

MASSES FROM 23rd to 30th Sept 2018

Sun	23	9.30am	Tran Family (good health), Mabel Braganza & family (Spl in t)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	24	12.00noon	Ethen Osagie, Rose Trill (B'day), Josephine L (RIP)
Tues	25	9.30am	Jim Dunleavy (Anni)
Wed	26	9.30am	Imelda & Martin (RIP)
Thurs	27	6.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers
		7.00pm	Jerry Brosnan (RIP)
Fri	28	9.30am	Thomas & Christine Finlan (RIP)
Sat	29	9.30am	Nora Griffith Family (Thanksgiving)
Sun	30	9.30am	Michael Gamble (Spl int), Catherine Bradly (RIP)
		11.30am	Mr. Moses (get well), Mama Magdalene Akhenji (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

23rd Sept 2018

9.30am Helena Wood, Nicholas (R)
Barbara (E)
11.30am Morgan, Maame (R)
Vera, Frank (E)

30th Sept 2018

Julia H., Celia F. (R)
Betty Osagie (E)
Geogina, Echee (R)
Patricia, Frank (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, Patricia Waltho,

Anniversaries during this Week: Delia Mullaney, Betty Reilly, John Mulroney, William Lennon, Christy Benson, James Francis Dunleavy, Francis Corrigan, T. O'Driscoll, Fredrick R W Quinney, Anne Travers, John Joseph McSweeney.



Dates for your diary:

28th September X'Mas bazar meeting at 6.00pm
28th October Welcome Mass for the University students;
17th November X'Mas Bazar from 1.00pm to 4.00pm;
29th November Confirmation. 7.00pm

Blessing of the Graves: Lenton's Lane – 23rd September at 3.00pm; London Road – 30th September at 3.00pm.

Anecdote: *On my way home one day, one person stopped to watch a Little League base ball game that was being played in a park near his home. As he sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, he asked one of the boys what the score was. 'We're behind 14 to nothing,' he answered with a smile. 'Really,' the person said. 'I have to say you don't look very discouraged.'* 'Discouraged?', the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face... 'Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet.'



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 25th Sunday in Ordinary time 23rd to 30th Sept 2018

THE ENVELOPE TOLD ME WHAT WAS INSIDE BEFORE I OPENED IT

Few days ago, a post man brought a parcel to my door in a brown dirty envelop which required a signature. The way it was wrapped up revealed to me that it was not to be handled with care, therefore instead of taking it in my hands, I told him to throw it in the corner while I put a signature on the papers. As the post man literally threw the parcel an idea flashed through my mind about the human body. It is indeed a precious parcel which not only embraces our earthly life, but a temple where God lives.

Thanks to Christian morality which reminds us to have respect for the human body and to dress it properly. We call it the virtue of modesty. If the body is a temple where God lives, and also vessel that we use to serve God and other people here on earth, to abuse it, to neglect dressing it properly or to dispose of it with disrespect can be sinful. Take care of your body and the bodies of others because it is God's gift.

Different occasions have different dressing code. Among my people in Uganda, if you are visiting your "In-laws" you don't put on casual dresses; and if you are going to meet an important person such as your Parish Priest, the Bishop or an Officer you do not dress up in tracksuits; you dress up properly as a sign of your self respect in the eyes of the important person you are going to meet. Just as we do our best to dress to the occasion, so we should when we are going to meet Jesus our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

Some of my parishioners commented on the dressing of some people when they come to Sunday Mass. A badly dressed person at Mass destroys the positive opinion of the people about that person, just as a carelessly wrapped up parcel destroyed my opinion of it as something that deserved to be handled with care although it held precious things inside. It is true "*A habit does not make a monk*" but what is outside can sometimes tell what is inside or what someone is up to. Therefore the way you present yourself externally speaks volumes about what is going on internally.

With regard to the Church, each of us should strive for 'good manners at Mass.' Parents should teach their children good Mass manners and from the start help them to know that the Church is not another vast play area. Remember; children will capture values only on condition that someone has taught them to identify them. In the next few Sundays, I will mention in this column what I consider as inappropriate behaviour at Mass. Unfortunately they way we do things can tell whether we believe or not!

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 269.00 **Non-Gift Aid:** £383.53 **Total :** £652.53

Counters : Vera & Sisters

Mass Attendance : 634

Bonus Ball : No.

Second collection : Sept 23rd : Father Hudson's Society.

Forthcoming Second Collections October - November 2018 :

21st October—APF World Mission Sunday.; Nov 4th: Retired & infirm clergy ; 25th Nov. Catholic Youth service.

Pious Devotions

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

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

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

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Feast days during the week: 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham; 27th Sept. ST. Vincent de Paul; 29th Sept. Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) last Monday 10th September we started the program that introduces adults into Christian life as lived by Catholics This programme is open to everybody who wishes to deepen their faith. If you are baptised in other non Catholic Churches or you are not baptised at all or if you are a catholic but you need to go deeper into your faith, please feel free to join us. The meetings will take place on every Monday in the Lady's Chapel.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 5th October 2018 . Give what you can this Family Fast Day to help ensure the mothers to transform daily lives by having fresh water and resources to grow their own food to take care of their children. Your support this Family Fast will ensure millions of families around the world fresh water and enough food to survive. May God bless your generosity.

Matters of Importance

Parish Hall refurbishment : I'm glad to let you know that I made an application to Lottery Fund UK which runs a program "Award for all" requesting them to assist me with making our kitchen better. The Diocese through the Poor Parishes Fund had promised to match the donation that the Lottery Fund would give, then the parish would pay the rest. I'm glad that UK Lottery has granted St. Marys £10,000.00 and the Diocese too given us £10,000.00 to work on our kitchen. The Parish will have to provide the rest of the money £7000.00 which accounts to the total cost of the project. Due to some work which will start soon, the hall is not available for booking until the work is completed. Remember also to support the Diocesan Poor Parish Collection when it comes and our Parish Bonus Ball which is part of National Lottery. For your Bonus Ball numbers please ask at the piety stall table.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: will take place on Saturday 17th November 2018 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. I need your cooperation. Raffle tickets are available being distributed at the piety stall. Please take as many tickets as you can, buy them or sell them to your friends. Kindly provide us with tin food, Tombola prizes, wine bottles or soft drinks and good items for Bric a Brac. Cash donations are welcome. **No books or CDs** . Thank you in anticipation. The next Bazar meeting will be on **28th Sept at 6.00pm** in the parish hall

Coventry University Students are back to their classes. We welcome the old students from their holidays and we also warmly welcome the new students. Our Parish of St. Marys is also the Chaplaincy office I ask all parishioners to welcome the students and to let them know where the church is. Holy Mass to welcome all students will be on Sunday **28th October 2018** at 11.30am followed by a cup of tea/coffee in the parish hall for all.

Hudson's Care mission: is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support people in need across the Archdiocese. Today, the second collection will be for this mission. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Baptismal classes If you want your child to be baptised, it is mandatory to attend full preparation course. There will be THREE Sessions to be attended before a date is booked for baptism. These must be attended by parents and God parents. Parents from other parishes who wish their child to be baptised at St. Mary's, will be required to produce a letter of consent from their parish priest, authorising the Parish Priest of St. Mary's to baptise their parishioner. Classes will take place on 10th, 17th, and 24th Oct. at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. All must be attended.

Annual Justice and Peace Assembly will take place on **13 Oct.** Guest Speakers are Nicholas Hanrahan Community Outreach Officer Jesuit Refugee Services UK and David Newall, Brushstrokes. Afternoon workshops are led by J&P organisations Cost: £8 (low income and students £5)