

MASSES FROM 13th to 20th Nov 2016

Sun	13	9.00am	Dr. Denis Joseph (RIP), Bernedette (Thanksgiving))
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	14	9.30am	Terry & Winifred Maloney (Anni), Chinenya (Thanksgiving)
Tue	15	9.30am	Fr. John Bathulla (Thanksgiving), Founders of SSA (RIP),
Wed	16	9.30am	Thomas Nolan & Michael Walsh)Anni)
Thurs	17	9.30am	Sr. Giulia (RIP), Ann Shanley (Anni)
Fri	18	9.30am	Jack Funlong (Anni), Clara Agbontaen Odiase (RIP)
Sat	19	9.30am	Doran Family (RIP), Ray Fernando (RIP)
		10.00am –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	20	9.00am	Jimmy Johnston (Anni) , Cecilia & Caithan D'Souza (RIP)
		11.30am	Maggie (RIP)
		4.00pm	Prayer service -closing the Jubilee year of Mercy

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 13th Nov 2016

9.00 am Kisaneth, Julia Hunt
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Caroline, Julie
Marcel, Vera (E)

Weekend 20th Nov 2016

Joanita Pereira, Roisin Byrne
Barbara Shaughnessy (E)
Temi, Florence A
Serso, Frank (E)

Anniversaries during this Week: Patrick Mooney, Paddy Darley, Mary McCall, Robert Delargy, 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 , Thomas Dalton, Willie Docherty, James Cummings Johnston

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulroney, Philomena Dunleavy, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Duignan, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Nora O'Brien, Sean Harte, Eamon Finlan, Phyllis Mulvey, Kath Muldoon, Bizmana-Rene Mandevu.

Our Schools Marked Remembrance Day with the observation of a minute silence at 11am. Children remembered and praying for those who lost their lives in conflict. Throughout November we think of those who have gone before us and are with God our Father in heaven. Children are invited to complete prayer cards to hang on our 'Tree of Remembrance' which is in the entrance area and the school council are also selling poppies on behalf of the British Legion. As we approach Remembrance Sunday this weekend, the Lord Mayor of Coventry has written to schools reminding children about the Remembrance Day Service and parade on Sunday November 13th at 10:50am at the War Memorial Park. He is encouraging families to share in this year's event.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter--33rd Sunday 13th to 20th Nov 2016

GOD WANTED TO SHOW HIS MERCY

Next weekend Sunday 20th November in a 'symbolic' gesture, the Church will close the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Of course the Mercy of God cannot be closed off but as human beings, our life is regulated by seasons. The symbolic opening and closing of the Door of Mercy, reminds us of the special time we the people of God are marking.

When I heard that the Church of St. Mary's and St. Benedict was named a Jubilee Shrine for the Year of Mercy, I could not contain my joy. It was a great honor, a life-time gift that God bestowed upon me as Parish Priest and upon all the people who form part of this community. Try to imagine that we had not tried to persevere in faith together, making this church our place of prayer and encounter with the Mercy of God! Try also to imagine what would happen if you did not stand by this parish in good times and in bad times, we could not have been given such a great honor. In Coventry, St Mary's is a small church, almost insignificant, which cannot boast of anything except the love of God that brings us together most of us on buses and on foot for our daily and Sunday Masses. Thanks to God a few among us also drive to church.

St. Mary's is 99.9% made up of immigrants or descendants of immigrants. Like a mother embracing and taking care of her children St. Mary's has taken care of all the people that begin their life here in the city. Recently I listened to the story of young Irish girls who came to Coventry in 1950's to work in Golson Hospital. Life was very difficult. but St. Mary's gave them the platform to stand on in order to get on with life. Once you leave your homeland, life is never the same. Nowadays people have shorter memory than those of the past, it is unfortunate that some do forget the role that the Catholic church has played in their lives to bring them to where they are. Well, never forget the mercy of the Lord.

Reflecting on our individual stories, let us turn what we have received into action. As I listen to the stories of many people, all that I hear about are the humble beginnings of men and women who came to Coventry and were welcomed by this Church. This is where life began. I ask the people of St. Mary's to have a profound love for their parish and a deep respect and support of one another. The humble beginnings of each one of us are a sure proof that that God has a plan. St. Mary's church was not randomly chosen. In God's infinite plan it is here that he brings people from different nationalities, with different aspirations and with troubled life to begin life so that by doing so, they may know that He is merciful.



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 203.19 Non-Gift Aid £ 529.84 Total: 733.03 Thank you.

2nd Collection : 242.70

Counters 13th Nov Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul

Mass Attendance 6th Nov 633

Bonus Ball : No. 38. Jean Hoey

Second Collection: 20th Nov Catholic Youth Service
4th Dec Poor Parishes' Fund
11th Dec Fr Hudson's Society

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.

The church is open from **8.30am to 6:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to pass through the Door of Mercy and spend time in prayer.

RCIA Lessons: I am grateful to Mrs. Veronica Carrol who has accepted to assist me with RCIA classes for our 7 Catechumens. Please keep them in your prayers. If any member would like to join the catechism class please contact Fr. Jimmy or Mrs. Veronica Carrol.

Advent Parish Penitential Services: St. Marys Parish Monday 19th Dec. 7:00pm

St. Osburgs 16th Dec. 2016 at 12:10pm

Please note that there will not be further individual Confessions in preparation for Christmas after this date. This is to enable the priests to go to assist with Confessions in other parishes and to visit the sick and housebound with the Sacrament. If you do not turn up on that day try other parishes where there will be Confessions.

Matters of Importance

Closing Ceremony for the "Year of Mercy" will take place at St Mary's on Sunday November 20th at 4.00pm with a Deanery Evening Prayer (Not Mass) This will be the last time people can walk through the "Door of Mercy" the next time we walk through the Door of Mercy will be when we come into the presence of God in heaven. There will be priests to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession for just only ONE HOUR starting from 3:00pm. Please note that the earlier announcement of closing the Door of Mercy on the 13th November has been abrogated. Meanwhile Archbishop Longley and Bishop David McGough will close the Door of Mercy in St Chad's Cathedral on the 20th November. Bishop David McGough will close the Door of Mercy in Holy Trinity, Newcastle on the 13th November.

Christmas Bazaar: final meeting will be on Tuesday 15th November at 6.00pm in the parish Hall. I invite all the volunteers to be present to finalise the programme for our parish Christmas bazar. Please remember to return the stubs and the money by Sunday 20th November.

Christmas choir concert is being organised by our Parish Choir of St. Marys to take place at St. Mary's and Benedict church on 3rd December 2016 starting at 3:00pm– 4:30pm. Your presence will indeed boost us because we want you to join us by listening as we pray to God through singing. Entrance is free.

Leaving Church before the Final blessing: is very disrespectful to the mysteries we celebrate at Mass. It is a behaviour which might indicate that we TRULY DO NOT BELIEVE or else we do not know who called us together to listen to his word and to participate in this Eucharistic banquet. Sometime ago I talked about Judas Iscariot who walked out of Mass before it ended. We all know what became of the man. I wish to remind you that except for good reasons and for exceptional circumstances it is not good Christian behaviour to leave the church before the final blessing and until the priest has left the Altar.

Cake Sale: last week raised £295 in support of the parish bazaar due to take place on 26th November starting from 1:00pm-4:00pm. I am grateful to our generous ladies who baked them and all of you who bought them. May God bless your service to the Church.

Blessing the Crib: will take place in the city centre near Marks and Spenser on 27th November 2016, the First Sunday of Advent at 4:00pm. Please remember to turn up for this occasion.

Please Pay some attention: when readings are being read and when announcements are being made. It is important that each person creates an atmosphere that can help others to pray today. Take the newsletter with you because it is containing the necessary information that you need to know throughout the week concerning events in our parish. The Newsletter and good information can be found on our website www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk

Congratulations to Samuel and Anthonia who had their marriage blessed yesterday here at St. Marys. It was a response to my appeal that the Mercy of God ought to be visible manifest in our life. I thank the choir which led us in the singing. May God bless our newly wedded couple.