

## **MASSES 8th To 15th Dec 2019**

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| Sun   | 08 | 9.30am    | Betty Osagie (Thanksgiving), Joseph Clear (Anni)   |
|       |    | 11.30am   | Tchap Da Pierre & Tchimgmia Marie (RIP)<br>Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP),<br>Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving) |
| Mon   | 09 | 12.00noon | Holy souls   |
| Tues  | 10 | 9.30am    | Needs of the Congregation (SA)   |
| Wed   | 11 | 9.30am    | Brian Jordon (RIP)   |
| Thurs | 12 | 9.30am    | Trill family (Spl int)   |
| Fri   | 13 | 9.30am    | Friends of Rose Trill (Spl int)  |
| Sat   | 14 | 9.30am    | Alan Casey (RIP)   |
| Sun   | 15 | 9.30am    | Anthonia Akhionbare (Spl int) Teresa Tran (RIP)  |
|       |    | 11.30am   | Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving)  |

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **08/12/2019**

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| 9.30am  | Celia, Elena Wood (R)<br>Anna M. (E)      |
| 11.30am | Mogan, Georgina (R)<br>Lilian, Marcel (E) |

#### **15/12/2019**

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| Alex, Nicholas (R)<br>Elizabeth P. (E)        |
| Stephanie, Patrick (R)<br>Serso, Patricia (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 :** Jean Cartwright, Christine Fitzgibbons, Edward McGinn, Patrick Noonan, Annie Corrigan, Dennis James McCann, Albert Shorthose, Anne Plunkett, Norah Bernadette Hanbury, Margaret Kinsella, Jack Sheehan, John Cain, Andy McHugh, Jozef Conka, Josephine Battles, Patrick Meehan, Nora Herbert, Allen Leslie Randall, Michael Oliver Hickey, Cornelius John Morris, Edward Donnelly, Don McCaffer, Francis Morrissey.

**Advent Week 2: The Candle of Peace:** Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is sadness, joy... Divine Master; Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **2nd Sunday of Advent -Year A Parish Newsletter: 8th—15th December 2019**

### **SOMEONE IS ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE STANDS FOR?**

The Catholic Bishops' of England and Wales have issued a statement on the forthcoming General Election having returned from their November 2019 Plenary meeting in Leeds. The statement concentrates on the key issues – not parties or manifestos – offering a series of points that can be put to candidates prior to voting.

It is a duty of all citizens – not just Catholics – to help shape politics that is “rooted in the service of human rights and peace”. The human dignity of all – particularly the vulnerable and those on the margins – lies at the heart of the statement as the Bishops. They encourage you to put these issues to those seeking for your vote.” In making judgments about how to vote, the Bishops recommend that you ask the candidates for their position on the following:

What is the candidates position on the dignity of every human being; including the child in the womb.?

What is the candidates position on the dignified care for the terminally ill and dying on assisted suicide or euthanasia?

What is the candidates position on the needs of those who are frequently neglected by society such as people with disabilities, Travellers, older people, those who are homeless, those in prison and those trapped in modern slavery?

What is the candidates position on integration of migrants and refugees who have made their homes here. Does he/she, challenge the global rise of xenophobia and racism that is so radically incompatible with our faith? What about the rights of those in our own communities and overseas who “can see no end to the tunnel of extreme poverty,” providing them with assistance and confronting the structural injustices that compound their suffering?

What is the candidates position on care for our common home and climate change which threatens the future of our entire human family and is already having a profound impact upon the world's poorest people?

What is the candidates position on freedom of religion and belief, ensuring that everyone has the right to exercise their conscience and practise their creed freely without fear? The right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their faith and support the work of Catholic schools in their contribution to society and their promotion of the common good? Does he/she recognise marriage and the family as having an essential place in the service of life and society?

**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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**Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid: 245.00

**Non-Gift Aid:** 363.87

**Total :** £608.87

**SO : Weekly/Monthly :** £450

**Hall Hire:** £160

**Counters :** Vera & Sr. Leena

**Mass Attendance :** 384

**Bonus Ball :** No. 1 Cis Dunnion

**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:** This week Group A. Thank you for your co-operation.

**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.

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

**Altar Servers** will renew their commitment to serving at the Altar on 26th December Feast of their Patron Saint, St. Stephen.



**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 Christmas bazaar was indeed a great success and we were able to raise an amount of **£6000.00** The following winning Raffle ticket has not been claimed. Congratulations to all the winners of the Raffle.

**3 Ticket No. 2988 Claim this prize**

Christmas bazaar bonus ball is No. 51 for Saturday 30th Nov 2019.

**Archbishop Bernard's 10th Anniversary Mass** On Monday 9th December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Archbishop Bernard will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of his installation as Archbishop of Birmingham. The Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral with the Chapter Canons and other clergy and invited guests.

**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..

**Meal for the Homeless and elderly members of our parish:** on Saturday 25th January 2020, the Homeless people of our city will be offered Christmas meal in the parish hall from 12:00noon. On Sunday 26th January 2020 the elderly of our city will have a Christmas party in the hall at 1:00pm.

**Advent & Christmas Programme:**

**13th December at 6.00pm** Parish penitential service

**15th December at 5.00pm** prayer & meditation

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec Vigil Mass for children 6.00pm** followed by Carol singing at 8.00pm

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec Vigil Mass for adults 8.30pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am**

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** the diocesan office on marriage has provided reflection on the word of God every Sunday ([www.twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)) throughout the Year of the Word which will be reflected in our newsletter. *Second Sunday of Advent (Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12) Today, Isaiah talks about trust and Matthew focuses on forgiveness. Advent is the opportunity to discover new ways to help our partner to trust us and to share themselves. Our prayer can be that we drop our defences, become more vulnerable and have the courage to open ourselves to be able to really listen, to share and to change.*

**Death and Funeral announcement** of Paul Michael May of 16 Brindley Paddocks, Canley Basin Coventry which occurred on 29th November 2019 aged 69. Funeral Mass will take place at St. Marys RC Church Thursday 19th December 2019 at 12.00noon followed burial at Lentons Lane Cemetery at 2.00pm

**Christmas envelopes:** the Archbishop allowed that the gifts offered by the parishioners at Christmas and Easter go to the priests of the parish. Envelopes are available this weekend. Thank you for your generosity and support to your priests whenever you can.

