

MASSES 7th to 14th July 2019

Sun	07	9.30am	Zoey (B'day) Una Anderson , Kevin Kelly (RIP)
		11.30am	Mami Magdaline Akenji RIP)
Mon	08	12.00noon	Sandra (Spl int)
Tues	09	9.30am	Maureen & family (Spl int)
Wed	10	9.30am	Angela Lynas (RIP)
Thurs	11	9.30am	Mass in the school
Fri	12	9.30am	Sr. Umberta Bertoni (RIP)
Sat	13	9.30am	Bridie & Benny McAndrew (Wed Anni)
Sun	14	9.30am	Sam Aikhionbare (B'day), James Byrne (Anni)
			Anna Krawczyk (RIP)
		11.30am	Mami Mary Mangwa, Annah Wangui Kanyiri (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

07/07/2019

9.30am	Alex, Nicholas (R)
	Elizabeth P. (E)
11.30am	Rocheala, Mary (R)
	Vera, Marcel (E)

14/07/2019

Antonia A., Elena Wood (R)
Ann Mapuranga (E)
Children of the Parish
Lilian, Frank (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Thi Tran.

Anniversaries during the week: Samuel Kennedy ,Herbert & Mary Rush, Thomas Crawley, Anne Coyne, Thomas Flynn, Margaret Sheilds, James Patrick Byrne ,Donald Brennan, Francis Casey, Robert Butler , Sam Murphy .

Things To Remember

***I find what I look for in people.** If I look for God, I find God. If I look for bad qualities, I find them. I, in a sense, select what I expect, and I receive it.*

A life without challenges would be like going to school without lessons to learn. Challenges come not to depress or get me down, but to master and to grow and to unfold thereby.

In the Father's wise and loving plan for me, no burden can fall upon me, no emergency can arise, no grief can overtake me, before I am given the grace and strength to meet them.

I am happy or unhappy because of what I think and feel. I can never lose anything that belongs to me, nor can I possess what is not really mine.

To never run from a problem: either it will chase me or I will run into another just like it, although it may have a different face or name. A person who has come into my life has come either to teach me something, or to learn something from me.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter– 14th Sunday in Ordinary time- 7th to 14th July 2019

ONLY THOSE PREPARED TO LOSE CAN FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST:

I'm sure you have played a game called "tag of war" if you have not it is interesting to watch. It goes like this: two groups of strong people decide to compete with each other by pulling a long rope between them. The opposing groups put up strong resistance against each other while the cheering supporters encourage them on. Finally one group will be overpowered and the winning side will take the losers as far as they wish. Usually the losers have no chance of putting up resistance, they're entirely at the mercy of the winners. As a child I remember how one day the wives in my village played a tag of war against their husbands. The losers were to cook food for their families a week before and after Christmas. This is a festive time, nobody wants to get stuck in the kitchen. The wives prepared themselves by turning up in large numbers and had many cheering supporters. Their husbands on the other hand spent the whole morning drinking alcohol since they were convinced that victory was theirs. They were ill prepared such that when the contest started they were defeated. They spent a fortnight over Christmas and New Year cooking for their families as the terms of the contest demanded.

In failure something good can also be found. Although the men had lost, they became servants to their families over Christmas for the first time. They took care of the children, provided and cooked food, they cleaned and washed up dishes after meals! This deepened the bond between them and their wives and it won the hearts of their children.

Jesus spoke of discipleship in terms of accepting loss so as to gain: by giving up ones possessions someone can become a true disciple (Lk. 14:33), by selling everything one owns he is able to acquire the pearl of great value (Matt 13:44-46) By leaving everything to follow him (Lk 5:11) they got a new name 'apostles' (Lk. 6:13). St. Paul writing to the Philippians reminded them that in order to gain Christ he 'accepted the loss of everything' (Phil. 3:8).

Society is obsessed with winning, to become the centre of attraction and attention is life ambition for many. Who wants to learn that he/she is a loser? Some people have gone to the extreme: I remember seeing a young man wearing tattoos all over the body, he was so disfigured that he looked more of an African leopard than a human person. I remember also seeing a group of girls scantily dressed; they looked as if Yahweh had just expelled them from the Garden of Eden!

The lure of winning has made some preachers to falsify the teaching of Jesus. His teaching demands emptying oneself and become humble servants (Lk.22:27), to take up the cross daily (Lk. 9:23) or to wash each other's feet (Jn. 13:14). Instead they preach a gospel of salvation without the cross; a gospel of wealth without work, a gospel of forgiveness without repentance, a gospel of prosperity without others. Are you prepared to lose so as to gain Christ?

When we are ready to lose then we are ready to gain. The people we call successful are those who were once on the losing end. It were those people who sacrificed everything to follow Jesus who were promised a hundred fold in this world and in the next eternal life. In the end, it is only those willing to lose who can hope to gain.



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: £390.50 **Non-Gift Aid:** £275.43 **Total :** £665.93

Counters : Vera & Phil

Mass Attendance : 465 **Bonus Ball :** No. 57— Julia Hunt

2nd collections :

2nd collection for the months of June & July : 14th July—Apostleship of the sea.

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.

Feasts during the week: 11th July - Feast of St. Benedict, Patron Saint of our Parish. **Saint Benedict**, in full **Saint Benedict of Nursia**, born c. 480 CE, Nursia Italy died c. 547, Monte Cassino; feast day July 11, formerly March 21, founder of the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino and father of Western monasticism; the rule that he established became the norm for monastic living throughout Europe. In 1964, in view of the work of monks following the Benedictine Rule in the evangelization and civilization of so many European countries in the Middle Ages, Pope Paul VI proclaimed him the patron saint of all Europe.

Matters of Importance

Mission appeal in our parish 7th July There will be a mission appeal for the Missionary Society of St. Columban today.

A Day of Recollection for the women of the diocese: has been organised to take place at St. Chads Cathedral in the Grimshaw Room on 27th July 2019 from 10:30am -4:00pm with guest speakers Marie Fahy and Bridie Spicer. It is a day for women of all ages to be inspired, reflect and pray, experience prayer stations, reflection and networking. The day will end with Holy Mass to be celebrated by Mgr Timothy Menezes at 4.30pm. Please take a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. To book your place on the recollection day please email Suzanne O'Malley at threeparishespartnership@gmail.com or call 07557 870 907

Could God be calling you or your for a special ministry? Last Monday Fr. Jimmy led the children of St Mary's School into a One hour adoration praying for vocations. On return home your child might have spoken something to you about it. Don't dismiss the child, but explain what it means and encourage him to search for more understanding. If God is calling your child, he/she will have given him/her certain qualities that will make you a good person. Spend some time examining your personal gifts, then imagine how you can use them to help others as a priest/nun. You may discover you have a lot to contribute to the Church! In the end, spending time with Jesus should be like a conversation with a good friend. Speak to Jesus from your heart and then listen. You're not likely to hear anything with your ears. Instead, "hearing" results in an increase in understanding, acceptance, and willingness to follow God's path for your life. Prayer is the surest way to know what God wants you to do with your life – and to gain the grace and courage to do it!

Next week is Sea Sunday: Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to the men and women (seafarers) who transport food and other provisions across the Seas to our ports. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the same to support their charitable work.

Health and Safety Issues: I wish to thank the parishioners who attended a workshop at Christ the King Parish to learn more about issues of safety in our Parish. Safety is a responsibility of everyone, therefore if you find or see something that might cause danger to health and safety in our church compound inform the Parish Priest immediately.

Communion & Confirmation preparation classes for the children studying in non Catholic schools will begin from Monday 2nd September at 5.00pm in the parish hall.

The sick and housebound: I would like to ask you to help the priests to locate the sick and housebound members of this parish especially those who might need a visit from a priest. Please let us make sure that they are never left out.