

MASSES FROM 13th to 20th May 2018

Sun	13	9.30am	Raymond Hennassy (RIP)
		11.30am	Mama Magdaline Akenji, Josephine Onye (RIP), Florence E. (Thanksgiving), Cecilia Ekobe (Get well)
Mon	14	9.30am	Griffith family (Good health), Ehi Omorige (B'day)
Tues	15	9.30am	Haffernan family (Spl int)
Wed	16	9.30am	Marcus Daffin (Get well)
Thurs	17	9.30am	Greg & Stephny (Spl int)
Fri	18	9.30am	Richard & Yvonne (Spl int)
Sat	19	10.30am	First Holy Communion
Sun	20	9.30am	Dominico Tran (RIP), Teresa Ann (RIP)
		11.30am	Josephine Onye, John Bradley (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>13th May 2018</u>	<u>20th May 2018</u>
9.30am	Nicholas, Kisanet (R) Elizabeth P (E)	Selia, Bob Huddock (R) Barbara (E)
11.30am	Nelson, Ashley (R) Loveness, Patricia (E)	Aimee, Emmanuella (R) Serso, Vera (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulronee, John Currison, 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, Ann Hanley.

Anniversaries during this Week: Moira Davis, Thomas McDonagh, Christy Benson, Mary Ellen Healy, Mary Dunnion, Sean Anthony Logan, Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Bridget Theresa Ludid, William Morrissey.

First Confessions: of children in non catholic primary schools who will be receiving their First Holy Communion took place yesterday. Children were accompanied by their parents. I thank Sr. Leena Mathias who prepared them so well.

One day conference on England and Rome titled: "Anglo-Papal relations c1350 to 1870" is organised by the diocese to take place at Cathedral House (Grimshaw Room) Birmingham on Monday 25th June 2018 starting at 10.45am-4.00pm. Cost of the conference is £20.00 students £15.00 details are on the noticeboard.

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.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter- 7th Sunday of Easter - 13th to 20th May 2018

THE PAIN WE FEEL AT THEIR DEPARTURE IS THE JOY THEY HAVE AS THEY WAIT FOR THEM TO ARRIVE:

This week we bade farewell to Fr. Eugene Lobo and his sister Mrs Leena Lobo who have been here on holiday. They came here specifically to visit Sr. Leera, who is their youngest sibling in the family. We enjoyed their company to such extent that I wished they stayed longer. Their departure at the airport was an emotional one as I kept in mind that probably we shall never see each other again in this life!

While the Sisters and I stood there to have a final glimpse of them before they disappeared through security and customs checkpoints, their family back in India were calling and texting them as they felt extremely excited to learn that Fr. Eugene and his sister were on their way home, a five year old grandson Kyle had missed his grandmother so much that he had been wondering what she was doing in England that kept her away for such a long time. Here, the Sisters and I were going through pain of departure, while there in India, they looked forward with excitement for their arrival.

In that situation some thoughts came to my mind about what happens when our life on earth comes to a close. Friends and family feel so sad when they see a loved one passing on, there is sadness in parting, tears are often shed. It is because this world is the home we have known since we came to exist. No body departs from this life willingly or with total satisfaction. However, those who have go before us keep wondering when we would join them! Just as the five year old Kyle was anxious to receive his grandma back home irrespective of our own pain to see her go, so also our family members in heaven must be wondering when we shall join them in glory, irrespective of the pain and loss felt by those left behind.

The ascension of Jesus celebrated last Thursday reminds us that we are just visitors on this planet, a time will come when we have to return home. Unfortunately some people treat others as if they are aliens and only they are citizens. The fact is that we are all going, the difference between us is when! To avoid getting lost or to miss our true home, try your best to follow the **WAY**, to search for the **TRUTH** and to live by the **LIFE JESUS CHRIST**. There is **no way**, there is **no truth** and there is **no Life** outside Jesus Christ. Let us prepare well to catch the departure flight and for a safe landing.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £412.80 **Non-Gift Aid:** 399.63 **£Total :** £812.43

Counters : Agnes & Tom Ferris

2nd collection : 13th May—Catholic Communications;

Mass Attendance : 711 Bonus Ball : No. 5 Esayas

Forthcoming Second Collections June— July 2018

June 17— Day for life; June 24— Peter's Pence.

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.

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

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Thought on marriage : THE FAMILY IN GOD'S PLAN

Marriage and the family are ordered to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education of children. The love of the spouses and the begetting of children create among members of the same family personal relationships and primordial responsibilities.

A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family. It should be considered the normal reference point by which the different forms of family relationship are to be evaluated.

In creating man and woman, God instituted the human family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution. Its members are persons equal in dignity. For the common good of its members and of society, the family necessarily has manifold responsibilities, rights, and duties.

Matters of Importance

Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool: We already have over 200 people from our Archdiocese booked to attend the Eucharistic Congress, *Adoremus* in September. We still have a number of tickets available for the Saturday when the focus will be the meaning and power of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please visit the diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk. **The Diocesan Education Services (DES)** is seeking to appoint a temporary full time Primary Adviser to the above position for the forthcoming academic year (starting 1 September 2018). This post is ideally suited to somebody who would be interested in a secondment from their current post in school or somebody who is currently available and seeking a temporary contract. It would provide an opportunity for on-going professional development and to use core skills within the advisory work for RE and Catholic life in diocesan primary schools. **Application packs are available on request by contacting Sam Shepherd by phone or email at 01675 464 755 Ext:100 s.shepherd@bdes.org.uk.** If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Maggie Duggan by phone 01675 464755 Ext:115 or email m.duggan@bdes.org.uk **Closing Date:** Friday 11 May. Interviews to be held WB 21 May

Cake sale: Next Sunday May 20th there will be a cake sale in preparation of the Silver Jubilee.

New Feasts of the Church: Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of the Church to be celebrated on the Monday immediately following Pentecost Sunday. *Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ High Priest*, which is proper to England and Wales and is to be celebrated on the Thursday after Pentecost Sunday starting from this year (2018). Eucharistic celebration will be at St. Benedict school at 9.15am. No Mass in the parish. All are welcome.

The Romero Catholic Academy, Coventry are offering a wonderful opportunity for three senior leaders, who are practicing Catholics, to lead two schools both Corpus Christi and Good Shepherd Primary schools within the Romero Catholic Academy. For details log on to www.romeromac.com/vacancies.

Coventry Catholic Deanery Vocations Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 24th May at 6.30 pm. led by The Romero Catholic Academy at St Patrick's Church

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday June 3rd from St Osburg's to the ruins of the cathedral, starting at 3 pm. Children making their First Holy Communion this year are encouraged to take part wearing their Communion outfits.

MAY is the month of Mary during this month ahead pray a decade of the Rosary together as family to receive special blessings from Mother Mary. For the home is a holy place!

First Holy Communion of our School children will take place on Saturday 19th May at 10.30am. Please come and pray for our children.

Baptism preparation class for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 14th May at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. I encourage both the parents to be present for the class.