

MASSES— 8th to 15th Oct 2023

Sun	08	9.30am	Lelis & Maria Fernandes (RIP)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eke Kalu (RIP), Nathalie (B'day) Honorine Akhenji (Spl int)
Mon	09	12.00noon	Lucia Drabik (Thanksgiving)
Tues	10	9.30am	Sisters of St. Ann (Spl int)
Wed	11	9.30am	Santan Periera (RIP)
Thurs	12	9.30am	Tom Ward (Good health)
Fri	13	9.00am	Leena Lobo (Spl int)
Sat	14	9.30am	Leonard Lobo (RIP)
Sun	15	9.30am	Kaylen D'Souza (B'day), James Mapuranga (Good health)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eke Kalu (RIP)

Lectors

08/10/2023

9.30am Cosmos, Creshel (R)
11.30am Tasha, Emmanuel (R)

15/10/2023

School children (R)
Daluchi, Michelle (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

08/10/2023

9.30am Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Florence K. (E)

15/10/2023

Felix (E)
Marcel (E)

Readings— 08/10/23: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Mt. 21:33-43

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

Anniversaries during the week : Bridget Noonan, Gerard James Dewhurst , Kathleen Ward, Eddie martin, Margaret Hamill, Seamus Gannon, Susan Skarwinko , Maureen Bridget Delargy, Margaret Flek, Nora Edwards, David Doran, Elizabeth Villiers , Catherine McKeon, Michael McKeon, Roger Kockelberg , Christopher Doyle, Victor Pickett, James Delaney, Jim Hogan.

Feast of St. John Henry Newman—9th Oct was born in London in 1801. As an Anglican clergyman he was influential in the oxford Movement. He was received into the Catholic church by Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God. He is the founder of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England. He was Beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in Birmingham and Canonised by Pope Francis in 2022.

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."



A.J. Missions

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Osburg

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th to 15th Oct 2023

“ HABEMUS PAPAM - YOU HAVE A FATHER!”

I remember the night very well when Pope Benedict XVI was elected. The whole world had fixed its eyes on that ancient small chimney over the Sistine Chapel where the conclave was seated. Some world leaders, capable of placing their finger on a nuclear button and trigger a nuclear war, and commoners like me and you, were placed on the same level; all their eyes were on that small chimney. All of us were ignorant of what will come out of the closed doors of the Sistine Chapel. The world was united in speculation, in gossip and for many Christians in prayer. The Catholic Church was praying for someone who would steer the old aged boat of Simon Peter the fisherman.

As we started to feel drowsy, Sister Leena claimed to have seen white smoke billowing from the chimney. It is said that white smoke announces the successful election of a new Pope. Sr. Leera rushed to grab her spectacles but even before she put them on, a very old man dressed in red cassock and white surplice staggered to the Vatican window. Sister Lydwyn shouted "Ooh no, he cannot be the Pope, he is very old". The old man was Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina from Santiago Chile. Fr. Jimmy held his breath. The announcement came from the old Cardinal: "**Habemus Papam** = you have a Father." If you remember, a crucifix carried in procession appeared and Cardinal Josef Ratzinger was inaugurated as successor to St. Peter and vicar of Jesus Christ.

Like Cardinal Jorge A. Medina, I wish also to announce to our parishioners that **Habemus Papam** Fr. Aloysius Bukenya AJ. As a parish, we have been praying for a new parish priest. We were holding our breath, our eyes entirely fixed on what our superiors would decide. There was speculations and fear of the unknown. Well, we were not the first.

Fr. Aloysius Bukenya comes from Uganda. He is a very good man who will lead our parish in a very good way. He did his Masters and PhD degree at Warwick University. He was first appointed parish priest of St. Elizabeth Foleshill by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, but could not carry on his appointment because of visa issue. He returned to Africa where he served in sensitive offices including being a rector of the Theological Major Seminary of the Institute of A.J, he was Regional Superior for the whole of Kenya, at the time of his new appointment to St. Marys, he was Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Research and Innovation at University of Kisubi in Uganda. He is also presently a member of the core group studying the Constitutions of the religious Institute of the Apostles of Jesus.

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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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

24/09/23: Gift Aid : 156.60 Dona: £253.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 442.79 Total: £ 852.39

SO (Sept) : £ 1668.00 Second collection : May God bless you all.

2nd collections : 08/10/23— CAFOD 22/10/23 - APF (Mission Sunday).

Bonus Ball : No. **Mass Attendance :** 332 **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

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Legion of Mary at St. Mary's Church : The members meet immediately after the 11.30am Mass every Sunday in the Parish meeting room If you would like to join the group please contact Ms. Emmanuella on 07448595836

Mass Intentions

For Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, handed it over to the sisters with a minimum donation of £5 or you can call Tel. 07547242375.

Contd.. Fr. Aloysius will arrive at our parish on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at about 2:00pm I hope some of you will be here to receive him. When I spoke with him on Monday, he was worried about his bass guitar, will he be able to bring it with him? Will the people of St. Marys let him play it or even love listening to him playing it? I told him that if the people put up with me for so long, he will have no problem. Thanks to God who has given us another shepherd soon after losing one.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Marriage bans: Victor Chigozie Agbo son of Ignatius Agbo and Veronica Agbo of Nsukka town, Nigeria, would like to marry Catherine Uguchi Agbo, daughter of Simon Agbo and Esther Agbo of Nsukka town, Nigeria. If any one knows why they should not get married to each other, please come and inform the parish priest.

Family Fast Day: Last Wednesday feast of St. Francis of Assisi Pope Francis published Laudate Deum: to all people of good will on the climate crisis, his new Exhortation on the environment, a follow up to his encyclical, Laudato Si'. The Pope says that "climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community" (Laudate Deum #3) and warns that the "world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point" (#5). Thank you for holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeal this week. Our appeal highlights the terrible impact of the climate crisis, telling the story of Meera, whose home in Pakistan was swept away by extreme flooding last year. Flooding that was an example of the extreme weather phenomena that Pope Francis calls "palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone"

Christmas bazar: Parish Christmas Bazar will take place on Saturday 9th December at 1.00pm in the parish hall. I kindly request you all to bring things which are good for Bric a Brac, Food hampers, Bottle stall etc. Also if you are interested to put up a food stall you are most welcome. Raffle tickets will be available to buy from next week. Thanks for your co-operation.

Legacy to St. Mary's: I was informed by Mr. Kevin Jeffs son in law of Eileen Robson that she shared part of her estate by leaving £500.00 pounds for St. Marys Church in her will. Eileen died in June this year. She was a very devout lady who used to sit near the Confessionals on the right hand side as you enter the church. We thank her for her generosity. Please let us remember her in our prayers.

The project of the new carpet in the church has been completed. Thank you for your generosity which has enabled this work to be carried out. The money that did this work was obtained from the tax refund claimed from HMRC. The cost for the carpet was **£5400.00**. Thank you for your generosity. I encourage those who pay tax on their income to consider registering for Gift Aid Scheme. For more information, please speak to Sr. Leera today.

Fr. Aloysius Bukenya AJ will arrive in the parish on Wednesday 18th October around 2:00pm. It will be an encouraging gesture, if some parishioners will be around to receive him. God has been good to us.

Confirmation: Children from St. Marys Church and School will be confirmed on 8th November by Canon Paul Pitzpatrick at 6.00pm at St. Mary's Church. Please keep 26 children in your prayers.