

MASSES— 6th to 13th March 22

Sun	06	9.30am	Adora D’Souza (B/d)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew & Nnenna (Sp. Int) Bernard Swan (Ann).
Mon	07	12.00noon	Helen McMenamin (RIP)
Tues	08	9.30am	Angela Chidmaka Okare (RIP)
Wed	09	9.30am	Fremelin Farias (B’day) Shaelyn (B’day & spl int)
Thurs	10	9.30am	Sara Da Costa (Safe travel) , SSA (Thanksgiving)
Fri	11	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Eileen O’Rielly (B’day), Melvis Mongwa (Spl iint)
Sat	12	9.30am	Marie Curriston, 37 Ann Fr. Harkin & Norah Woods (RIP).
Sun	13	9.30am	Deceased members of Menezes family, Weston Caetano DeSouza (B’day)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—First Sunday of Lent—6th to 13th March 2022

WORSHIP ME

We gather here to celebrate the season of grace when the focus is on our relationship with God and how we treat one another. Lent unlike other liturgical seasons of the Church puts us at the centre inviting each one to examine his / her personal response to God. It is a time to pray more, a time to minister to our neighbours, a moment when we curb self seeking desires and we place God above all else. Our readiness to turn back to God was marked by the ashes imposed on our heads last Wednesday as a sign of admission of our sin and of our readiness to amend our life. Lent is the springtime of all believers.

Our reflection on Lenten journey starts by reflecting on the 40 days of Jesus in the wilderness, he fasted for forty days and forty nights. He was praying. While we could say this was a sacred moment for the Lord, it was also the time that the devil was so close to him. He knew that at some point Jesus would be hungry. Hunger for anything can make us do nasty things. Do not surrender your soul to material wealth or worship it.

The Devil knew that Jesus was about to launch the mission given by his Father, power would be sweet in his hands instead of being a humble servant. So he showed him all the kingdoms, they belong to me worship me, power and domination.

Celebrity culture is not something of the present, it has been there even at the time of Jesus. Seeking fame, the desire to be noticed, to be taken as a special person is temptation. So Jesus, you can draw people to yourself by making yourself appear famous.

The temptations of Jesus explain our human condition. We know that the closer we want to do the will of God the more temptations we have to make us not to do it. The moment you will say that you want to follow Jesus and to accept the will of God, you will be surprised to discover a small devil within your life giving you all the reasons why you should ignore him. Our faith will not prevent the devil to approach us but it will help us to give the right answer to the tempter. *“Man does not live on bread alone, you must worship God and serve him alone, you must not put God to the test.”*

The situation between Ukraine and Russia calls for our prayers. In the first reading we have heard the faith of the Jewish people in a God who saw their misery when they called on him for help. God heard their voice, saw their misery, their toil and their oppression and he liberated them. The oppressing powers like Egypt of old have not gone away. Such oppressors are of course inspired by the temptation to control power, to become wealthy or to appear important the very temptations Jesus had and overcame.

As you return home today I ask you to remember that the devil is not far from us and that he will use our ordinary circumstances to lead us astray. The devil is not that one with horns and vampire teeth, it can be someone, something or a situation that takes us away from God. Let us be vigilant and never get tired to call on God for help. Satan tempts us to worship idols other than God. Let us be vigilant to worship God alone always.

Lectors

06/03/2022

13/03/2022

9.30am Asipita, Elizabeth H. (R)

Desma, Alex (R)

11.30am Louis, Perpetua (R)

Mary, Elena (R)

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny McAndrew, Teresa Mcafffer, Andrea.

Anniversaries during the week : John O’Driscoll, Tommie Doyle, Ada Ryan, John Gill, Ian Stuart McClean, Delia Sheridan , Joe Clark, Anthony Nicholl, John Murphy, Margaret Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Lena Fitzgerald , Edward Brennan, Fr. Harkin, Nora Woods, Margaret Dunne, Ivy Elsie Lucas, Jim (James) Crean, Rosalyn Muffitt , Margaret Ward.

Popes’s intention for March: *for a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.*

WHY DID JESUS DIE

JESUS' DEATH IS AN OUTPOURING OF IMMENSE LOVE

Jesus' human heart was filled with the Father's love. All through his lifetime, he reflected God's love for the people by the mercy and kindness he showed to them, even to the end. It is this love that enabled him to give his life freely for all. For "greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).



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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 : £98.00 **SO (Jan) :** £ 1851.19 **Non-Gift Aid:** 604.68 **Total:** £2553.87

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No. 32 Jasmine D.

Mass Attendance : 318

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10
-11.00am.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Creator of the Universe, the great I AM, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, is in the desert, suffering for forty days while He is tempted by the devil and living among the wild beasts. Why in the world would He do this ?

It's about love for us all. It's about God loving us so much that He was willing to endure every form of hardship and human suffering that enters into our lives.

ord, I acknowledge Your perfect love for me. I believe that You love me enough to endure all suffering, to understand all suffering, and to bring me out of my own interior dryness and pain. May I let you be driven into the desert of my own soul; and there, as I encounter You, may I allow You to lead me to the cool and refreshing waters.

Second collections: Today's second collection- **6th March**— for Cathedral Maintenance;
13th March - CAFOD Lent fast day. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Change of Friday Mass time: To enable as many people as possible to participate in this pious activity, we shall have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

Visit of the relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous as we begin to emerge from the pandemic, the Bishops of England and Wales will welcome a pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes. The relics of St Bernadette will be coming to the Archdiocese from **7-10 October 2022**. More details to follow in due course.

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. This year's theme is '#Break the Bias' for a gender equal world.

Kenelm Youth Trust: is looking for young adults aged 18-25 who are down-to-earth, are committed to their faith, and who want to work with young people. They should be enthusiastic about work with young people, leading them in times of prayer and reflection as well as in outdoor educational activities. If you are interested please use the link to the information on our website. <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/youthministryteam.html>.

Prayer for Ukraine: the Polish Church on Springfield Road invites you to join them on Monday, March 7, for a 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for peace in Ukraine. This prayer will begin with Holy Mass at 10.30 (Polish language) and end on Tuesday with Holy Mass at 10.30 (Polish language). We invite everyone to join this prayer initiative.

Specific notes for Lent and Easter :

On Holy Thursday, the Washing of the Feet as part of the rite of the Mandatum is restored. The celebrant should wear a face covering whilst performing this rite.

On Good Friday, the Veneration of the Cross is also restored. Those who approach the Cross, after making the customary reverence before it, can either touch the Cross in a devotional way or kiss the Cross provided that an alcoholic wipe is used to clean the place that is venerated after each kiss by the faithful.

The Easter Vigil is restored in its full Rite. The faithful gathering for the ceremonies can have candles and the baptismal liturgy can take place along with any associated confirmations. For the anointings as part of this, the thumb or a cotton bud can be used. The sprinkling of the faithful during the *vidi aquam* is permitted. Whilst the circulation of the virus continues in society, the clear direction of the UK Government is that after two years of restrictions and following the successful roll-out of the vaccination programme, the usual patterns of life should return. There should be vigilance at the local level in terms of viral infection and transmission and local adaptations should be put in place.

Marriage Banns:

1. John Patrick Gibbons of 23 Garrick Close Coventry, son of John & Maggie Gibbons of St. Georges Rd Coventry would like to marry Ms Caitlin Jane O'Hara of 23 Garrick Close daughter of Mr & Mrs Andrew and Deborah O'Hara of Sir Thomas White Rd.
2. Victor Okechukwu Onye son of Mr & Mrs Victor Ugwudiala Onye & Josephine Onye from Amaimo, Ikedulu Imo State Nigeria, would like to marry Obianuju Okaome Nwakaeme, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Onouha Nwakaeme & Victoria Onyemaechi Nwakaeme, Ihiala Anambra State, Nigeria. If someone knows why they should not get married to each other please inform the Parish Priest.