

**MASSES FROM 25th Nov to 2nd Dec 2018**

Sun	25	9.30am	Rosemary Tressy (Anni), Michael Healy (RIP)
		11.30am	Patrick Tully, Mary Mangwa (RIP)
			Samuel & Adetutu Temilola & family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	26	9.30am	Cath Bradly (RIP)
Tues	27	9.30am	Theophilus Buwule & Felicity Nabaygala (RIP)
			Florence Anderson (RIP)
Wed	28	9.30am	Agnes Ferris (RIP)
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>
Fri	30	9.30am	Henry & Buchi Offiah (Spl int), Pagey Tolan (RIP)
Sat	01	9.30am	Shandulani, Misha & family (spl int)
Sun	02	9.30am	Tony Mulroony (RIP), Lilly Sexton (Get well)
		11.30am	Theophilus Buwule & Felicity Nabaygala (RIP)
			Mary Mangwa (RIP)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**25/11/18**

9.30am Julia Hunt, Selia (R)  
Jarek (E)  
11.30am Georgina, Echee (R)  
Vera, Frank (E)

**02/12/18**

Elena Wood, James Mapuranga (R)  
Betty Osagie (E)  
Florence E., Julie (R)  
Patricia, Serso (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:** Michael McSheffrey, Mary Copland, Jane Walsh, Kevin Patrick Devaney, John Hughes, Nancy Shanley, John Anthony McAloon, Sean Heavey, John Coyne, Paul Allen, James Williams, Faye Townley, Nora Stacy, Madeline Carey, Ellen Caldwell, Edith Gardner, Gerry Seary, Denis Doran, Rosaleen McAndrew, Thomas Howe, Nora Lucid, Elizabeth Reid, Mary O'Brien, John Heavey, Ellen Duffy, Rose Donagher, John Sheridan, Joseph Reid, Theresa Hickey, Francis Moloney, Eamon Lusty, Frank McSorley, Joseph Sheridan.



**Dates for your Diary :**

Parish penitential service 11th Dec at 6.00pm  
Baptism classes **15th & 22nd Jan 2019** at 6.00pm

*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– Feast of Christ the King - 25th Nov 2nd December 2018**

**JESUS CHRIST IS LEADER DO YOU KNOW OF WHICH PARTY?**

Long before the Europeans invaded the tribes of sub Saharan Africa, the people there lived a very peaceful life. Natural resources were acknowledged as God's gift to the community and they were shared in common. Leaders were born and not elected therefore there was no competition for leadership. This does not mean that there was no effective leadership, on the contrary the people recognised their leaders, with or without weapons in his/in her hands, the people followed and obeyed the leader who on his part served the people without distinction or discrimination. A tribal leader was like a dad in a family at the service of all his children.



When the Europeans invaded Sub Saharan Africa in late 17th century, they took such peaceful leadership for being primitive, they dismantled traditional social structures and cheated the people of their peaceful non competitive political organisation. To respect authority was seen as weakness and hereditary monopoly of power was called dictatorship. It was no longer seen as valuable for a paramount chief to be succeeded by his son and the son to pass on that power to his grandson. The result of that was instigation of hateful feelings towards those in authority, exploitation and anarchy. The Law of the jungle (Might is Right) was established for the first time. We call it dictatorship. In traditional African society and in those communities around the world which the so called enlightened people call primitive, they never look upon their ethnic leaders as dictators, neither do their leaders take themselves to be at the service of those who supported them to come to power or who belong to their party. They are servants of the people.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King we are reminded that we belong to someone who loves us without distinction or favour. Jesus is a King of the people, not a political party leader. To celebrate the kingship of Christ, is to confess that every human person is a living member making his kingdom present here and now.

Recently, someone was upset by the Christians because for more than 2000 years they have never conducted elections to choose a new leader to replace Jesus Christ. 'You should hold a referendum on his 2000 year rule' he said. Some people might think that the Church is a kind of a party of which Jesus is a leader. I don't know what you make out of your understanding of Jesus Christ as your King; however it is important that we deepen our understanding of what He meant when he said before Pontius Pilate: **YES I'M A KING**. He also said to the people "The Kingdom of God is among you".

**YOU ARE MOST WELCOME** to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here or probably you have been here before, your presence with us at this moment our community worship is greatly appreciated. Our Parish Church is the second to be built in Coventry after the Protestant Reformation. It was built in 1893, the pews have never moved since then! Our Musical Pipe Organ was inaugurated in 1898, it was the best of its kind at the time. Our Parish has had eleven Parish priests since 1889, the present one being a Religious Missionary from the Institute of Apostles of Jesus in Uganda. Our Parish welcomes and promotes the initiatives taken by everyone for the building up and sustenance of our faith community.

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**Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid:** £ 226.42 **Non-Gift Aid:** £418.09 **Total :** £644.51

**Counters :** Elizabeth & Patsy

**Mass Attendance :** 652 **Bonus Ball :** No.

**Second collection :** 25th Nov. Catholic Youth service;

**Forthcoming Second Collections November—December 2018 :** 9th Dec - Poor parishes fund

**Pious Devotions**

**Prayer for priests** every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm followed by Mass

**Divine mercy prayers** every last Thursday of the month from 6 -7pm followed by Mass

**Rosa Mystica** on 13<sup>th</sup> of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

**Parish Rosary group** every Friday at 6.00pm

**Choir practice** every Friday at 7.30pm

**Church cleaning:** 8.00am to 9.30am

**Confessions :** Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

**Mass in the University:** Every Tuesday at 1.10pm in Hub

**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.

**Feast day s during the week:** 30th November Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle, 1st December Feast of Edmund Campion, priest, Martyr.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is open to everybody who wishes to deepen their faith. The meetings will take place on every Monday in the Lady's Chapel at 6.00pm. Kindly remember in your prayers **Edna and Michael & Adetutu** the RCIA candidates as she continues her sessions of faith.

**Matters of Importance**

**Advent Season Masses in School:** there will be Masses for Children in the School on Mondays in the season of Advent starting at 9:15am. It will be good if parents can stay back and attend Mass with the children soon after taking them to school

**Season of Advent:** has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. Next Sunday is First Sunday of Advent.



**Confirmation:** 31 children of our school and parish will be Confirmed by Bishop William Kenny on Thursday 29th November at 7:00pm. There will be practice in the Church on Monday 26th November starting at 5:00pm followed by the Sacrament of Confession for those who will be Confirmed. Please it is mandatory that every candidate attend with their sponsors.

**Winners of the Raffle Prizes**

1st Prize NO 002570

4th Prize No 03810

**Food Hamper Raffles**

II- Prize Yellow Ticket Ad849998

276– 280

Please collect your prizes at the piety stall.

**Advent prayer day** for our parish will be on Saturday 8th December from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, sharing the Word of God and personal reflections. I invite all the parishners to make some time and come to rest at the feet of the Lord in prayer as we prepare for the birthday of the Lord.

**Parish penitential service** will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 6.00pm. There will be priests from the deanery to assist us with individual Confessions. Let us come together to experience God's mercy and healing as we approach this Sacrament. Let us always live a reconciled life with God.

**Life Group asking for something extra:** on Friday 7th December 2018, it will be a monthly national day of prayer and fasting for Life. Join them in Prayer and Fasting from all food except bread and water for the day, or Fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Fast from whatever you can given your state of health etc, but make sure it is something that involves a sacrifice to yourself. Life Group is asking people to say a Rosary (or an extra Rosary if you say it daily already). On Friday 7th December so that abortion and euthanasia may come to an end. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see; [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** will be celebrated on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December .After 10am Mass at St Peter's Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament up to noon.

**Saturday December 1st marks the 31st annual World AIDS Day.** Let us remember all those living with HIV and AIDS. We pray for all those infected or affected by HIV all over the world. We pray for the doctors, nurses, scientists and carers who work for healing in this devastating pandemic. We ask God to bless the work of CAFOD and Caritas International, who serve the poor in the name of the Church. We pray for all those involved in the 'Positive Catholics' HIV ministry here in the UK. May God fill all of us with compassion and solidarity.