

MASSES— 5th to 12th June 22

Sun	05	9.30am	People of the parish , Maureen Jones (1st Anni)
		11.30am	Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP), Dominador Galban senior (RIP)
Mon	06	12.00noon	Cony Aspin (RIP), Sandra Mapuranga (B'day)
Tues	07	9.30am	Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Wed	08	9.30am	Elena Bertossi (Get well)
Thurs	09	9.30am	Experito Lutwama (15 RIP Ann)
Fri	10	9.30am	Srs. of St. Ann (Int.)
Sat	11	9.30am	Marina Bertossi (Get well)
Sun	12	9.30am	Charles & Grace Ferry (RIP)
		11.30am	Esteban Galban (RIP)

Lectors

05/06/2022

9.30am Elizabeth John, Nicholas (R)

11.30am Valerie, Scarlett (R)

12/06/2022

Asipita, Creshel (R)

Louis, Preethi (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

9.30am Cath Slater (E)

11.30am Serso, Lilian (E)

The sick of the Parish: Marie Matthews, Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi.

Anniversaries during the week : Margaret Crawford, Michael Woods, Joe Heavey, Experito Lutwama , Edward Devlin, Mary Elizabeth Hand .

Catechism for Confirmation children will begin from 11th June at 12.00noon.

Lectors meeting: **today** there will be a lectors meeting for the readers of 11.30am Mass, soon after the Mass in the Lady's chapel.

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, Who did instruct the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter– Pentecost Sunday 5th –12th June 2022

WE ARE ALL CITIZENS OF THE CHURCH



The first Christians were gripped by a disease which ran across the whole community. That disease was fear. It brought it to a standstill, hope was lost, confidence was something of the past, everything seemed to have no meaning. Some solutions were improvised, namely 'keep the doors locked', 'make no noise', 'continuous prayer asking God that this can pass'. These measures did not assure everyone. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles, simply disappeared. When he returned, he could not believe unless he saw and touched. Two other disciples left their hiding place secretly in the evening and started the journey back to Emmaus. Only the women, seemed to be active and strong, they were convinced that they had seen the risen Lord. With Mary, they continuously prayed and encouraged each other.

On Pentecost day, something extraordinary happened to the timid disciples, which transformed their life. On that day, Jesus poured on them the Holy Spirit. As a result, the doors were opened and they began to speak as the Holy Spirit gave them the power of speech. He gave them wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

If the Holy Spirit had not come, there would be no Christianity, since all that has been done was through the power and promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Who were the first citizens of the Church? They came from all the nations and tribes of the known world; Parthians, Medes, Mesopotamians, Africans, Greeks, Romans and Arabs. It reminds us that we are all citizens of the Church, that the languages in which we praise and worship God are part of his plan that people speak about him in every tongue. All were united in one single act, namely praising God. Sometimes I have seen people who never open their mouth in church either to sing or to respond to the prayers. They have not yet experienced Pentecost.

In the gospel Jesus gives us his peace. *Peace be with you* he says. The peace of Jesus is experienced when we love one another, and are at peace with each other, and when we carry each other's burdens.

Jesus has handed over to us the mission the Father gave to him: "*as the Father sent me, so I'm sending you*". What was his mission is now our mission. Go and use our eyes to see, your mouth to preach, your hands to do, your heart to love your mind to contemplate the marvels of God in your life

As you return home, Jesus has left us with a homework to do until he returns. Our homework is to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation. He has given the Church the power to forgive sins in the Sacrament of Confession. He has given us the duty to forgive others, as a condition of having our own sins forgiven. May the Spirit of Jesus work in us until he returns in glory.

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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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 : £ 232.50 **SO (May) :** £ **Non-Gift Aid:** 394.90 Total: £ 627.40

Readings: Acts. 2:1-11; 1Cor. 12:3-7,12-13; Jn. 20:19-23

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No. 18 Tony Byrne

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.

Gospel reflection

The Church is a living organism and Pentecost is her birthday. As a living thing, the Catholic Church has a Spirit too, one which indwells in her more fully than in any other Church. The Holy Spirit stamps Catholicism with a trademark of authenticity. It guarantees the Church's fidelity to the God who gave her life. Our personal flame of the Spirit, lit in our soul by the Church at baptism, will never die, because the Lord and Giver of Life is eternal. We each house an eternal flame burning deep within. That flame will never be extinguished, even at death. He waits patiently to gather together again every spark and flame that ever parted from Him into the one great conflagration of love that is the never-ending Pentecost of heaven.

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

Baptism Classes: families blessed with babies will have their catechetical meeting in preparation for their baptism on Saturday 11th June at 6.00pm in the Lady's chapel. Please keep time.

Family Thanksgiving Meeting: We shall have a planning committee for Family thanksgiving day on Saturday 11th June 2022 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. Please join us if you can.

Pru Poretta (Lady Godiva) has great pleasure to invite St. Marys community, to join her at a special service of thanksgiving to celebrate 40 years of her service as Coventry's official Lady Godiva and the work that has grown since 1982. The prayers, holy mass will take place at St Osburgs Church Upper Holyhead Rd Coventry on Saturday 11th June 2022 at 11.30am, with everyone invited to a shared picnic and entertainment afterwards.

Pentecost Sunday: the Vicar General has authorised the baptism and reception into full Communion with the Catholic Church of the three candidates who have been doing their RCIA course. They are Jennifer Louise Champion, Melanie Nkundwa and Samhar Zeray. The ceremony will take place on Pentecost Sunday during the 11:30am Mass.

Parish youth concert: the young people of our parish have prepared a concert to cheer us up after Covid19 pandemic on 16th July 2022. Please put the date in your diary and remember to turn-up and to support them. It will be an opportunity for parents to see the talents their children have.

The Uganda Martyrs: On 3d June each year, the Church and the people of Uganda celebrate the feast the Uganda Martyrs. These African Martyrs are important to the universal Church. It is the only religious event on the whole African continent that gathers Christians and non-Christians, politicians and persons of various social classes from across Africa, Europe and America. At the beginning of Christianity in Uganda, God blessed her with the gift of 22 Uganda Catholic Martyrs who shed their blood for Christ as a supreme witness to the Risen Lord. Later, God blessed Uganda with two other Martyrs: Jildo Irwa and Daudi Okello.

From the beginning of his reign in 1884, King Mwanga had viewed foreign missionaries as a threat to his kingdom and power base. He expelled missionaries and threatened converts to renounce their new faith, or to face execution. The young Christians chose to death instead of renouncing their faith. The executions took place between January 31, 1885, and January 1886. Thirty-two young men were alive burned to death at Namugongo the place of ritual executions in the Kingdom of Buganda that time. The youngest was called Kizito, just 14 years old.

Those who were burned on the 3rd of June 1886 comprised Catholics and Anglican converts. By this act, King Mwanga, thought that he was destroying Christianity; but as Tertullian another early African theologian said: "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of Christianity" many fruits sprout from the very witness of those brave and faithful Ugandan Christians who were martyred.

Each year the Uganda Martyrs attract millions of pilgrims to their National Shrine at Namugongo, who come as far as from America, Asia and Europe. Hundreds of pilgrims walk on foot from neighbouring countries, spending several days on the way. Uganda is blessed, she gave us some of her children as saints to the Catholic Church. May Saints Charles Lwanga, Kizito and Matthias Mulumba and their companions, blessed Jildo Irwa and Daudi Okello pray for us.