

**MASSES— 5th to 12th Dec 2021**

Sun	05	9.30am	Fr. Patrick Osagie (RIP), Teresia Coughlan (RIP) McHugh & Ferry families (RIP)
		11.30am	Rita Rose family (Spl int), Liong Ching King & family (RIP)
Mon	06	12.00noon	Peggy Hyland (RIP), Tony Mulroony (RIP)
Tues	07	9.30am	Johannah Martin & Kathleen Ward (RIP)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Peggy Hyland (B'day remembrance), Joseph Clear (RIP) Elizabeth Nuaruayi (Thanksgiving)</b>
Thurs	09	9.30am	Peggy Hyland (RIP), Deceased members of Menezes family
Fri	10	9.30am	Susan Skarvinko (RIP), Sr. Elizabetha (RIP)
Sat	11	9.30am	Eileen Kerrigan (RIP)
Sun	12	9.30am	Deceased members of Saldhana family
		11.30am	CWA (Thanksgiving), Bridie McAndrew (Spl int)

**Lectors**

**05/12/2021**

9.30am Desma, Nicholas (R)  
11.30am Sharon, Nicole (R)

**12/12/2021**

Anthonia O., Felicia (R)  
Honorine, Florence E. (R)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley, Gabriel Gwatrira, Teresa MacCaffer, Andrea.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Margaret McSorley, Sean Kiely, Tony Mulrone, Bridie Collins, Michael Kapusta, Breda Byrne, Jean Cartwright, Christine Fitzgibbons, Edward McGinn, Frederick George Scrivens, Patrick Noonan, Annie Corrigan, Dennis James McCann, Albert Shorthose, Anne Plunkett, Norah Bernadette Hanbury, Margaret Kinsella.

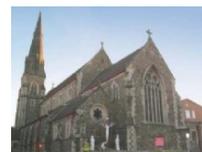
**Christmas/New year Programme**

<b>24.12.21</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>&amp;</b>	<b>8.30pm</b>
<b>25.12.21</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>&amp;</b>	<b>11.30am</b>
<b>31.12.21</b>	<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Adoration</b>	
	<b>12.00am</b>	<b>New year Mass</b>	

*Prayerful reflection: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that we might be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. What we do not know reveal to us; what is lacking within us, make us complete; that which we do not know, confirm in us; and keep us blameless in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter– Second Sunday of Advent - 5th to 12th Dec 2021**

**THE HISTORICITY OF OUR FAITH SHOULD CAUSE OUR SOBRIETY:**

When you visit Israel, you come to a land of wilderness, isolation, bare rocky hills where stones are found almost everywhere. If there is something that Israel is not short of are stones and scaring wilderness. Even with the coming of technology, when you look the countryside you cannot avoid feeling afraid of what might be around the corner; no wonder Jesus used the wilderness to demonstrate humanitarian attitude in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

More than two thousand years ago, John son of Zechariah was heard shouting in the Galilean countryside: *prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord*. Surely, he was not advocating construction of roads in the Galilean countryside but he was calling on people to change their life and behaviour in a manner acceptable to God. Advent is a time to examine our conscience. There are so many roadworks we are called to do at this time: ***pathways to straighten*** meaning that we need to be more truthful, more open to each other and more honesty in our dealings. ***Valleys to fill-in***, refers to those moments when we do things just out of routine without enthusiasm or devotion. ***Hills to be made low*** refers to mounting worries, insurmountable problems and anxiety, that feeling that we are on our own without God, while God wants us to trust him because he is with us always. ***Winding ways*** of deviousness and insincerity, sometimes we live with people but you cannot tell whether what you see or what they have told you is what it is. In family life for instance, it is not Christian at all to make your spouse to be left guessing instead of making him or her know exactly what the plan is. Advent invites us to be honest with ourselves and with others it is a call to become Christians again.

Let us remember that all of us are called by God to become John the Baptist. We are called to prepare one another to receive the Lord. In the second reading Paul thanked the Christians at Philippi because they had worked hard to spread the Good News among themselves such that their love for one another was evident to all. They supported each other to prepare for the day of the Lord.

One of the reasons why it is difficult these days to be a Christian is that many believers in Jesus do not have support in their communities. They are like lonely wolf. It is difficult for example to find a home where husband and wife practice the faith. It is difficult to find a home where parents and children practice the faith together. Sometimes, the poor mother or the elderly parents practice the faith and their children look at them as though religion is for their parents and not for them.

I encourage people who find themselves in such situations, never to give up, be that lonely voice crying in the wilderness: Prepare your life for the Lord. This coming Sunday we shall hear how John's call brought response in the lives of others. It is because he did not give up.

As you return home today I give you some homework as I normally do: Go and prepare the people you live with, or the people you work with to know Jesus. I'm not asking you to bring them to church, but for you to live fervently as a Christian so that your personal life becomes a silent witness to the presence of the Saviour in the family in the community, at the place of work. Let our life be a constant reminder to others that Jesus Christ is saviour among us.

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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

**Gift Aid :** 151.00 **SO ( Oct ) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 446.08 **Total:** £597.08

*Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.*

### 2nd Collection :

**Bonus Ball :** No.

**Mass Attendance :** 326

### Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri– 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

**Confessions:** Saturday– 10.10–  
11.00am.

### **Second Week of Advent—The Candle of Peace**

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace. If we want there to be peace in the world, we have to be brave enough to soften what is rigid in our hearts, to find the soft spot and stay with it. We have to have that kind of courage and take that kind of responsibility. That's the true practice of peace.”



May this time of waiting inspire our courage. May we find the soft spot, in the pressures of this season, and stay with it as we discern our way forward. May we be filled with loving kindness; may we be at ease, and discover the true practice of peace within us, so that there might be peace in the world.

### **Mass Intentions**

If you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

## MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

**Confessions:** Fr. Jimmy will be available for individual celebration of the Sacrament of confession every Saturday from 10:10am ending at 11:00am in the Chapel of Our Lady. Take this opportunity to prepare yourself for Christmas.

**Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School** invites parents and parishioners to a Christmas party full of music, entertainment and food which will be held at the school on 10th Dec from 12.30 to 2.30pm. Last year those who went had great fun. If you wish to go please let Fr. Jimmy know so that he can ask the school to organise our transport to the party.

**Medjugorje Irish Pilgrims** Centre April—October 2022: 7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact for details and to book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**New Date for Baptismal preparation:** please note that parents with children to be baptised are invited to a meeting on Monday 6th Dec at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. Parents and Godparents are requested to attend the sessions. Kindly remember to wear your masks when you come to church and to keep time.

**Eileen Kerrigan RIP:** It is one month today since she was called to her heavenly reward on 5th November 2021. Her family thanks all the parishioners for the support you gave to Eileen and for your messages of condolences upon their loss.

**Wearing your face mask in Church is a Christian duty.** It is very sad that some Christians who, moreover go to church resist wearing face masks in Church and in other public places. We have been encouraged by scientists to put mouth and nose coverings as a way of controlling the spread of corona virus. Christian faith does not tell us to do wrong things or to behave in a way that causes danger to the life of others. As a matter of fact respect to such sensible advice reveals our obedience to Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews says: “Obey your leaders and do as they tell you....” (Heb. 13:17).

**Advent School Masses** will take place in the School hall as follows: Monday 29th Nov for Year 3&4, Monday 6th Dec Year 5&6, Monday 13th Dec. whole School Mass. There will be daily Mass in the church as usual on Mondays at 12:00noon

**Admissions Consultation** The Local Governing Board of Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School are consulting on its admissions policy. The school wishes interested parties to note that the school follows the admissions guidance set by the Archdiocese of Birmingham Diocesan Education Service. Our Admissions policy for 2023 – 2024 is included in this consultation for your information. We propose to change Pupil Admission Number (PAN) in September 2023 to an admission number of 180. If you have any queries regarding our admissions policy please put them in writing to: Bishop Ullathorne Appeals Consultation Leasowes Avenue Coventry CV3 6BH Or please email to [admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk](mailto:admin@bishopullathorne.co.uk) follow the link <https://www.bishopullathorne.co.uk/key-school-information> to view the consultation documents: The consultation will run from Monday 22 November 2021 until Friday 21 January 2022.

**Job opportunities are available** to work within the Archdiocese of Birmingham at the Kenelm Youth Trust at based in Alton, Staffordshire. For more details visit the recruitment page on our website: [www.work4kyt-kenelemyouthtrust](http://www.work4kyt-kenelemyouthtrust) or contact Debbie Woodward for an application pack via email [Debbie.woodward@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:Debbie.woodward@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk).