

MASSES FROM 5th to 12th May 2019

Sun	05	9.30am	Breda Costello, Letetion Jacob (RIP)
		11.30am	Banadzem Joseph Lukong, Weldegabir (RIP), Koti & Abbey family (Spl blessings –married life)
Mon	06	9.30am	Holy souls
Tues	07	9.30am	Mary Mulroony (Spl int)
Wed	08	9.30am	Mathew Tanner (RIP)
Thurs	09	9.30am	Lucy Tanner (spl int)
Fri	10	9.30am	Dave Hardy (RIP)
Sat	11	9.30am	Nora Curristan (RIP), Emmanuel Malize (B'day)
		6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	12	9.30am	Betty Osagie (B'day), Mama Mary Mangwa (RIP)
		11.30am	Deceased members of Akenji & Max Atangga's family, Banadzen Joseph Lukong (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

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9.30am Elena Almeida, Bob Haddock (R)
Barbara (E)

11.30am Aimee, Maame (R)
Serso, Frank (E)

12/05/2019

Julia Hunt, Alex (R)
James M. (E)

Elizabeth, Echee (R)
Vera, Lilian (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, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley.

Anniversaries during the week: John T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers, John Maher, Michael John McCarthy, Gerald Byrne, Harry McGorman, Patrick Owen Murray, Edward James Kavanagh, Mathew Tanner, Martin Duffy, William Clisham, Patrick Lanaghan, Danny Rodgers, Thomas Sweeney, Elizabeth Morgan, Leo Pinto, Christina Doyle.

Thoughts to ponder: Never expect things to happen... struggle and make them happen. Never expect yourself to be given value... create a value of your own. Work for a cause, Not for applause... Live life to express, Not to impress... Don't strive to make our presence noticed, just make your absence felt.

Wish you all a inspiring week ahead.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter– 3rd Sunday of Easter- 5th—12th May 2019

WHEN YOU ARE CAUGHT IN THE VERY ACT, YOU CONDUCT YOUR OWN DEFENSE.

On Easter Sunday the Christian world woke up to the sad news of the bombing of Christians who had gone to the church to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Parents had prepared their children, dressed them for good appearance at such great feast. The priests had spent entire 40 days of Lent speaking to the people about the sinfulness of mankind that brought about the Cross of Christ and of his apparent total defeat when he died shamefully on Calvary hill. His burial on Good Friday and a huge stone that was rolled over his tomb, seemingly brought to an end all hope.

Humanly speaking, with such gloom message, the priests were not expecting the Christians to turn up again, but they were surprised that on Easter Sunday morning, hundreds of them came to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and to take that message to others, when tragedy fell. Their presence on that Easter Sunday morning in the church was not casual, they had planned it and prepared themselves for it. They were so pleased to be at Church on Easter Sunday. They believed in the resurrection of Jesus and their own resurrection in him. They believed in the sanctity of Sunday as the day of the Lord so they did not go to their fields or to the factories to work but to the Church to pray. They knew that praying to God and keeping the Sunday Holy was one of the 10 commandments of God. So they put aside everything and went to church.

In the previous forty days of Lent, many of them had attended the Stations of the Cross, received the Sacrament of Confessions and exercised works of mercy. When tragedy fell, they had just received Holy Communion, the Bread of Life, the Viaticum that prepares us for the heavenly banquet. Yes, our brothers and sisters who died in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday morning had prepared themselves.

Let us imagine that praying to God was sinful, or that celebrating Sunday Mass was an offense to God. Let us also imagine that Christians to come together and celebrate Easter is a crime before God; who then will defend these brethren of ours who were caught in the very act of doing these things? But we know that these people who perished on Easter Sunday were caught in the Holy Act of worshiping God and of thanking him for the gift of his redemption through Christ's blood. Little less did they know that some of the blood of the crucified and Risen Lord would splash onto them. The place where they were, the motive of why they were there and the actions in which they were engaged, tell us that they were holy people, taken by Jesus to heaven sadly in such hate-filled circumstances. They were caught in the very act of witnessing to their own faith, in Jesus Christ. No one can accuse or defend them except themselves.

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: £ 600.67 Non-Gift Aid: £360.83 Total : £961.50

Counters : Elizabeth & Patsy

Mass Attendance : 467

Bonus Ball : No.

2nd collection on 12th May: Diocesan Clergy training

2nd collection for the months of May & June : 12th May—Clergy Training Fund; 2nd June— Catholic communications; 16th June —Day for life; 30th June—Peter's Pence

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 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00p`m.

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.

Marriage Banns: Mr. Michael Tersoo, son of Dewunga Balogo and Shiminenge Balogo of Ikyuran Tier Village, St. Mary's Catholic Church Jao—Mbatyough, Kasma Ala Benue State Nigeria, would like to marry Ms. Monica Doo —Orum daughter of Deneu Tofi and Mwuse Tofi of Mbanganen village Iyol Kristu Parish, Abwa, Benue State Nigeria. If anyone knows any reason why they should not get married to each other, please let the priest know as soon as possible.

Matters of Importance

Thank you all for your support during Lent and Easter festival. I wish to acknowledge the active involvement of everyone as you attended the Stations of the Cross and of those who led them. Our choir is always the best, the lectors, altar servers, church cleaners made us feel that we were indeed in a holy place. Thank you so much for Easter Card greetings and donations to your parish priest over Easter.

Change of Mass time: due to road closure on Sunday 12th May, which will include Raglan street, there will be Mass on Saturday for Sunday on 11th May at 6:00pm This Mass is for those people who drive from home to Church for Sunday Mass who will not be able to do so due to road closure for 100 Miles Road cycling event. The road will be open to people walking on foot but not to motorists. Please remember that there will be 3 Masses on the weekend of 11/12th May Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:30am and 11:30am. You will not be able to drive to the Church for the two Sunday Masses on this weekend

First Holy Communion Retreat: on Monday 29th April the children who will be taking Holy Communion for the first time had a day of recollection organised by Mrs Pauline McDonald the Headteacher of our school and her RE team. It was a day of prayer indeed—Parents with children from non-Catholic schools who have registered to have their children receive Holy Communion are asked to bring their children to attend Catechism Instruction as arranged. First Holy Communion Day is the 18th May starting at 10.30am.

Dowry pilgrimage of the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham: During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. The Triduum date set for Birmingham is 20th to 22nd June at St Chad's Cathedral. Please make a note of this in your diary.

Baptismal classes: for parents who would like to have their children baptised, are informed that the classes will take place on **7th & 14th May 2019** at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. All the sessions must be attended by the parents and God parents.

Job vacancy: The Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Committee is seeking to appoint a full-time Office Administrator, to be based in its Birmingham office within Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway. He/ She will provide a comprehensive administrative and support service to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place in May each year. The appointee will be required to travel to Lourdes each February for planning meetings, as well as attending each pilgrimage. In order to undertake this role you will need knowledge about the Birmingham Diocese and its annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, previous administrative experience, excellent IT skill and, ideally the ability to communicate effectively in French. For an information discussion about this role, please contact Trish Brookes – tel. 0121 230 6211. Application form and job description for this role is available from Human Resources at Cathedral House - email: gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org Closing date for receipt of completed applications is noon, Friday 10th May 2019. Interview date – Monday 3rd June 2019. More details on the noticeboard please.

Polish Speaking children will have their first Confessions on 22nd May at 6:00pm. Fr. David from Wolverhampton will be here to assist us. F.H. Communion 25th May at 11:00am