

### **MASSES FROM 18th to 25th Sept 2016**

Sun	18	9.00am	Ethan Osagie (1st Birthday)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	19	12.00noon	Albert Hunt (RIP), Anna Mapuranga (B'day)
			Desmond P. McTigue- Requiem Mass
Tue	20	9.30am	Sr. Lydwin (Spl int)
Wed	21	9:30am	Nora Obrien (Get well)
Thurs	22	9.30am	Marino Bertossi (Get well), Rose Hogan (Spl int)
Fri	23	9.30am	George McMullin (RIP)
Sat	24	9.30am	Milagros (Spl int)
		10.00am –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	25	9.00am	Eddie Omeregi (B'day), Emnia Ewah (B'day)
		11.30am	Esparanza (Thanksgiving)

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **Weekend 18th Sept 2016**

9.00 am Julia, Asipita  
Elizabeth Packer (E )  
11.30am Maame McSam, Julie  
Marcel, Serso (E )

#### **Weekend 25th Sept 2016**

Roisin Gill, Nazareth  
Sophie Drabik (E)  
Florence, Honorine  
Vera, Marcel (E)

**Recently departed:** Lina Craddock, Bridget O'Loughlin, Albert Hunt, Desmond Patrick McTigue, Thomas Cosgrove.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Margaret Lee, Peggy Moore, Owen Healy, Delia Mallaney, Betty Reilly, John Mulroney, William Lennon, Christy Benson, James Francis Duleavy

**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.

**Change of Mass time:** I'm so pleased that with the change of Mass time which you have graciously accepted, I can be in good position to take care of two parishes with less anxiety to find a priest. To tell you the truth it used to take me a full week ringing to one priest after another to see if he could be available. May I suggest that we shorten our singing so that the priest can have some time to relax the mind, to meditate on the Word of God before the next Mass and to travel from one church to the other.



**A.J Missions**



**St. Osburgs**



**St. Marys**



**St. Elizabeths**

### **Parish News letter 25th Sunday - 18th to 25th Sept 2016**

#### **THEY HAVE MOSES AND THE PROPHETS**

Most of us have heard or read the story in Luke's Gospel 16:19-31 told by Jesus about the rich man and Lazarus. Well the rich man had worked hard to earn his money, the comfortable life he had was well deserved. It was a result of his hard work. To put it in our contemporary language; his business was open 24hrs a day, 7 days a week 365 days a year. With such busy working patterns nothing could stop him becoming rich. After death the man found himself in hell. Yet even there he had some goodness in him; he begged Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers to tell them to change their behaviour and to warn them of hell. It is the answer that Abraham gave that is relevant to us; he said ***"they have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them"*** (Lk 16:29) Who are the Moses and Prophets Jesus implies that Abraham was talking about?

There is no doubt Abraham according to Jesus was referring to the priests; they spend their entire life preaching the word of God, warning all people to guard against sin and exhorting us to persevere in the faith. At funerals priests encourage people to follow Jesus Christ the **Way** the **Truth** and the **Life**. What happens? Who takes notice? Well if people do not listen to what the Catholic church teaches when the priests explain the Word of God to them, I'm sure they will not listen even if someone would rise from the dead!

These days some people do not listen to what the priests say, as a matter of fact it is not uncommon to find those who take pride in disobedience, criticising or taking offense at every word spoken to them by their priests. According to the story of Jesus about the rich man and Lazarus, if the teaching office of the church will not touch your life to be converted to God, nothing will convert you even if someone would come back from the dead. That is hell!

When I was growing up, my parents used to say to me that while priests made mistakes and committed sins like anybody else, we owed them respect and obedience. My mother would add *"yes he is chosen by God from among the people but he is actually NOT one of the men in the community but a special man anointed by God to deliver his message. It is God's message."* "They have Moses and the prophets" in other words they have the priests let them listen to them.

Every parish priest leaving a parish will speak to the man who replaces him about two people, first those members of the parish he can turn to for good advice, support and realistic assessment of issues. Secondly he will also speak to him about those who are fault finders, and in some rare cases he might mention to him those he might need to keep at an arm's length. Such will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets!

From this September priests are taking up their new posts the way we act can become part of the two people he will talk about to the new priest when he comes.



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#### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid: 515.15 Non-Gift Aid £ 506.65 Total: £ 1021.80 Thank you.

Second collection : 272.53 Thank you.

**Counters** 18th Sept Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

**Mass Attendance** 11th Sept 547

Bonus Ball : No. 28 - Norah Currison

**Second Collection: 18th Sept Catholic Evangelization**

25th Sept	Walsingham Shrine
9th Oct	CAFOD
23rd Oct	World Mission Sunday
6th Nov	Johnson Association (Retired & Infirm Clergy)
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 6.30 – 7.30pm.

**Prayer for priests** every first Friday of the month from 6.30 – 7.30pm.

**Rosa Mystica** on 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**This Year's Annual Mass for the infirm with anointing** will take place at SS. Mary and Benedict Church to give an opportunity to our elderly and infirm members an opportunity to walk through the Door of Mercy. The Mass will take place on Sunday 16th October 2016 at 3.00pm. I ask those who minister to the sick in our parish to prepare them for that event before the Door of Mercy closes.

**Christmas Bazar:** It is one of the major fund raising event for the development of our Parish. The Annual Christmas Bazar will take place on **26th November** 2016 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm in the parish hall. I invite you all for a meeting on Tuesday 27th September at 6.00pm in the parish hall. Let us come together to plan, to work and make it a success.

**Coventry Pioneer Regional Committee** invite you to a one day Retreat at Ss Mary and Benedict Church Raglan Street Coventry CV1 5QF On Saturday 24th September Commencing at 11.00am with light refreshments 11.30am - Retreat Leader - Fr David Nixon (MSC) Concluding with Mass at 4.00pm Please contact – Deacon Gerry O'Reilly on 024 76333881 for more details.

**Pray for peace:** the Archbishop received a letter from the Apostolic Nunciature on the 8 September 2016 with a request from the Holy Father that each diocese should promote a Day of Prayer for Peace on Tuesday 20 September when Pope Francis will be presiding at the Interreligious gathering in Assisi. Please let us remember to place this intention in today's prayer.

**As School has started** parents are reminded of the following!

**Guard against lateness** following the drift in between 8.40am and 8.55am all children should be in school. Any children arriving after 8.55am will be marked late in the register. 8.55am is the legal start to the day and the register is taken at this time. We will continue to monitor and reduce lateness by working with families who are not ensuring their child is in school by 8.55am. If the school has not heard from a parent concerning a child who is absent, by 9.00am, we will make a telephone call to ensure the child is safe. Please try to let us know before this time by calling the school office.

**No holidays during term time** – Despite various cases in the news the head teacher will not authorise any holidays during term time. The office of the Head teacher has been advised to continue to submit fixed penalty notices to the Local Authority if parents do take their children out of school for holidays. You need to be aware of this.

**Make time for breakfast for your child!** Even on the first few days back we are aware that there are some children who are coming to school without having breakfast. It is really important that the children have something to eat in the morning before they come to school in order to feel energised and ready to concentrate and learn. It is a long time to wait until lunchtime! If on the odd occasion your child has missed breakfast eg. due to running late, please do let the school know.

**Thought on Marriage:** on the threshold of his public life Jesus performed his first sign - at his mother's request - during a wedding feast. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence. Jesus is present in your matrimony sharing in your joys and comforting you in time of sorrow.

**Lectors Meeting** for those who read at 11.30am Mass will take place on Sunday 2nd October 2016 immediately after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

**St. Elizabeth's and Good Shepherd's school Anniversaries Mass** you are invited to join the mentioned schools to celebrate - 50th Birthday of Good Shepherd primary and 100th birthday St Elizabeth's primary - on Sunday 25th September. Please be seated by 2:40pm. Mass will be led by Archbishop Bernard at 3:00pm.