

MASSES FROM 30th Sept to 7th Oct 2018

Sun	30	9.30am	Michael Gamble (Spl int), Catherine Bradly (RIP)
		11.30am	Mr. Moses (get well), Mama Magdalene Akhenji (RIP) Eche Philip, Patrick & Patricia (Thanksgiving)
Mon	01	12.00noon	Holy souls
Tues	02	9.30am	Misha, Raphael, Joy (Spl int)
Wed	03	9.30am	Sr. Leera & Family (Spl int)
		6.00pm	Reception— Cath Bradley
Thurs	04	10.00am	Requiem Mass
Fri	05	9.30am	Raymond Fernandes (RIP)
		5.00pm	Prayer for priests (Adoration)
Sat	06	9.30am	Rose Trill (Spl int)
Sun	07	9.30am	Phil Dunleavy (anni), Jim Gallagher, Nora Healy (RIP)
		11.30am	Mary Mangwa (RIP), Emmanuel Eguogwu (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

30th Sept 2018

9.30am Selia F., Julia H. (R)
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Geogina, Echee (R)
Patricia, Frank (E)

7th Oct 2018

Helen, Anthonia A. (R)
Jarek (E)
Aimee, Julie (R)
Vera, Marcel (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Patricia Waltho,

Anniversaries during this Week: Alan Conlon, Patrick Benson, Mary Shepherd, Mary O'Neill, Catherine Kennedy, Catherine O'Brien, Robert Elliot, Michael Whiting, mark O'Keane, Colum Byrne, Mary Ann Young, Michael O'Shea, Mary Margaret Murphy, Tim Boylan, Dan Dunnion, Margaret Gill, Nellie Gilroy, Nora Healy, Philomena Dunleavy

Thought on marriage: The uniqueness of woman

Men, especially the married, must learn to minister to the woman's unique nature. They can do this easily if they recognise their own unique male nature. Nature is therefore nurtured. Often men do not even understand themselves. To misunderstand women is to misjudge, and thus mistreat them. God created woman to be --joint heir with man. A woman's uniqueness is her greatest appeal to man, ...and his greatest challenge.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 26th Sunday in Ordinary time 30th Sept to 7th Oct 2018

I SAW A MOTHER DOING THIS IN CHURCH HOW MANY CAN FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE?

Last week I mentioned in this column that parents should teach their children good manners in Church. I understood later that some took me for someone who does not value the presence of children in church. What I know is that there are many things we can do to help the children to know what it means to go to Sunday Mass. Start with yourself as a parent or a guardian: leave home with time to arrive at church before Mass begins, preferably about 10 minutes. Doing so allows everyone to have a few moments for prayer and to be ready to participate in the Mass. It teaches children the importance of timekeeping not only for school but for the Church. Circumstances arise which will delay a family; such a situation is different from the perpetually late parishioners. When someone invites you to a function and you report late, it lowers his opinion about you. What can we say about perpetual late comers at Jesus' weekly banquet?

Before coming into church compound, discard any gum in a proper container. There must be a special place in purgatory for those who stick gum underneath the pews! Those who smoke in the church grounds or leave their cigarette butts everywhere show disrespect to Jesus present in the Tabernacle nearby. It is all about self-respect.

As your priest, I like standing at the back of the church to welcome you for Sunday Mass. One of the things I observe is to see how many of you on entering the church, make the sign of the cross with the holy water. It is just few individuals; but this gesture reminds us of our baptism and does dispel evil.

Before entering the pew, genuflect. It is an important act of reverence to the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. If you believe that He is present in the Sacrament particularly in the Eucharist, genuflection must be reverent. Thanks to those who mind to switch off their mobile phones as they enter the Church. Phones that go off during Mass speak volumes about you. Switch them off upon entry.

Participate in the songs and prayers, follow the readings and listen attentively to the homily. I am sometimes surprised by those "pillars of salt" who never open their mouths to sing or to pray. Those who do so are telling others that they are not touched by the Holy Spirit.

During the homily, it is not the time to read the newsletter. Listen to the Word of God being explained. Sunday School is good but the best way to teach your children the faith is by parents sitting with them in church and guide them. Last Sunday, I saw a mother following the readings with her finger so that her two young children could more easily and attentively follow them. How I wish all parents would do this!

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 261.44 £ **Non-Gift Aid:** £391.10 **Total :** £ 652.54

Counters : Pat & William Edwards

Mass Attendance : 645

Bonus Ball : No. 42. William Edwards

Second collection :

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: 1st October St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, 2nd October Our Guardian Angels, 4th October St. Francis of Assisi. Please pray for the Holy Father Pope Francis on his patron Saint's day.

Anecdote: Special Prayer

Once there was a merchant not well educated but much devoted to his regular prayers. Once on his journey he stopped at the time of prayer and spread his prayer mat bowed down and went through his bag to get his prayer book. To his surprise he had misplaced it and without it he could not say his prayers. So looked to heaven and said, God, you are the author of all and I know I cannot pray today because I have forgotten my prayer book. Look, I will do something now. I will slowly recite the alphabet three times. You know everything and you join them together into word and make them my prayer for you this evening. Then he recited the alphabet with his eyes closed. The God in heaven listened to his prayers and said, today this is the best prayer I heard.

Matters of Importance

Month of October is dedicated to our Lady of Rosary. Praying Rosary either individually or as a family is an age old tradition in the Catholic Church. Through the recitation of the Rosary directed to Mary the Mother of God we ultimately praise God the Father. I invite you to cultivate this habit of praying the Rosary in your families. The family that prays together stays together. Let us make our families a welcome place for God to dwell in.



Annual Christmas Bazaar: Thank you for all those turned up for the final bazaar meeting and your active participation. Kindly put in your diary the date for X'Mas bazaar, Saturday 17th November 2018 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. It's your parish and without your cooperation we cannot achieve much. Raffle tickets are available 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.

Welcome Holy Mass for Coventry University students will be on Sunday **28th October 2018** at 11.30am followed by a cup of tea/coffee in the parish hall for all. 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.

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.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion catechism for the children who are studying in non-Catholic schools have already started. If your child goes to non Catholic School please contact Sr. Leena on 07773168931



Family Prayer Campaign being launched by the Legion of Mary in the Archdiocese of Birmingham at St Thomas More's Church Sheldon, B26 3HU on October 6th., 2018 at 2.00pm. Rt. Rev. Philip Pargettar, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, will be the chief celebrant at the Mass followed by Rosary procession and Benediction – for details look up to the notice board.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program introduces adults into Christian life as lived by Catholics This programme is open to everybody who wishes to deepen their faith. The meetings will take place on every Monday in the Lady's Chapel. Kindly remember in your prayers Edna the RCIA candidate as she continues her sessions of faith.