

## MASSES 8th to 15th Mar 2020

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| Sun        | 08        | 9.30am        | Sam Haffernan, Griffith family (Thanksgiving)<br>Catherine & Joseph Cuorry (RIP) |
|            |           | 11.30am       | Dominic Waweru Karundu (RIP)   |
| Mon        | 09        | 12.00noon     | Sam Haffernan (Thanksgiving), Fremlin Farias (B'day)                             |
| Tues       | 10        | 9.30am        | Neil McHugh (RIP)  |
| Wed        | 11        | 9.30am        | Mabel Braganza (RIP)   |
| Thurs      | 12        | 9.30am        | Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP)   |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>6.30pm</b> | <b>Stations of the cross</b>   |
|            |           | 7.00pm        | Neil McHugh (RIP), Weston De Souza (B'day)                                       |
| Sat        | 14        | 9.30am        | Holy souls   |
| Sun        | 15        | 9.30am        | Ebron (B'day), Jerzy Rymarski (RIP)  |
|            |           | 11.30am       | Mami Cecile Mangwa (Riip)  |

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### 08/03/2020

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| 9.30am  | James M. , Desma (R)<br>Elizabeth P. (E) |
| 11.30am | Rocheala, Mary (R)<br>Frank, Vera (E)    |

#### 15/03/2020


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| Neetha M. , Anthonia A. (R)<br>Barbara (E) |
| Nelson, Ashley (R)<br>Lilian (E)           |

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

**Anniversaries during the week :** Delia Sheridan ,Joe Clark ,John Murphy, Margaret Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Lena Fitzgerald ,Edward Brennan, Fr Harkin, Nora Woods, Margaret Dunne, Ivy Elsie Lucas, Jim(James) Crean, Rosalyn Muffitt.

**The Miraculous prayer:** Dear heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for may favours, this time I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen. ***Say for three days and your favour will be granted.***

**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.*

 **Tea and Coffee** available after 11.30am Mass in the Parish hall on every Sunday. *It's an opportunity to know one another.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **Parish Newsletter— 2nd Sunday of LENT 8th to 15th March 2020**

### **THE WRITINGS ARE ON THE WALL:**

The year 2020 was proclaimed by Pope Francis for all Christians to reflect on the Word of God spoken to us in the Bible. The God Christians believe in, is not dumb he is a 'God Who Speaks'. If God speaks, it means that he expects us to listen to his Word and to act on it. A fortnight ago, I was moved to see so many bibles from your families brought to be blessed; some of them were really worn out - a very good sign that they are consulted so many times every day. Two parishioners bought their bibles from the piety stall that morning. The blessing of family bibles was such an important moment they did not want to miss. Apart from the two new bibles purchased that morning, all the rest were quite old. Their worn out appearance indicated the privileged position of the word of God in your personal lives and in your family.

As we prayerfully reflect on the Word of God, some effort has been made to help us deepen our appreciation of it. On the walls of our Church, I have commissioned 14 large posters that teach us how God speaks to us through history. Those posters remind us that God had a plan in creating the universe and in creating every individual person. The posters show that God acts through our everyday life. It might sound stupid to say: but the fact remains that any thought that God will save us in a 'flash - like- lightning' may not be the case because he chose to save us through the history of a people and revealed his plan in their daily struggle.

I encourage you to walk through Salvation History by looking at those fourteen posters and reading the message written on each one. To understand better the progressive nature of God's saving plan using the posters, please follow this procedure: the first poster is the one on the first window from the sacristy and the last one is the one at the last window nearest to the door leading to the Lady's chapel. It gives greater meaning when these posters are read progressively in the same way as what we do when we follow the Stations of the Cross other than reading them randomly.

### **Prayer:**

*Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus the Word Made flesh who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit One God forever and ever Amen.*

**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.

**St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church**

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*The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216*

**Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid:** 292.35

**Non-Gift Aid:** 402.56

**Total :** £694.91

**SO : Monthly :** £520.02

**Hall Hire:** 100.00

**Counters :** Vera & Sr. Leena

**Bonus Ball :** No. 8 Joyce Evans

**Mass Attendance :** 532

**Second Collection :** 8th March: CAFOD

**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 13<sup>th</sup> of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

**Parish Rosary group** every Friday at 6.00pm

**Choir practice** every Friday at 7.30pm /Saturday at 3.00pm

**Church cleaning:** Saturday 8.00am to 9.30am

**Confessions :** Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

**RCIA Sessions:** Every Monday at 6.00pm

**Catechism for FHC :** Every Saturday at 11.00am

**Church Cleaning: This week 014.03.2020 Group A.** Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your diary: Stations of the cross - Every Friday at 6.30pm

FHC— Parish & School children - 16th May at 10.00am

Polish children - 23rd May at 11.00am

Confirmation - 12th Nov at 7.00pm

**St. Patricks Annual Mass:** will be celebrated on 16th March at 7.00pm at St. Marys Church 52a, Raglan Street Coventry.

**Matters of Importance**

**Fr. Bob Wright** Parish Priest of St. John Fisher died on Thursday Morning at 9:00am. We pray for him, may he rest in peace. We pray for his family and for the parishioners of St. John Fisher Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**Parish Penance Service** on Wednesday 25th March at 7.00pm. Kindly take this opportunity to be reconciled to God and to one another and to celebrate Easter worthily.

**Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors** on Saturday, 28th March, 11.00—2.00 pm, in the Lady's Chapel, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday.

**Coventry University Youth Mission:** Catholic students of the University are calling you for their annual gathering of prayer and praise which will take place in our Parish Call on Tuesday 24th March starting at 6:00pm– 9:30pm. This event is meant to prepare our young adults for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

**EU Citizens Settled Status:** All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: [gov.uk/eusetledstatus](http://gov.uk/eusetledstatus). Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: [gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme](http://gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme). The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

**Golden Jubilarians Mass** of thanksgiving for Bishop David McGough, Mgr John Moran and Fr Brendan Carrick, will take place in St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 21 April at 12 noon. There is an open invitation to clergy and parishioners for this Mass.

**New Canon** in the Archdiocese The Vicar General, Fr Stephen Wright, was installed as a member of the Metropolitan Cathedral Chapter on Monday 2 March with the title of Canon.

**GIFT AID NOTICE :** Gift Aid envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the church. Thank you for your generous donations to the Church through this scheme. The parish will claim £4357.29 for the tax year 2018-19. This is wonderful support to the church. If you pay tax on your income please join this scheme by filling a form available at the back of the church. For the coming Tax year 2020 we were advised by the diocesan treasurer to ask you to consider giving your donations through Bank Standing order. This is due to the increased bank charges for the liquid cash deposited with them. For more details please contact Sr. Leera,

**"A God Who Speaks" event** is being organized as a Coventry City wide Retreat @ St Osburgs Coventry on 29/30/31st May 2020 .Are you creative/good at making art work? Are you a musician? Would you like to help organize/ serve/ cook/ attend this event? We are also looking for individuals who would like to form part of a prayer team. Any donations will be a blessing and play an integral part in the event. If you feel you can support this event financial-ly or are interested in any way please contact Justine on 07551096269.