total : £703.11**

**Counters** : Phil & Vera

**Mass Attendance** : **Bonus Ball** : No. 16 Mary Mulroony

**2nd collection** : 3rd March—Cathedral Maintenance

**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 /Saturday at 3.00pm

**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** : 4th March: St. Casimir; 7th March Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs; St. John of God, Religious; St. Frances of Rome.

**Dates for your Diary** : **First Holy Communion - 18th May - Ss. Mary & Benedict School;**  
**25th May - Polish parish children.**  
**21st Nov - Confirmation**

### **Matters of Importance**

**The season of Lent** begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. There will be **two Masses 9.30am and 6.30pm**. Lent is a unique opportunity for each of us to understand the call to holiness by entering more deeply into the mystery of our Baptism. In this Lenten journey of prayer and grace the Walk With Me booklets have been produced and provided. Please pick your copy from the back of the church and use it in your prayer and reflection.



**Seminar on 'Sharing Hope in crisis'** is designed to help to know what to say and what not to say to someone facing difficulty and to compassionately share the love of Christ with those who need it most. Seminar is useful for counsellors, first responders and church leaders who serve suffering people regularly. Venue: Maryvale Institute on Saturday 16th March from 9am to 4.30pm. Contact : Paul Northan; Email: [fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk) or 01213608118.

**CAFOD family Fast Day** is on Friday 15th March. During this Lent it's an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world who are affected by drought, floods and storms. There will be a second collection on 17<sup>th</sup> March for the same. Your support will ensure millions of people around the world enough food and shelter. Kindly pick an envelope available at the back of the church.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm in the church followed by Mass. It is our Catholic tradition to meditate on the passion and death of Jesus through the Stations of the Cross. I invite you to make time and come to this important prayer of Jesus' Passion.



**Birmingham Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage 2019** will take place from Saturday 25th to Friday 31st May 2019. the pastoral theme for all pilgrims to Lourdes is "Blessed are the poor, for the kingdom of God is yours". There are 2 choices of travel : By Coach £444.00 and by Air £774.00. If you want to be a part of this spiritual journey please contact for the Booking forms, Lourdes office, Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway through Email: [admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk) or [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com).

**Rite of election** : RCIA candidates of our parish and their sponsors will meet Archbishop Bernard at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham on 10th March at 3.00pm. It's an opportunity to introduce the candidates to the Archbishop and receive his blessings. Make it a point to attend without fail.

**Annual mass of St. Patrick's day** will be celebrated on 14th March at 7.00pm in our parish. You are welcome to join the celebration as Irish celebrate their patron Saints day.



**Cake sale:** Polish community is planning a 'tomb of Jesus' during Easter. They will hold cake sale on **10th March** to raise money to buy flowers to decorate it on Good Friday. Please let us support them by buying those cakes.

**Today's second collection** is for Cathedral maintenance. Thanks for your generosity.