

MASSES 2nd to 9th Feb 2020

Sun	09	9.30am	Monike Stankiewicz & deceased members of the family Thi Tran, Ganet & John (Thanksgiving), Hyscinth Sarausos (Get well)
		11.30am	Celine & Pat Monaghan (spl int)
Mon	10	12.00noon	Eamon Mullely (RIP)
Tues	11	9.30am	Mabel Braganza (RIP)
		6.00pm	Reception—Neil McHugh
Wed	12	11.00am	Requiem Mass—Neil McHugh
Thurs	13	9.30am	Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP), Sandra (Spl int)
Fri	14	9.30am	Jean Morton (RIP)
Sat	15	9.30am	Ignatius & Josephine Lobo (RIP)
Sun	16	9.30am	Thi Tran, Anna Krawczyk (Kravchick) (RIP)
		11.30am	Josephine McCrove (Spl int), Catherine Lutwama (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

09/02/2020

9.30am Helena W., Anthonia A. (R)
Elizabeth P. (E)

11.30am Patrick, Florence K. (R)
Vera, Marcel (E)

16/02/2020

Julia H., James M. (R)
Jarek (E)

Florence E., Cynthia (R)
Serso, Patricia (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 : William Mulroney, Leslie Burke, Bridget Agnes Clisham, Bridget Molloy, Teresa Langan, Harry Hone, Ellen Crawley, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Boman, Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama.

Prayer for the Year of the Word: 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. Amen

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—5th Sunday in ordinary time -9th to 16th Feb. 2020

YOUR DREAMS PROVE YOU ARE ALIVE

Many years ago, the people in my village were disturbed by what was going on in their sleep once they retired to bed. In the morning they would come together to tell each other who had spoken to them or what they had heard or seen in their sleep. The stories were not always good; most of the men told of the loss of their livestock or of their failures. The women on the other hand told stories of searching for lost children or scavenging for food to give to them. It was during the time of Idi Amin. When they woke up, none of these had taken place; they were just dreaming!

A good number of people are afraid of dreams. Fortune tellers and some evangelical pastors make real fortune from those who do not understand or who feel afraid of what they dreamt. In the Bible dreams are healthy means of communication between heavenly realities and man ('Jacob saw a ladder reaching heaven and on it the Angels ascending and descending' Gen. 28:12), they communicated some message which called for action (Joseph take the child and go to Egypt for Herod wants to kill him' Matt 2:13). Does this mean that what we dream is true? Should we feel scared of what might have gone through our heads as we slept? By no means.

Human beings and animals alike have dreams when they sleep. Human actions are controlled by the brain. When we go to sleep we no longer have control over our actions but bodily functions continue to take place. The heart continues to pump blood, the kidneys and digestion goes on. In the course of your sleep, you just wake up and go to the loo, you change body position or even throw away the duvet when it gets too hot; you yawn, scratch oneself and talk. These activities take place without awareness or control. The brain has to remain awake all the time in order to control and to command these activities. Dreams are like computer screen savers, keeping the computer active while it switches off from public viewing.

In order to keep the brain active and to prevent it from freezing or falling asleep itself God created our subconscious, that from what the our five senses (sight, smell, hearing, tasting and touch) have experienced, it is reviewed by the brain in our sleep in order to keep the it awake to carry on those activities mentioned earlier. Some dreams are so graphic that we never forget them, others tend to be fulfilled while others are forgotten there and then.

Dreams are very good and a sign of being alive. All human beings and animals dream every day in their sleep otherwise they would not wake up. In a certain parish, some Christians asked me to pray for them so that they can stop dreaming at night. I refused because the only time we do not dream is when we die. Dead people do not dream, therefore your dreams are a proof that you are still alive even in your sleep. Do not be afraid of your dreams. The time you will not dream at night, you will not wake up in the morning because you will be dead.

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: 407.15

Non-Gift Aid: 385.36

Total : £792.51

SO : Weekly/Monthly : £380.00

Hall Hire:

Counters : Vera & Phil Kenney

Bonus Ball : No. 1 Cis Dunnion

Mass Attendance : 562

Second Collection : 16th Feb. - Pro life

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 & 3.00pm.

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 015.02.2020 Group C. Thank you for your co-operation.

GIFT AID NOTICE : Please notify the parish office if there has been any changes in your circumstances i.e. name, home address or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income. For the coming Tax year 2020 we advise you to pay by Standing order Please contact Sr. Leera today.

Sport Report from School It hasn't been our best week with both of our teams losing their matches but we have fixtures next week to redeem ourselves! Come on lads make us feel great again. Good luck, teams.

Matters of Importance

Year of the Word: to understand more the Word of God proclaimed to us try to use your imagination to construct how the scene might be felt with your senses. Imagine what it looks like (clarity and colours) imagine how it sounds and smells like (animals, people, nature), imagine how it feels like (social tensions, weather) and how it tastes like (where food is involved. Make the Word of God become flesh.

Archbishop's visit to St. Marys: His Grace Bernard Longley will celebrate Holy Mass here on Sunday 15th March 2020 at 11:30am and meet with the students and youth of the parish in the parish hall. This pastoral visit is particularly meant for the young people. I wish to ask students of the University to pass on this information to others and to prepare one another for this rare visit.

Baptism classes families with babies to be baptised are reminded to that the next baptism preparation classes will take place on **10th & 17th** February in the Lady's chapel at 6:00 to 7:00pm. Time Must be kept.

Sanctuary Chairs: I'm most thankful to the Osagie and Akhionbare families who donated 17 chairs on the sanctuary, this was inspired by the facelift of the Sanctuary by some families from the Kenyan community. The church is extremely beautiful. I thank you all for your generosity in whatever you do for the good of spreading the Gospel of Christ.

Reception of Neil McHugh will be on Tuesday 11th Feb at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass on 12th Feb. at 11.00am followed by interment at Canley Cemetery at 12.45pm.

The Requiem Mass of Mrs Mable Braganza will take place on 17th Feb at 10.am and the committal will be held at Canley crematorium at 11.30am. May God receive them into His heavenly abode.

Season of Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on 26th February 2020. It is a time to listen to His voice, the God who speaks through the Word of God. There will be two Masses 9.30am and 6.30pm.

Altar Servers will visit St. Chad Cathedral for their annual thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 7th March 2020. It will be led by Bishop David McGough at 12 noon. There will be refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. Aim to arrive in plenty of time to vest in the crypt and to process into the cathedral.

Secure a place in our school if your child is 3 by 31st August. Apply for Nursery! We are now able to accept applications for our Nursery Class for September 2020. Children must be three by August 31st 2020, and we have part-time and full-time places available, including government 30 hour funded places. Application packs are available from the School Office, and the closing date is 31st March 2020. If you would like to visit our Nursery to find out more, please make an appointment at the Office - you are most welcome!

Coventry Tyrone Association: – Annual Dance on Friday 14th February at Christ the King Centre. Admission £5 Music by “Declan Gaynor and Martin Courtney”. Proceeds on the night will go to charity.