

MASSES— 6th to 13th Feb 22

Sun	06	9.30am	Patsy Leslie (RIP)
		11.30am	Kasibante & Florence (Wedd Ann) Roy Clement (RIP)
Mon	07	12.00noon	Mary Smith (RIP) Rose Hogan
Tues	08	9.30am	Dickie Deinne & Allan (RIP) Godfrey Onuchuckwu (Bapt)
Wed	09	9.30am	Anne Barrett RIP
Thurs	10	9.30am	Srs. Leena and Leera SSA (Sp. Int).
Fri	11	9.30am	Matthew Ruddell RIP
Sat	12	9.30am	Bernadette Dorran (Sp. In)
Sun	13	9.30am	Norah & Gerald Griffith (Sp. Int)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Sp.I) Tinoy & Christine (1st Wed Ann)

Lectors

06/02/2022

9.30am Clinton, Creshel (R)

11.30am Rachela, Florence K (R)

13/02/2022

Naomi, Noah (R)

Maame, Elena (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, Teresa MacCaffer, Andrea.

Anniversaries during the week : Elizabeth Hoey, William, Antony Braganza , Peter Montague, Elizabeth Hugh , Frank & Maura Corrigan , William Mulrone, Leslie Burke, Bridget Agnes Clisham, Bridget Molloy, Teresa Langan, Harry Hone, Ellen Crawley, Jim O’Driscoll, Frank Boman, Robert Hancock .

SPIRITUAL QUOTES :

Create a life that feels good on the inside, not just one that looks good on the outside.

I am never in control of what happens around me, but I am always in control of what happens within me.

Follow your intuition, it will always lead you to the right destination.

Let your faith be bigger than your fears, have faith success will be near.

Realize deeply that the present moment is all you have. Make the NOW the primary focus of your life.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—5th Sunday in ordinary Time—6th to 13th Feb 2022

DO NOT GIVE UP WHEN YOU RETRIVE EMPTY NETS

With all our best intentions, sometimes we do not achieve our intended goals. I have never come across someone purposely working for failure. Someone might use wrong methods, but even so, to work for success is part of nature. Plants, animals and human beings have conquered planet earth because they work for success.

The gospel today talks about a moment of failure in the career of professional fishermen Peter, Andrew, James and John. They went fishing with the best intention of catching fish but for reasons they could not explain, they retrieved the nets the following morning and they were virtually empty! While wondering what had gone wrong, someone tells them to try again, the advice did not come from a professional fisherman but from a preacher—Jesus of Nazareth. It required trust for the fishermen to accept such advice from a stranger who knew nothing about catching fish. It reminds us that faith and trust are important in our Christian life. Human as we are, sometimes when we fail in something, we tend to give it up, sometimes we might dismiss the advice of others as unprofessional, but the gospel today reminds us that God can use your failure to transform your life as long as you have the will to try again. Failure is not attributable to some people, all of us can fail.

The first reading talks about someone who had lived a life of failure, one day he had what seemed to be a theophany / manifestation of God. This man had spoken every dirty word and had made company with every sinful person, the society in which he was living was so sinful, so what a wretched state I’m in!” he said. When you recognise your mistakes or when you realise that you are taking the wrong direction, it is a sign that you are on the road to life. Some people, never see their mistake or realise that their lifestyle is leading them to failure. God never gives up on us. Once this sinful man realised his sinful ways, he heard the voice of God calling “whom shall I send, who will be our messenger” then he said, here I’m send me. That sinful man was Isaiah the Prophet. Yes. in the Church, some people who were great sinners turned out to be great saints. The emptiness of their life did not stop them trying again and again, this is what the Word of God tells us today..

In the second reading, we are reminded that we cannot have our life changed for better unless we are touched by the grace of God and we also let God to touch our lives. St. Paul sets himself as an example of a person that had gone so astray to the extent of persecuting the Church, he realised that he did not even deserve to be called an apostle. The failures of Saul, as a persecutor, did not deter him to put his nets in the deeper waters to deepen his love of Jesus Christ and to preach him to others.

As you return home today I invite you to go and reflect on the words of Jesus to Simon Peter “Put the nets into the deep water” in otherwards go and work again and again on that strained relationship. Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to engage in the Synod discussions. He is asking us to put our nets in the deeper waters and not to be afraid because of the failures we encounter. It is not good to give up on anything or on anybody, constant reconciliation strengthens our relationship.

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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 : 148.00 SO (Jan) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 582.14 Total: **£730.14**

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance :

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10
-11.00am.

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.

Gospel Reflection

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Luke 5:4

"Put out into the deep!" What should we take from this? What should we hear Jesus speaking to us? We should hear Him calling us to "lower our nets" in a tireless and committed way so as to draw many others to the Gospel.

Reflect, today, upon these words of Jesus: "Put out into the deep water." In what way is Jesus asking this of you? How is it that He is calling you to go out of your comfort zone and "lower your nets?" What is it that He wants of you and how does He desire to use you to further the mission of evangelization. Heed His command and you, too, will be amazed at the good fruit that is born!

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Synod Meeting: thanks to those parishioners who turned up on Thursday for discussions on the Synod. I'm grateful for their contribution to the way the Holy Father can be supported in his ministry as pastor of the whole Church.

Remember the sick : there are a number of our parishioners who are not feeling so well these days, some are at home others in hospitals. Please remember them in your prayers for good health. Some of these parishioners have been so devoted to service in the Church, such that we cannot fail to remember them at this time when they are suffering ill-health.

Many thanks to you all who make their Sunday donations through Standing Order with your banks. This has saved the parish from bank charges because of handling loose cash. Can I encourage you all to think making your Sunday donations through this system please.

Gift Aid: if you are in employment, Her Majesty's government takes tax on every income you receive but gives back 25p on every 1 pound you give to a Charity organisation. Our parish being a charity can claim that extra 25p for every £1 you give without any extra cost to you! This is an act of justice that I have not come across anywhere. All you need is to sign a Gift Aid declaration form to enable the parish to claim 25p more on top of your Sunday donation. Please speak to the Parish priest if you would like the church to claim that support from your Sunday donations.

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

What is a synod?

Synod, (from Greek *synodos*), is an authoritative meeting of bishops and other church officials who come together to resolve questions of discipline or administration. They have convened throughout the history of Christianity dealing especially with administration, teaching (faith and morals) or governance (church discipline or law).

After Vatican II, Pope Paul VI established the Synod of Bishops, an advisory board to the Holy Father. Since then, the bishops meet in assemblies (synods) and make recommendations to the pope. Since 1967, there have been 16 ordinary synods, 3 extraordinary synods, and 11 special synods.

The theme for Synod 2021-2023 is synodality itself. The Holy Father invites us to reflect on the Church as a Communion, on our participation and on our mission." The Vatican has approved an enhanced three-stage process in which they hope for greater participation from the whole Church at the diocesan, national and universal levels.