

MASSES— 8th to 15th May 22

Sun	08	9.30am	Mathew Tanner (RIP) Ellen Hull (Anni), D'souza family (Good health)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP) Bridie McAndrew (Spl int)
Mon	09	12.00non	Colm Hogan (RIP)
Tues	10	9.30am	Kath Muldoon (RIP), SSA (Thanksgiving)
Wed	11	9.30am	Maria Drabik (RIP)
Thurs	12	9.30am	John A McGuire (RIP), Vera Dunnion (Thanksgiving))
Fri	13	9.30am	Shay O'Sullivan (RIP)
Sat	14	9.30am	Tim O'Rourke RIP, Marie Matthews (Get well)
Sun	15	9.30am	Betty Osagie (B'day), Monica Horner (B'day)
		11.30am	Pa Ekobe Charlie (1st Anni), Clare McAndrew (Good health)

Lectors

08/05/2022

9.30am Demisha, Clinton (R)
11.30am Rocheala, Florence K. (R)

15/05/2022

Preethika, Alex (R)
Morgan, Florence E. (R)

The sick of the Parish: Marie Matthews, Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi.

Anniversaries during the week: Harry McGorman, Patrick Owen Murray, Edward James Kavanagh, Matthew Tanner, Doris Barnabal (RIP) Martin Duffy, William Clisham, Patrick Lanigan, 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.

Bible quote -1 Peter 4:10-11. *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

Prayer for Vocations

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations
Heavenly Father, we ask you to send
labourers into your harvest.
Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.
Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call
have the courage to give themselves
to your Church in faith.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 4th Sunday of Easter 8th to 15th May 2022

BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU REJECT SOMEONE/ SOMETHING

From the time Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples seem to have had a thinking that the Pascal mysteries were meant exclusively for the people of Israel. Jesus had appeared to them on several occasions and told them to go and preach the Good news to all. The sermons given by Peter either to the Sanhedrin or to the crowds at Pentecost appealed to the Jews to turn to God. There seem to be no room for the pagans. However, as we have heard in the first reading, the Jews did not realise God's gift to make them instrument of his salvation. By doing so, it became an opportunity for the pagans to receive their share in the saving plan of God. God's plans are mysterious, if the Jews had accepted the gospel message, all of us who are not Jews would not probably have known Jesus Christ. Christianity itself would have remained a tiny sect within Judaism. But God has a plan what others throw away as useless, can be the greatest gift that the other person could ever have in life.

I remember a man who used to abuse his wife, and to belittle her in public. He divorced her, she returned to her home heartbroken. The man got married to someone he thought was his dream wife. The new woman became a real thorn in the life of the man. Well, the woman who was thrown away by her husband prospered and became a blessing in the life of the people in the village. The man begged her to return but it was too late.

This is what happens when we do not recognise that, what we are, what we have, the people in our lives, the jobs we have, the families to which we belong, the faith we profess and the church to which we belong, are gifts of God given to us for our pilgrimage in this life.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and we pray for vocations. In the gospel, the imagery of Jesus as the shepherd and each of us being the sheep of his flock reminds us of the personal care he gives to us individually and personally. If we really belong to him, it is our duty to listen to him and to follow him by keeping his commandments.

As you return home today, remember that God has an exciting life planned for you. It is a life of significance and relevance, a life loaded with eternal consequence, a life that is possible for you alone. God has given you a vocation in this life. All you need is an open and willing heart.

Go and count your blessings, you are created complete, what you have is enough, do not be envious of others. Many times we envy others because of what they have made out of what we threw away yesterday. The family relationship you carelessly handle today will be your envy when you see families settled in peace. The money you squander will be the cause of envy for those who use it carefully.

As your priest, I ask you to think broadly and not to consider yourself as someone that is lacking. The Lord helps you to understand your mission and your vocation as you spend time in prayer and reflection. While his direction is not always easy or convenient, it will be possible because he sustains you. He formed you and knows everything about you, including what is and is not possible for you.

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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 : £ 185.00 **SO (Mar) : £1258.00** **Non-Gift Aid:** 402.95 **Total:** £1845.95

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

Readings: Acts. 13: 14,43-52 ; Apocalypse.7:9,14-17; Jn. 10.27-30

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance :

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10
-11.00am.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for us, His sheep. He was willing to sacrifice everything.

Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same unwavering commitment to one another.

Reflect, today, how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you are lacking, let Him shepherd you so that you may shepherd others. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, help us to fulfill our role of shepherding Your people, the people You have placed in our life. May we never run from the glorious responsibility You have called me to.

Mass Intentions

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. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Vocations Sunday: Today we celebrate **Vocations Sunday** or **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and is marked as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

Kenelm Youth Trust has organised a Camping and BBQ event for £28pp, to take place from June 25th - 26th at Rough Close Scout Campsite Coventry. A Kenelm Youth Trust event encourages parishes/schools to enter a team of young people for some friendly competition in a series of challenging and crazy games! Celebrate faith: Outdoor Mass & night prayer under the stars, team building, BBQ, trophies, music, and laughter. A highlight in many youth group/school chaplaincy calendars! Re-connect with young people or start something new. Take this opportunity to invite friends. Come for the day or camp overnight..

Appeal for Ukraine: To support our brothers and sisters of Ukraine most of them are refugees in different countries need our financial help. Therefore the Archbishop has requested that parishes old a 2nd collection this coming Sunday for the displaced people of Ukraine..

Would you like to share your faith with others by teaching Catechism? Catechesis is a ministry of teaching and forming that passes on the Word of God to inform the Catholic community and candidates for initiation into the Church about the teachings of Christ, transmitted by the Apostles to the Church.

Gift Aid is a scheme that allows charities to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer, which means that the parish can claim back from the HMRC 25p for every £1 you donate. A Gift can be made to the parish at any time. Such a Gift can be used at the discretion of the parish or restricted as directed by the donor.

Toilet repairs: I'm sorry to observe again that parish property is not handled with care, this is especially noticed in the parish toilet chambers where toilets are broken from time to time. The parish spent £1,140.00 this week to put new ones, you can imagine how much we shall spend if we have to replace them every two months or less! This abuse is so common in the ladies side.

First Holy Communion : Our Parish and School children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May at 10.30am. Let us support them through our prayers.

Energy Bills: as you know the cost of heating and lighting has gone high and it will continue to go even higher. Please try your best to save energy as much as you can.

For Gas turn your thermostats at least 1 or 2 degrees lower. When you are coming to Church put on some extra warm clothing.

For electricity: turn off lights when the room is not in use, replace lightbulbs with LED bulbs, unplug or switch off non-essential equipment when not in use.

Our parish has a very big space to light up or to heat up. Please let us cooperate in minimising the amount of money we spend on these essential provisions.

Pope's prayer Intention for May: we pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.