

### MASSES 7th to 14th Feb 2021

Sun	07	9.30am	Adora & Kaylen (Good health)
		11.30am	Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP)
Mon	08	9.30am	Departed members of John & Valana family
Tues	09	9.30am	Janet (RIP)
Wed	10	9.30am	Sr. Placida Mathew (RIP)
Thurs	11	9.30am	Departed members of Lutwama family
Fri	12	9.30am	Thi Tran (RIP), Deceased members of Tran family
Sat	13	9.30am	Dores D'Souza (RIP)
Sun	14	9.30am	Kathleen Skelly , Anna Krawizyk (RIP)
		11.30am	Cyril Nwakaeme (RIP)

### Lectors

07/02/2021

9.30am Creshel , Philomena (R)  
11.30am Mary, Florence K. (R)

14/02/2021

Neetha, Desma (R)  
Maame, Perpetua (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek , Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley, Gabriel Gwatorisa. Josephine Scoles.

Anniversaries during the week Peter Montague, Elizabeth Hugh , Frank & Maura Corrigan , William Mulroney, Leslie Burke, Bridget Agnes Clisham, Bridget Molloy, Teresa Langan, Harry Hone, Ellen Crawley, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Boman, Bridie Underwood.

Reflect on for Lent : 'Lent is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.' (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

### Feasts for the month of February

7. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
8. Jerome Emiliani; Josephine Bakhita, Opt. Mem.
10. Scholastica, Memorial
11. Our Lady of Lourdes, Opt. Mem.
14. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
21. First Sunday of Lent, Sunday
22. Chair of St. Peter, Feast
28. Second Sunday of Lent, Sunday



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter—5th Sunday in ordinary time - 7th to 14th Feb 2021**

### KEEP FOCUSED TO YOUR DUTY

In the jungles of western and northern Uganda there are national game parks with plenty of wild animals. In Kenya and on the plains of Serengeti in Tanzania there are also plenty of lions, cheetahs and leopards. These animals live in different countries, they have never met but they have one thing in common "focus". It does not matter in which country they live, When they go hunting individually or as a group, they focus on one victim until a catch is made. They do not go rustling every animal in the jungle but they focus on a selected prey.

The second reading and the gospel invite us to be focused; to focus on the mission that God has given to us. Sometimes we take events in life as accidents, things that just happened forgetting that it is a mission God is calling us to fulfil. You grow up and you get married to someone, it is a mission. By God's grace you get children you are no longer husband and wife but parents too. This is another mission. Some people lose sight of the mission that God gave them such that they cannot speak like St. Paul I must be punished if...!

Paul encountered many trials in his mission, I could say that he suffered more than all the apostles, but he understood that God had placed a responsibility in his hands. So, despite the trials he remained focused on what God called him to do. I should be punished if I do not preach the gospel he said.

In the gospel Jesus faces the temptation from his disciples to abandon his mission of preaching and concentrate on impressing people. "every body is looking for you, you are a celebrity, the darling of every admirer" if he accepted this temptation, it would derail him from doing the work his Father had given him. So he took the same direction they wanted to stop him taking. "let us go elsewhere so that I can preach there too because that is why I came. His focus was on the mission not on anything else.

Brothers and sisters, let us focus our attention on the mission God has given us in this life. As a priest I should boldly say I should be punished if I do not do my priestly duties. As a married man or woman you should be bold to say I should be punished if I do not take care of my spouse. As parents you should also boldly say I should be punished if I do not take care of my family. In other words focus on the work God has given you. Don't think that you are in a wrong calling. Yes, it might cause you anguish and sleepless nights and long days as we have heard in the first reading but all the same, it is God's work and it is your work.

Let us learn to create holy habits in our daily life. The Gospel has said that "In the morning long before dawn, Jesus would leave the house and go off to a lonely place and pray there." Some people are known for unholy habits such as 'every day when you see that man walk down the road, he is going to the bar, when you see that woman standing there, she is after something. Such comments indicate that we have lost direction and focus. Let us ask the Lord to give us strength and vision to focus on things that matter in our life for the salvation of our souls and in the life of others.

**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 : £ 144.70 SO (Dec) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 199.16 Total : £343.86**

*Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.*

**Hall Hire: Bonus Ball : No. Counters : 2nd Collection**

**Mass Attendance for the week : 167 Pious Devotions**

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

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**Confessions:**

By appointment only

**Listen to Jesus...**

**'As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent?**

**Our indifference, our hardness of heart.**

**What are we to believe?**

**Jesus thirsts even now,**

**In your heart and in the poor**

**He knows your weakness.**

**He wants only your love,**

**Wants only the chance to love you.'**

(St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



**Mass Intentions**

Please 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 with minimum £5 for each Mass or request by calling Tel. 07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**I wish to thank the parishioners** who join us for daily Mass and Rosary using electronic media such as MCN Media and You tube. Thank you for creating a sacred place in your home. Please be reminded that we start with reading the Life of Saints at 08:45am, Rosary starts at 09:00am and Mass follows at 09:30am. I encourage you to join with your Parish priest from your homes in offering these prayers to God.

**The season of Lent** begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on 17th Feb 2021. There will be 2 Masses - 9.30am and 6.30pm. It is a time to return to God with all our hearts and an opportunity to renew our friendship with God. In this Lenten journey of prayer 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. It is a day of fasting and abstinence when everyone over the age of 14 should abstain from meat and those between 18-60 should also fast, taking only one meal and two lighter snacks.

**The month of February** is dedicated to the Holy Family. This year the first 16 days of February fall during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical colour green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of Lent. The liturgical colour changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

**Baptisms:** *Due to Covid-19 baptismal preparation classes have been put on halt. Parents with children for need christening are asked to be patient until when the lock down situation is improved.*

**"To Heal the World":** The Pope's Catechesis on the Pandemic - The book published by the Vatican publishing house, Libreria Editrice Vaticana (LEV), brings together the catechetical discourses given by Pope Francis at his general audiences, in which he focuses on what can be done to be stronger after the Covid-19 crisis and offers points for reflection. In the preface to the book, Cardinal Turkson notes: the road is one we must take together paying special attention to those most in need.

**Visit St Chad's Cathedral:** One of the things you can do during this lockdown is to visit St. Chad's Cathedral the Mother church of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It was designed by the great Gothic Revivalist Augustus Welby Pugin, who was also responsible for the Palaces of Westminster and the iconic clock tower of Big Ben. As the first Catholic Cathedral erected in Great Britain following the Reformation of the 16th Century, it is of great significance. St Chad's is highlighted as one of Birmingham's most significant buildings in the Pevsner Architectural Guide to Birmingham by Andy Foster. It also features in 'A Glimpse of Heaven', a survey of the best 100 Catholic Churches in England and Wales published by English Heritage, in conjunction with the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales in 2006.

The Cathedral is open for private prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 1.30 to 4pm. Thursday - Cathedral is closed. Friday and Saturday – 1.30 to 4pm. The Cathedral Mass is Saturday 10am and 2pm, Sunday 10am and 12noon. Opening hours may vary, please contact the Cathedral before making a journey. Daily mass is still celebrated online - please refer to the Cathedral website.