

## MASSES— 7th to 14th May 23

Sun	07	9.30am	Estelizeo Menezes (RIP), Ellen Hull (RIP), Kyle D'souza (Spl int)
		11.30am	Obinna Ofili & Family (Thanksgiving), Morgan (B'day)
Mon	08	9.30am	Mathew Tanner (Anni), Dominic Joseph (RIP)
Tues	09	9.30am	Esperito & Catherine Lutwama (RIP)
Wed	10	9.30am	SSA (Spl int), Cath Muldoon (B'day remembrance)
Thurs	11	9.30am	Emmanuel Malize (B'day)
Fri	12	9.30am	Laetitia & family (Spl int),
Sat	13	9.30am	Tran & family intention
Sun	14	9.30am	Betty Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	Cecile Nzanda & Charlie Ekobe
		7.00pm	Reception—John Patrick Kerins

### Lectors

**07/05/2023**

9.30am Marij, James M. (R)  
11.30am Chidema, Karen (R)

**14/05/2023**

Emmanuella, Cosmos (R)  
Blessing, Mary (R)

### Eucharistic Ministers

**07/05/2023**

**9.30am** Betty O. (E)  
**11.30am** Marcel (E)

**14/05/2023**

Ann M. (E)  
Lilian (E)

**The sick of the Parish:** Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulronee, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosisi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Gerald Byrne, Harry McGorman, Patrick Owen Murray, Edward James Kavanagh, Matthew Tanner, Doris Barnabal, Martin Duffy, William Clisham, Patrick Lanigan, Barbara Julia Gleeson, Danny Rodgers, Thomas Sweeney, Elizabeth Morgan, Leo Pinto, Christina Doyle, Ellen Hull, Moira Davis, Thomas McDonagh, Christy Benson, Mary Ellen Healy, Francis John O'Toole, Mary Dunnion.

**Popes intention for May:** We pray for Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

*O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace... Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war. Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation. Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world. Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness. Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons. Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love. Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world & rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Amen.*



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter – 5th Sunday of Easter—7th to 14th May 2023**

### TRUST IN GOD, TRUST IN JESUS

The Gospel we have just heard was a response to the provocative talk that Jesus had made telling the disciples that he was about to leave them. He had spoken about his return to the Father and of the Fathers generosity to send the Holy Spirit to them. The departure of Jesus caused anxiety; where was He going? What was the future of the community He had established? There was fear in their hearts. It was within the context of fear and potential separation that Jesus gave the response we have heard in the Gospel. *“Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me”*. Trust can make someone to do incredible things. A child in a burning building, seeing his mother with outstretched hands calling on him to jump into her arms below, will not hesitate to do so. He knows that moms hands are there, he will not be hurt. It is this kind of trust that Jesus invites us to cultivate. To trust in Him, that He knows all that troubles us, and that he will take care of us.

Jesus tells us that each one of us has a place in the love of God. *There are many rooms in my Fathers house*, he says. This gives us the duty to long for that place by loving God and our neighbour, by practicing our faith in Jesus Christ, through prayer and receiving of Sacraments, and by keeping the ten commandments of God.

Jesus reminds us that we are a pilgrims walking towards a greater future. He is ahead of us in that pilgrimage. In the mind of Jesus, our earthly pilgrimage does not come to an end accidentally or prematurely. It comes when our heavenly dwelling has been furnished by Jesus Himself. *“I am now going to prepare a place for you and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me”*. This is one of the lifegiving statements that we find in the scriptures, assuring us that no one dies a lonely death. Jesus himself is present at every death, to take his faithful servants to where he himself dwells in glory: *“after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me so that where I am, you may be too”*.

Last Sunday, I spoke to you about the invitation that all of us received at baptism. Using that imagery, Jesus takes it for granted that by our baptism we already know the place where He is going. *“You know the place where I'm going”*, meaning that baptism should help us to know Jesus as the Way to follow; as the Truth to live by; and as the Life to long for. Pursuing any other things which do not lead us to Jesus is like standing on shifting sand.

The first reading reminds us of the need for every baptised to get involved in the activities that can make your priests to be free to devote themselves to prayer and to the service of the Word. Sometimes, Christians complain that their priests are not available when they need them. But how will they be available if the people of God do not turn up to assist them so that they can be free to be at your service! When Christians offer their time and expertise to the Church, the word of God continues to spread, the number of believers increase and submission to the faith is evidenced everywhere.

As you return home today, take with you the promises that Jesus has given us in the Gospel. *‘He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Do not let your hearts be troubled, Trust in God and trust in Him.’*

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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

**SO (Mar) : £ Gift Aid : £ 226.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 554.60 Total: £ 780.60 Thank you for your generosity.**

**Readings:** Acts. :6:1-7, 1Pet. 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12

**2nd collection :** 21 May Catholic Communications

### **Bonus Ball :**

**Mass Attendance :** 412

**Church cleaning:** 7.30am

**Choir practice :** Fri- 7.30pm

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

**Pious Devotions :** Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

**(RCIA): sessions :** will take place on every Sunday after 11.30am Mass

### **Gospel Reflection**

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A tell us that we are called to follow Jesus and serve him, even though we don't know where that might lead us. The first reading tells how and why the first deacons were chosen. The psalm reminds us that God "loves justice and right". In the second reading Peter calls the people to be "a holy priesthood". And in the gospel Jesus tells us to have faith in him. Faith is a common theme in the readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter, as the early believers trust in God to provide for their needs, and Jesus encourages his disciples to have faith in him as they continue his work. Jesus teaches His disciples, assuring them that He will prepare a place for them in His Father's house and declaring Himself as the way, the truth, and the life. He also tells them that those who believe in Him will do greater works than He has done, and promises to send them the Holy Spirit to guide them.

## **MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Month of Rosary** May is the month dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. I request every Parent, in particular, to encourage Marian devotion in their children and in their family. Mary is our gate to reach Jesus. Let's come together as a family for the recitation of Rosary. Pope Francis has asked us to pray the rosary every day throughout May 2023 for peace. Mary, queen of the rosary, pray for us.

**Marriage Banns:** Jerome Obinna Okpo, of 29, Humphrey Davy Road, Bedworth, Son of Edwin Okonkwo Okpo, and Bridget Okpo (Uche) would like to marry Jennifer Louise Champion, of 29 Humphrey Davy Road, Bedworth, Daughter of Garry peter Albert Champion and Joan Louise Champion. If there is anybody who knows that they should not get married to each other, kindly come and inform the parish priest.

**Private prayer:** Our Lady's Chapel will remain open from Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 6.00p.m. for private prayer. If anyone wishes to spend time before the Lord you are welcome. **It is closed on Wednesdays .**

**Golden Jubilee of St. Patrick's Church** will be celebrated on 17th May 2023 at 19.00pm. Fr. George Bennett and the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church invite all of us to join them in celebrating the Golden Jubilee. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley followed by refreshments.

**Walsingham pilgrimage :** All are welcome to join this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 13 May. The Principal Celebrant is Bishop David Evans. The afternoon programme starts from 12noon with Arrival at the Shrine. 1.30pm - Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. 3pm - Procession to the Priory ruins, and prayers at the site of the Holy House. 5pm - Depart followed by procession to the Priory Grounds for prayer at the site of the Holy House. For further information please contact pilgrim organiser, Fr Philip Griffin, via [walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk).

**The Coronation of King Charles** III and Queen Camilla in Westminster Abbey yesterday Saturday 6 May was an historic occasion for the nation, and also for the Catholic community. For the first time in over 400 years, a Catholic Archbishop will take part in a Coronation service in this country. Cardinal Vincent Nichols was present, and offered a blessing alongside other Christian leaders.

The Holy See's Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, represented Pope Francis with the newly-appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía. The Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, Mark O'Toole attended the Coronation, as well as Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen, Scotland and the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, Eamon Martin.

Seventy years ago, it would not have been permitted for any Catholic to enter a Protestant church, let alone to take part in a Coronation service.

This significant step is the fruit of decades of ecumenical relations. As the Cardinal explained: "It's symbolic of the whole ceremony because it respects our history, builds on our history, and complements the history, both in this way, and with the presence and greeting of the faith leaders from the other major religions now present in this country."

For many centuries prior to the Reformation, a Coronation of a monarch was a Catholic ceremony. The ceremony still contains elements that would be familiar to most Catholics as they are found in our liturgies and the celebration of the sacraments.

**Baptism sessions :** The next baptisms sessions for parents with children to be baptised, will take place on Saturday 24th June, 1st & 8th July at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. God parents are invited to attend these sessions too.