

MASSES— 9th to 16th Jul 23

Sun	09	9.30am	Zoey Irianan (B'day), Sam Aikhionbare (B'day), Patrick Byrne (RIP)
		11.30am	Ijeoma Lemchi (40th B'day)
Mon	10	12.00noon	Sisters of St. Ann (Spl int), Fidelis Anatuanya ® Deceased members of Misiuk & Salecki families
Tues	11	9.15am	Mass—St. Mary's School (No Mass in Church)
Wed	12	9.30am	Catherine Ward (RIP)
Thurs	13	9.30am	Marianna Dias family (RIP)
Fri	14	9.30am	Sr. Fransina Thomas (RIP)
Sat	15	9.30am	Marino Bertossi (RIP)
Sun	16	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Jinky Jane De Guzman (Good health)

Lectors

09/07/2023

9.30am James M., Marij (R)
11.30am Attracta, Kenneth (R)

16/07/2023

Cosmos, Nicholas (R)
Mary Ann, Florence K. (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

09/07/2023

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

16/07/2023

Cath Slatter (E)
Patricia (E)

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 Okosisi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week: Samuel Kennedy, Herbert & Mary Rush, Thomas Crawley, Anne Coyne, Thomas Flynn, Margaret Sheilds, James Patrick Byrne, Rita Rose, Brian, Donald Brennan, Francis Casey, Robert Butler, Sam Murphy, Kitty Denny, Cissie Allen, Owen Ferry, Margaret Wood, Josephine Duffy, Luz Alba Florez de Taylor, Mary Reid.

To Reflect on...

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me and go away." The Lord replied: "My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was the time I carried you in my arms."



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St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter – 14th Sunday in ordinary time 9th to 16th Jul 2023

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AMONG PEOPLE ON THE MARGINS NOT AT THE CENTRE

In the ancient world, the horse was a war machine compared to what the American Abraham war tanks are today. It symbolised power, domination, subjugation and prestige. The very sight of a man coming down along the same road, required that the person riding on it had the right of way. The more horses someone owned, the more was the tendency to subjugate others. It was a tempting machine.

The first reading speaks about the arrival of the saviour sent by Yahweh to the people of Israel. Contrary to the popular thinking, God used an unfamiliar approach: the Messiah comes riding on a donkey instead of the horse. This would have disheartened the oppressed people, because a donkey was not a war machine but a beast of burden used for domestic and farm work.

There is a teaching that God wanted to give to the oppressed people of Israel: namely that, liberation, victory and freedom does not come from the people but it is a gift of Yahweh to them. It does not take long to find persons who lay claim of their success to their personal efforts, proper planning and careful saving regime excluding God's intervention. The truth is that, when we hold this view or entertain this attitude, we are greatly mistaken because it is God at work.

In the Gospel something unexpected happened. Jesus had randomly chosen the Seventy two disciples and sent them out. They were aware of the hostile world ahead of them and how inadequately prepared they were. Once they accepted the mission, the results were fantastic to the extent that even demons gave in to them in submission! Jesus did something which most of us would unlikely do, he raised his voice in prayer and thanked his heavenly Father. Probably all of would claim such success or attribute it to something. Jesus instead, attributed it to God

Another important lesson we learn in today's gospel is the overwhelming power of God which is at work among people on the margins. Surely the Seventy two disciples could not believe it either that the mission would bear such fruits. Jesus teaches us that when we open up to do God, he empowers us to fulfil it. It is Him at work not us.

I'm sure that each one of us will at some point feel like a grasshopper in front of a given task, but the most important thing is to trust that he who gives us a task wants it to end in success rather than in a failure because, as the Second reading assured us, ***the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead is alive and at work in us.***

Let us constantly recognise that Jesus works more among the people on the margins rather than those at the centre. *"I bless you Father Lord of heaven and earth for hiding these things from the learned and clever and revealed them to mere children"*. We should not despise or belittle ourselves but instead cooperate with the grace of God in all things we do.

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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 (May) : £1605.00 Gift Aid : 265.00 £ Non-Gift Aid: £494.33 Total: £ 759.33

Peters Pence: £155.25 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you all.

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10 ; Rom. 8:9,11-13; Mt. 11:25-30

2nd collection : 9th July: Apostleship of the Sea

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance :

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

Gospel Reflection

The readings of today invite us to reflect on peace and consolation through the Word of God. This word reveals to us and shows us that God is all powerful and mighty and yet is always accessible. In the First Reading from the Book of Zechariah the prophet invites the Israelites for a sincere service to God. He evokes God's protective care as he promises the coming of our King into Jerusalem, truly humble. He will proclaim peace for the nations. He is a king of peace, not just in the sense of an external absence of violence but of a deep, inner peace, shalom.

Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us of the choice between two possible principles by which we can live: one is to live by the flesh and the other to live by the Spirit.

Today we have the message from Jesus to come to him and receive the rest he alone can give. It is a call to a personal relationship. He takes us away from the impersonal relationship of law to a personal relationship of love and makes us enter a joyful life giving relationship. In coming to the person of Jesus we discover that far from being burdened, we are fully liberated. He invites us to place the yoke of ours on our shoulders and follow him.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Apostle of the sea: Today is Sea Sunday . Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. So please give generously. Thank you.

St. Benedict's day : Our patron saints feast will celebrated on 11th July. Our St. Mary & St. Benedict School is also celebrating their patrons day. St. Benedict was a religious reformer who lived in Italy in the late 400s and early 500s. He is known as the “father of Western monasticism,” having established a Rule that would become the norm for innumerable Christian monks and nuns. On Tuesday 11th July there will be only **one Mass in the School at 9.15am and NO Mass in the Church.**

March For Life UK: a public March in support of protecting human life from conception to its natural death, has been organized to take place on 2nd September 2023 in London. A coach trip is being coordinated by Fr. Paul Burch. The coach will depart from All Souls Parish Kingstanding Avenue CV5 8DX at 9:00am. Cost is £15.00 per person payable on the coach. For further information please contact Fr. Paul on 02476674161

Death and funeral announcement is made of Mr. John Anthony Doyle of 34 Enfield Rd Coventry, who died on Friday 28th June 2023, aged 56. His body will be received at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 19th July at 7.00pm. Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 20th at 10.30am followed by burial at London Rd Cemetery at 12.00noon. We extend our condolences to his family, particularly to his Sister Maureen. Matthews.

Fr. Jimmy returns from home holidays on Friday 14th July. We wish him a safe and comfortable journey back to the mission. Let us keep him and his family in our prayers.

3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: The Church is preparing to celebrate the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, 23 July, announced the Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. “His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50) is the theme and it presents to us the joyful meeting of the young Mary and her older relative, Elizabeth. Pope Francis invites parishes to make the Sunday Mass a focal point of generational encounter.

Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust) is holding a roadshow on Saturday 15 July between 10am and 1.30pm in the Grimshaw Room on the St Chad's Cathedral site, Birmingham As Catholics, why do we support prisoners and their families? Certainly, we are responding to Jesus' words, ‘I was in prison and you came to me’ At the roadshow there will be reflections on Catholic Social Teaching in the light of imprisonment and talks from people with lived experience of the criminal justice system. Pact warmly invites you to join us in person at the Roadshow. You can register via this link: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/pact-to-host-justpeople-roadshow-in-birmingham-saturday-15-july>

Volunteers are needed for 9.30am Sunday school to be with the little children and share your faith with them. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Perpetua after the Mass.