

MASSSES— 30th Jan to 6th Feb 22

Sun	30	9.30am	Mary Smith & Patsy Leslie (RIP)
		11.30am	Future Manyuke (Good health)
Mon	31	9.30am	Funeral Mass Sheila Redfern
Tues	01	9.30am	Sean McCrave (RIP) Mr. Tran (Sp. Int)
Wed	02	9.30am	Religious priests & Nuns
Thurs	03	9.30am	Teresa Claufield (RIP)
Fri	04	10:15am	Funeral Mass Edward Brady (RIP)
Sat	05	9.30am	Rezia Wahid (Sp. Int) Theresa McAffer (Good health)
Sun	06	9.30am	Ray Patrick Clement (RIP)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Sp. Int)

Thurs 5:30pm 3rd Feb 2022 Parish Synod discussions in the Hall .

Lectors

30/01/2022

9.30am Elizabeth H., Anthonia A. (R)

11.30am Perpetua , Sharon (R)

06/02/2022

Clinton, Creshel (R)

Rachela, Florence K. (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Eda Wood Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny MacAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Andrea.

Anniversaries during the week : Bridget Teresa Chapman, William Molloy, Marie Macken, Teresa McSharry, Josephine Robertson, John Nash, Elizabeth Hoey, William, Antony Braganza .

Pope's prayer intention for February: For Religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women : thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. The most important time in the world is the time you make for yourself.
2. Our future reality depends on what we do NOW, in this present moment.
3. If your intention is powerful, your action will be powerful. If your action is powerful, your results will be powerful.
4. If you ever feel above or below anyone – you are wrong.
5. The primary cause of unhappiness is never the situation, but rather your thoughts about the situation



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—4th Sunday in ordinary Time—30th Jan to 6th Feb 2022

PRIDE IS EMPTY HUMILITY HAS ITS REWARD:

Pride is mentioned to be the worst sin because it blinds people to the reality of what exactly they are. The Catholic catechism mentions seven deadly sins: *pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth* but of these, pride tops the list. It is a good thing to have pride in one's country, in one's community, in oneself or in ones' religion; but when taken too far, righteousness and self-righteousness can turn into deadly sins. Pride is thinking of oneself to be more important than anyone else, that feeling of superiority.

We are given in the gospel today an example of how pride can turn people into monsters. Last Sunday Jesus, attended sabbath prayer in his village synagogue where he was given an opportunity to take a reading, but he went further by giving a homily. Mary was present, his cousins were there, every person in the synagogue knew him. The eyes of the people were fixed on him. He won their approval, as gracious words came from his lips.

But there was trouble, Jesus touched on the pride of the people by praising the faith of the pagan Syrian soldier Naaman and the trust in Divine Providence of a widow from Zarephath. These were pagans, how could he compare our faith with theirs! Pride came to the surface and as we have heard they bundled Jesus out of the synagogue and wanted to kill him by throwing him down the cliff! Pride is at the bottom of a great many blunders and most of the trouble in the world is caused by people wanting to appear important. They thought that they knew Jesus too well, he had no authority to speak to them like that.

The Second reading from 1Cor. 12 contrasts the attitude displayed in the gospel, it speaks about love and we cannot truly love others without being humble. Yes, we can have faith even to move mountains, give away whatever we possess, we can be very intelligent but if we are not humble in all these things, we are empty and nothing.

At wedding liturgy, many couples choose this second reading for their wedding Mass, unfortunately it does not take long before the attitude of the people of the Nazareth synagogue kicks in. Spouses start to relate one's mistakes to the other, such that selfishness, boastful behaviour, rude answers, lack of trust and forgiving each other becomes impossible. We are so lucky that as practicing Christians, we are given a message to reflect and to work on by the Lord when we listen to the Word of God. It was just last Sunday when we celebrated the Words of God and had our Bibles blessed. Today's message is so important because it reminds us of how we ought to live as children of God.

As you return home today there is a special message for all of us especially the children and the youth. The people in the synagogue were astonished by the gracious words that came from the lips of Jesus it reminds us that Jesus was not swearing in speech, he was not abusive or cursing, his words were so nice to listen to for a man of that age. What about you and why don't you try your best to speak good words like Jesus. Why don't you become Jesus today, or the Jesus of this week or the Jesus of the year by being polite in speech! Do not let yourself be misunderstood by using bad language. You are so precious because God knew you even before you were born. Yes pride is empty but humility has its reward.

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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

Gift Aid : **SO (Dec) : £** **Non-Gift Aid:** **Total: £**

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance :

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10
-11.00am.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD:

We stand before you Holy Spirit as we gather together in your name, With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path, nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity, so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father, and the Son forever and ever Amen.

Mass Intentions

If you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Death announcement: is being made of Mr. Patsy Leslie of Humber Avenue which occurred yesterday 29th Jan 2022. He worked so much physically for our parish. May God reward the work of his hands.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord- 2nd Feb the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. Candles used at Mass were traditionally blessed on this day.

Fr David Lloyd (RIP) died on Sat. 22nd Jan. at Oulton Abbey Care Home, aged 83 He was at Christ the King in Coventry from 1966 to 1969; St John Fisher in Wyken from 1969 to 1972. He was at St Peter and the English Martyrs in Lower Gornal from 1977 until his retirement in 2014. May he rest in peace.

The Synod 2021-2023: in October 2021 Pope Francis, opened a worldwide Synod, with inter-related themes of Communion, Participation and Mission. Brief introductory talks are being held at diocesan and parish level to discuss issues concerning the church. ***I invite you for parish discussions on the Synod on Thursday 3rd February at 5:30pm in the parish hall.*** Pic questions for discussions today as you leave the Church.

Guidance for Churches – from Bishops Conference January 2022

This guidance has been written with this principle in mind that alongside the positive effects of covid vaccination, any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church. This is good practice for any transmissible illness. Medical advice should be sought as appropriate for those who are ill. The main form of virus transmission is via personal oral or nasal aerosol. Those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building. There is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them. Churches should continue to ensure there is good ventilation, balancing this against the need for church heating, especially at this time. It is clear from scientific evidence that transmission from surfaces (touch transmission) is now minimal and so the use of hymn books, missals and other worship aids can be resumed.

Whilst it is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches, there is no need for readers (or other ministers) to sanitise their hands before reading or performing other ministries in the church. All ministers of Holy Communion (clergy and lay people) should still sanitise their hands for the distribution of Holy Communion. Holy water stoups may be refilled but care should be seen that the water is changed regularly (at a minimum of once a week). Usual forms of church cleaning are sufficient. There should be a return to the normal mode of celebrating Mass respecting the integrity of the Rite. This would include the reintroduction of the Prayer of the Faithful, the Sign of Peace may be offered again if felt appropriate, and Holy Communion should be distributed at the usual place and in the usual mode (i.e. with the faithful approaching the minister in an orderly procession). For the time being, Holy Communion must continue to be given under one kind only (the Sacred Host) and for concelebrations of clergy, intinction of the Precious Blood with the Sacred Host should continue to be used. Congregational singing may continue but singers should continue to wear face coverings while singing. Parish social activities can resume. Home Visits Home visits can continue or begin by priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion however the number of people visited must be assessed beforehand to prevent the possibilities of transmitting the virus between people. Ensure that there is good ventilation and cleanliness during the visit. Conclusion Whilst this reduction of restrictions brings about a more normal way of living, the Covid-19 virus is still in circulation. Take great care.