

MASSES FROM 12th to 19th Nov 2017

Sun	12	9.30am	Carmel (spl int), Catlan Haffernan (B'day)
		11.30am	Kian Tantoh (Thanksgiving), Mama Magdalene Akenji, Bernard Humuza (RIP)
		7.00pm	Reception & Mass for Nora Curristan
Mon	13	12.00noon	Requiem Mass
Tues	14	9.30am	Leo McDermot (RIP), Anne & Chukwudi Malize (Wed anni)
Wed	15	9.30am	Deceased priests, /atuchi Chibueze (Get well)
Thurs	16	9.30am	Cwarlie Kavanaugh (Anni), Atuchi Chibueze (Get well)
Fri	17	9.30am	Phillis Dunleavy, Nora Curristan (RIP)
Sat	18	9.30am	Philomena Dunleavy, Lionel Roy Fernando (RIP)
Sun	19	9.30am	Rose Mary Tresy, Nora Curristan (RIP)
			Betty & Emmanuel Osagie (Thnaksiving)
		11.30am	Betty Furlong (RIP), Veronique & Tony (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 12th Nov 2017

9.30 am Asipita, Julia Hunt (R)
 Betty Osagie (E)
 11.30am Honorine, Florence E. (R)
 Serso, Frank (E)

Weekend 19th Nov 2017

Alex, Selia (R)
 Sophie (E)
 Florence K., Patrick (R)
 Marcel, Vera (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulronej,, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Diana Best, Tess Pearkes, Sheila McLeany, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Phyllis Mulvey, Kath Muldoon,.

Anniversaries during this Week: Mary Mooney, Alton Taylor Robinson, Mary Margaret Crean , Patrick Mooney, Paddy Darley, Mary McCall, Robert Dela , 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, William Greene, Robert Wood, Maria Patricia Murphy, John Ledwidge .

Thought on Marriage: : Family members should learn from the Eucharist and the real Presence to be truly present themselves in their own homes. Keep faithful to the family dinner, and other family activities. Every member of the family needs to be present not only physically but also mentally in their [home.To](#) show reverence to each other requires shorter times on gadgets, television, computer games and phones. These are threats to the unity of the family. Reverence is the ability to recognise the value of everything and everyone .



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 32nd Sunday in ordinary time- 12th to 19th Nov 2017

ARE FIREWORKS RELEVANT ANY MORE?

I'm sure the bonfire night caused you more disturbance than amusement. The day after the blasts, I remember meeting an elderly couple who were so distressed by the noise that kept them awake all night. In the past, fireworks were meant to celebrate something, an event of victory. There was of course a flavour of triumphalism. But these days, fireworks can be used by undisciplined jobs who simply take it as an occasion to disturb their neighbours. As a result, the balance between those who want to enjoy them and others who want a quiet night is zero. It seems to be getting worse every year. I remember someone from the neighbourhood who was blasting huge explosions over my house as though I was in his/her firing line. Two of these explosions were more annoying than entertaining. One went off at 2:00am and the other one at 4:00am. You can wonder whatever was going on in someone's' head over night to make such isolated blasts at odd hours!

In our city, New Year's Eve, Guy Fawkes night, Diwali and Chinese New Year, tend to be the events that evoke blasts, you can imagine how upsetting it must be for people who might be woken up, animals which must be seriously distressed, and poor birds in the trees which have to fly all night from one place to another in search of some quiet.

We thank God that many people below 60 have not seen war. For some of these people the explosive noise made by the fireworks is like music in their ears; but for some people like myself who have witnessed what explosive devices can do the sound made by fireworks brings about the sad memories. Bombs and grenades make similar sounds as fireworks, the only difference is that one sound is to entertain and the other is to cause fear and death! I'm sure that in places where these explosive devices go off people are fearful of their lives. Children who live in situations of war would be horrified to come across people who entertain themselves on bomb-like explosive fireworks.

Christians who practice the faith need to evaluate the relevance of blasting fireworks. There are those also who are ignorant of the history of these annual blasts. At this time of seeking unity and ecumenical cooperation is it still relevant to blast these devices? Secondly, for the sake of those people who live in war areas where bombs take the lives of their dear ones everyday, would it not be better and a duty of every person to be in solidarity with these people, other than entertaining themselves with explosives whose sound is similar to those devices that take the lives of their dear ones?

Love your neighbour as yourself. A Christian should wish to see his neighbour having a good night sleep. He should also be pleased that his neighbour's dog is not scared to death because of the noise the fireworks is making. We should think of others first before we indulge ourselves. Christian charity ought to penetrate every aspect of our actions if we who profess it are to make a difference.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £400.20 **Non-Gift Aid:** £428.37 **Total :** £828.57

Counters : 13th Nov - Elizabeth & Patsy

Mass Attendance :

Bonus Ball : No. 4 Tony Smith

Second Collection:—Retired & infirm clergy—£ 231.29

Pious Devotions

Divine Mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month 6 – 7pm.

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm.

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

French Mass every 2nd Sunday of every month at 2.30pm.

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.

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

RCIA session will take place on Monday 13th at 6:00pm in the Lady's chapel. Please pray for the following RCIA candidates , Angela Njuki, Delphine Bibi, Corey Gilder, Colm Daly, Nokuthula Mtetwa Patience, George Fernandes, Rosemary Itukudo, Adetutu Temmilola, Gabriel Omoregie.

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.

Matters of Importance

Our Parish Christmas Bazaar is coming faster than we thought. It will take place on Saturday 9th Dec from 1.00pm to 4.00pm Please support our Parish by taking as many raffle tickets as you can this weekend. We are short of prizes for Tombola, wine bottles, and good items for Bric a Brac. Please return the raffle stubs by 3rd Dec. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Deceased Priests of the Coventry Deanery: will have a Holly Mass offered for them at **Sacred Heart on Tuesday Nov 14th at 7.00pm** All the Catholics of Coventry are invited . There will be refreshments afterwards in the Hall. Please make a special effort to come.

Fatima Centenary: Sunday 26th November marks the end of the Centenary Year commemorating Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima in 1917. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm to 4pm, ending with the rosary, at St. Peter, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE, a pilgrimage church of our Archdiocese during the Fatima Centenary Year. There will be a light refreshment after the service. All welcome.

Coventry Winter Night Shelter is looking for volunteers: If you are interested or would like more information, please visit <http://hopecoventry.org.uk/projects/coventry-winter-night-shelter/>, or contact Bernardo on, 07450 693897.

Receiving the weekly newsletter by email. There are now a lot of you are receiving the Newsletter by email. This is a response to Pope Francis' call to live simply by finding ways to reduce waste and move away from our "throw away" society. Those who would like to receive the Newsletter through email send your ID to our parish email address : stmaryandbenedictch@yahoo.com

Sunday Nov 19th is the first 'World Day of the Poor'. Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel". In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: "It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance." Please consider how you can create moments of encounter and friendship too. Prayer Cards will be available to take away with you so that we can keep all those experiencing poverty in our prayers. If you are engaged in any form of work helping people in need (visiting the lonely, working for foodbank or the SVP, bereavement work, volunteering with soup kitchens etc), thank you for the good work. More information on this can be found on: <http://www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/>

Funeral announcement of Mrs. Johanna Mary McCoy, known as Joan used to live on Strathmore Avenue in St. Mary's parish. She passed away at her daughters in Chester on 7th November 2017 aged 74. She served as a magistrate at Coventry Crown Court for many years. Her requiem Mass will take place on Monday 20th Nov, 1.00pm at St. Mary and St. Benedict Church.

The Pope invites all Christian people to prayer and fasting in support of the Vatican Conference for a world free from nuclear weapons and for integral disarmament. In his message to the United Nations in March 2017, the Holy Father said that "we live in a time of hope and of sadness. **Hope** expressed in the support of the Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty which many countries have begun to endorse, and sadness because major nuclear weapon countries including UK, USA, Russia, France and China have not signed.