

MASSES FROM 11th to 18th Nov 2018

Sun	11	9.30am	Lucy Osagie (B'day), Anthonia Aikhionbare (spl int)
		11.30am	Mama Magdaline Akenji, Len Riggs, Mary Crean(RIP)
Mon	12	12.00noon	Cath Bradly (RIP), Breda Costello (Get well)
Tues	13	9.30am	Sean Bradly, Edna Gilks (RIP)
			Anne & Chukuwudi (Wed anni)
Wed	14	9.30am	Patrick Tully, Anthony Coleman (RIP)
Thurs	15	9.30am	Paddy Tully (RIP)
Fri	16	9.30am	Theophilus Buwule, Felicity Nabaygala (RIP)
Sat	17	9.30am	Cath Bradly (RIP), Irene Donnelly (B'day)
Sun	18	9.30am	Lional Roy Fernando, Cath Bradly (RIP)
			Nora Curristan (B'day remembrance)
		11.30am	Patrick Tully (RIP), Theophilus Buwule, Felicity Nabaygala (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

11/11/2018

9.30am Anthonia A. , Naomi (R)
Elizabeth Parker (E)

11.30am Rocheala, Honorine (R)
Vera, Frank (E)

18/11/2018

Veronica C, James (R)
Sophie (E)

Maame, Mary (R)
Loveness, Marcel (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Patricia Waltho.

Anniversaries during this Week: Jack Allen, Rodger Gill, Patrick Ledwidge, Mary Mooney, Alton Taylor Robinson, Mary Margaret Crean, Patrick Mooney, Paddy Darley, Mary McCall, Robert Delargy, Emma Howey, William Greene, Michael Marron, Thomas Patrick McSweeney, Sarah McFadden, Packie Meehan, Ellen Duffy, Nora Herbert, Ann Devaney, Joseph Costelloe, Kathleen Nicola Hayden, Larry Moroney, Lawrence Sequeira, Gwendoline Margaret rose Whittington, Pat Martin, Marion Glennon, Chris Glennon, Annie Shanley, Margaret & Joseph Hamill.

Mass for the Deceased Clergy of Coventry Deanery will take place at All Souls parish on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.00 pm There will be a buffet afterwards and a chance to meet with parishioners from around the city.

If any parishioner is sick or in hospital, please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital ask for their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time 11th to 18th Nov 2018

NOVEMBER IS MORE TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE SAINTS THAN TO THE DEAD

The second half of the 20th century, saw a number of Christians persecuted in Eastern Europe under the influence of the Communist regime. There was a heroic Bishop, who had been orphaned at a young age and lived with his grandmother. The communists arrested the parish priest and ransacked his house for any religious article, documents or images that could be found. Finally, when they finished looting everything, as they left the grandmother and the boy, stood at the entrance of the presbytery. One of the soldiers, with contempt and mockery asked the old lady, "Well, do you have any more religious articles or crosses that we can take with us?" The grandmother, with boldness and courage, looked into the face of the soldier and said: "Well, I do have one but you cannot take that away from me!" Saying so, she made the Sign of the Cross! The soldiers were taken aback and left, without saying a word.

The powerful witness by the grandmother, sparked the fire of Divine Vocation in the heart of that young boy who became a priest and later a bishop. Such are saintly lives; they inspire, they motivate, they spur us on to live Christian lives with courage! November starts with the celebration of these Superheroes of God– the Saints. But it soon gets overshadowed by the thought of the dead whose souls might not yet have experienced the mercy of God. The Church invites us to lift our gaze to heaven to thank God for those who not only persevered in their faith but actually lived their lives in such a way that they built up Christ's Kingdom in the world.

Saints are often considered to be people beyond our reach and too holy for our lives for whom the path to sanctity was made easy and cosy, who are given a special boon from God to live a holy life.

But the truth perhaps, is quite contrary Saints are people who are truly very close to us and lived in simple and ordinary life situations like us who had to struggle through many hardships and trials in the path to holiness who co-operated with the grace of God and remained faithful to their commitment and call. Every Christian is called to a life of Holiness and to be a Saint. Therefore we should never consider Saints as super human beings what makes them saints, is their faith and fidelity to their baptismal promises.

The Saints' Favourite Food: The Holy Eucharist. Their favourite Dress: The Armour of Faith. Their favourite pastime: was in doing anything with immense love of God. Their favourite symbol: was the Crucifix. Their favourite moments was in discovering more the depth of God's Love. Let us spend this month reflecting on the Church in heaven, the church in Purgatory and the pilgrim church on earth. For November is more to the glory of God in the Saints than to the dead.

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 269.50 **Non-Gift Aid:** £452.03 **Total :** £721.53

Counters : Vera & Philomena

Mass Attendance : 737 **Bonus Ball :** No.

Second collection :

Forthcoming Second Collections November—December 2018 : 25th Nov.

Catholic Youth service; 9th Dec - Poor parishes fund

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

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Mass in the University: Every Tuesday at 1.10pm in the Hub

The Lady's Chapel is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

Feast days during the week: .

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open to everybody who wishes to deepen their faith. The meetings will take place on **every Monday in the Lady's Chapel** at 6.00pm. Kindly remember in your prayers **Edna and Michael & Adetutu** the RCIA candidates as she continues her sessions of faith.



Thought on marriage: Authentic married love is caught up into divine love and is governed and enriched by Christ's redeeming power and the saving activity of the Church, so that this love may lead the spouses to God with powerful effect and may aid and strengthen them in sublime office of being a father or a mother. For this reason Christian spouses have a special sacrament by which they are fortified and receive a kind of consecration in the duties and dignity of their state.

Matters of Importance

Child Abuse hearing: The Archdiocese hearing in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) begins in London on Monday 12 November, and runs until Friday 16 November. The Archdiocese believes that the work being done by IICSA is of great significance and supports the aim of strengthening and improving safeguarding practices and cultures within the Church. The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental priority for the Archdiocese. Fostering a culture which has safeguarding at its very heart remains a key part of our work. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

Ms Jane Jones the Safeguarding Co-ordinator of our diocese is retiring from her role after 15 years of dedicated service and will leave work at the end of November. Some of us will know Jane through her safeguarding work and the training she provided for those responsible for the safety of children and vulnerable adults. Following Jane's retirement, the safeguarding team will continue to assist us with any safeguarding matters, which arise in our parish. Please continue to contact the team on 0121 230 6240 or via email on cpo@rc-birmingham.org

Parish Christmas Bazaar (17th Nov at 1.00pm) is this weekend Thanks for your generosity in bringing the items for the bazaar. Now it is more important to turn up on the day of the Bazaar 17th Nov to make it a successful event. There are variety of stalls like Bottle stall, Tombola, Wheel, Bric-a-Brac, food hamper, fancy dress competition and Santa clause.

Renovation of Parish kitchen: following my successful application o National Lottery Fund and the support of the Poor Mission Fund of the Diocese, plus the financial support of our parish, I wish to let you know that we are now set to renovate the parish kitchen. The work will start on 19th November and it will take six weeks to complete. During that time the hall and the kitchen will not be available for booking. The parish will make a contribution of £5000.00 towards this renovation.

National Independence Day (Polish: *Narodowe Święto Niepodległości*) is a national day in Poland celebrated today 11 November to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of Poland's sovereignty as the Second Polish Republic in 1918 from the German, Austrian and Russian Empires. Following the partitions in the late 18th century, Poland ceased to exist for 123 years until the end of World War I, when the destruction of the neighbouring powers allowed the country to remerge. It is a non-working day in Poland. Happy Independence day.

Our Parish school St Mary and St Benedict requires 3 new Governors. This is a voluntary role that requires a high level of commitment, with mandatory attendance at two meetings per term (6 per year) and at least one other informal visit to the school each term (3 per year). No experience is necessary as training courses and on line training and advice is available. If you are interested please speak to Elizabeth Hancock (Chair of Governors or Mrs McDonald the Head Teacher.

Catholic University Chaplain: Fr. Jimmy (07906124756) is available if any student wants to speak to him at any time and on any issue. Holy Mass is celebrated every Tuesday at 1:10pm at the University Campus in the Hub Faith and Spirituality Centre on the 3rd Floor. Mass takes about 20 Minutes. Let us make Jesus Christ present in our University.