

## MASSES 1st to 8th Dec 2019

Sun	01	9.30am	Tony Mulroney (RIP), Sandra (Spl int), Mr. & Mrs Tran (Get well), Goan families (Thanksgiving in honour of St. Francis Xavier)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving) Ivaldi Bruni (RIP) Francisco & Eliita Cabral, Veronica Byrke (RIP)
Mon	02	12.00noon	Holy souls, Elizabeth & sisters (Thanksgiving)
Tues	03	9.30am	Peter Miranda (RIP)
Wed	04	9.30am	Michael Campbell (RIP)
Thurs	05	9.30am	Peter Jones (Thanksgiving)
Fri	06	9.30am	Sr. Ernesta La Rocca (RIP)
Sat	07	9.30am	Sr. Rosaura (RIP)
Sun	08	9.30am	Betty Osagie (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Tchap Da Pierre & Tchimgmia Marie (RIP) Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP), Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving)

## Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

### 01/12/2019

9.30am	James M. , Naomi (R) Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	Valerie, Florence K. (R) Frank, Vera (E)

### 08/12/2019

Celia, Elena Wood (R) Anna M. (E)
Mogan, Georgina (R) Lilian, 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, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Thi Tran, Christopher Browne.

**Anniversaries during the week :** John Sheridan, Joseph Reid, Theresa Hickey, Francis Moloney, Eamon Lusty, Frank McSorley, Joseph Sheridan ,Dennis Doran, Kathleen Wilson, Robert McGorman ,Charles Ward, Ita Howe, James Gaffy, Margaret McSorley, Sean Kiely, Tony Mulroney, Bridie Collins, Michael Kapusta, Breda Byrne, Jean Cartwright, Christine Fitzgibbons.



**Advent Week 1: The Candle of Hope.** The God of Hope sent His son to be our Saviour. He is only one prayer away. If you want the confident expectation of His strength and wisdom in your today and His help and hope for your tomorrow, you need only ask so that you may overflow with hope.

*"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **First Sunday of Advent Year A Parish Newsletter: 1st –8th December 2019**

### **YOUR TIME KEEPING HABITS SPEAK VOLUMES ABOUT YOU:**

I welcome you to our first Sunday of advent which also marks the beginning of a new liturgical year of the church. Thank you all for your fidelity to Christ throughout the Liturgical Year. Our witness makes visible the presence of the Kingdom of God in the world.

I'm sure you are following the political campaigns as we are heading for General Elections; we hear of accusations and counter accusations among politicians about broken promises yet they have not stopped making new ones. Broken promises will cost any political party dear and underrate its credibility among voters. While it might be so easy to accuse politicians of not fulfilling their promises, we can easily forget that when you do not honour your appointment either with a doctor, a priest, work colleagues, family or friends you too break your promise.

The season of advent talks much about time especially insisting on the necessity to keep awake, to be vigilant, not to waste time. Unfortunately not so many people are sensitive to this, they waste their time and the time of others. Some years ago, I met a group of young people dressed in white T Shirts with the words ***"There is no hurry in Africa!"*** I can tell you that with this philosophy in mind, they had no sense of time. They ended up losing so many opportunities in life since no serious employer thought of placing them in serious positions. As I continued walking through the city, I came across another group of young people putting on white T-Shirts with the words ***"Time is Money, Don't Waste it Bargaining."*** These young people were the most sought for, their timekeeping philosophy kept them always in work since who ever contracted them knew exactly when the job would start and when it would end.

People who do not keep time waste the opportunities of time-conscious people in which they would have done work for their personal development. I remember one officer who gave an appointment to my dad early one morning. On the day the old man left his cow in the cowshed hoping to return home quickly. The officer did not turn up until 4:00pm! My dad was very upset, he had travelled a long distance, his work was not done and his animal was not fed. It was all because of an officer who had no sense of honouring his appointments or of keeping time.

Remember that people live a busy life; you should not make a timetable or a program which you will not keep. Your GP, the Headteacher of your child's school and your local priest are not pleased when you do not keep your appointment or observe time. When you do not keep time, you lose every respect from everyone even when they do not tell you. Yes your time keeping habits has a lot to say about you.

**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.

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**Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid: 349.80 **Non-Gift Aid:** 364.91 **Total :** £714.71

**Hall Hire:** £500

**Counters :** Pat & William Edwards

**Mass Attendance :** 538

**Bonus Ball :** No.

**2nd collections :** for the month of Dec :8th 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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: Group C**

**Walk with me booklets** are made available to discover week by week and reflect on our life as we begin the Year of the Word. Let us expect with joy for the blessings of the season for we rejoice in Jesus' first coming and renew our desire for His second.

**Coventry Pioneer Association:** Fr McKiernan Memorial Mass will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm at Christ the King Church. All welcome.



**Matters of Importance**

**Thank you all for supporting our Christmas bazaar** and for making it a success. The bazaar is not a ONE MAN'S Show but a collective effort. Whatever contributions you made, I'm most grateful. Our X'mas bazaar was indeed a great success and we were able to raise an amount of **£5875.27**. The following are the winning Raffle tickets:

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| 1. No. 4415 Sandra McAvoy | 2. No. 7985 Miss Moles |
| 3 No. 2988                | 4. No. 1252 Maja Ndoy  |
| 5 No. 1084 J. Packer      |                        |

X'Mas bazaar bonus ball results will be published next week.

**Launching the Year of the Word of God:** Archbishop Bernard launched the Year of the Word – The God who Speaks at the 4.30pm Mass on Saturday 30 November – the Vigil of the 1st Sunday in Advent, at St Chad's Cathedral. The year 2020 has been earmarked as a focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has invited all Christians to celebrate, live and share God's word 2020 has been chosen as it is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. St. Jerome translated the Bible from Aramaic /Hebrew language into Latin.

**Advent Parish Penitential Service** for St. Marys will take place on 13th December 6.00pm;

**St. Elizabeth parish have** changed their Penitential Service to 11th December instead of 12th. The time is 7:00pm.

**Blessing of the Crib :** because of all the work currently going on in the city centre, the council have had to change the location of the Crib. It is now in Broadgate opposite Primark by the Christmas tree not at Marks & Spencer .

**An Evening of Prayer and Meditation:** has been organised by St. Mary's and Benedict youth group to offer prayer and praise in thanksgiving to God. This will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> December starting from 5:00pm. They are inviting us all to come and join them. Our Parish choir will lead the music

**A note to Parishioners on Fr. Sunday by the Vicar General:** Recently, Fr. Sunday has been appointed to be the Full Time Roman Catholic Priest Chaplain at the Walsgrave Hospital. As a consequence much of his time will be spent in the essential ministry of caring for patients and staff there. It will mean Fr. Sunday has less time for his ministry within the parish of St. Osburgs, its schools and the neighbouring parishes but he will continue to assist. We trust that we will all bear in mind Fr. Sunday's hospital commitments in our expectations of his work. This appointment may require some adjustments in the responsibilities of the four Apostles of Jesus priests in the local parishes and we trust them to order their commitments so that the pastoral needs of the parishes are met. Please keep Fr. Sunday in your prayers as he takes up his new appointment and pray for all the clergy working across the City of Coventry. Fr. Stephen Wright

Vicar General."