

**Advent Penitential Services: St. Mary'** on Monday December 19th at 7:00pm

**St Osburg** Friday 16th December after 12:10pm Mass

With the departure of Fr. Michael Stack the Deanery is one priest less. He is not replaced. Please note that there will not be further individual confessions at St. Osburg's after the 16th of December 2016. This is to enable the priests to go to assist with confessions in other parishes and to visit the sick and the house bound who need the confessions too. If you do not turn up on that day check other parish programmes where confessions will be available.

**Mass intention:** I wish to thank all those who ask the priest to celebrate Mass for their intentions. I wish however to suggest that you leave it to the discretion of the priest to fix a date when the Mass is celebrated. There are cases when different people ask for a Mass to be celebrated for their intention on the same day. This causes a problem. The priest will make sure that the Mass is celebrated either on the preferred date or as close as possible to the preferred date.

**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.

**Thank you for the donations** so far contributed for Christmas bazaar, however I have been informed that we are severely short of all kinds of bottles which make up the bottle stall. I ask you to help if you can. Thank you again for your generosity.

**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](http://www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk)

**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. You are requested to turn up for this public witness to Christian presence in our city.

**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.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter—33rd Sunday—YEAR C 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 lifetime 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**

**1st collection:**

gift aid.....£ 82.50 loose..... £348.42 Total..... **£430.92**

**2nd collection- Retired Clergy:**

gift aid..... £ 37.50 loose..... £233.92 Total..... **£271.42**

**Heating the church: £96.04** Thank you for generosity.

**Parish Christmas Bazaar: will be** on Saturday 3rd Dec 2016 from 10:00am. Only a handful of donations of bottles of wine, whiskey and soft drinks; tinned foods, cereals have come in. . Stuff can be brought directly to the sacristy before or after Mass.

**Donations to Fr. Christmas bag:** Fr Christmas is appealing for donations to help him to fill his sack for his visit to this year's church bazaar. Thanks to someone who left a brown envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

**Christmas choir concert** is scheduled to take place at St. Mary's and Benedict church on 3rd December 2016 starting at 3:00pm– 4:30pm. Come and see talented Catholic young people as they sing to usher-in the Christmas season. Entrance is free. Voluntary contribution will be very welcome to assist the parish choir in its work of evangelization through singing.

**Masses for the Holy Souls will be sent to the Apostles of Jesus missionaries working in Cuba. The Cuban Communist leaders Fidel and Laul Castro have allowed the Church to evangelise the Cuban people emerging from communist rule. The missionaries are starting from zero. They have asked for Masses, therefore the names of the deceased and the donations will be sent to them.**

**Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'**

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**TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 13th to 20th Nov 2016**

Sat	12	11.45am	Maureen Breen (Get well)
		5.30pm	Margaret Ryan & Paddy Ryan (RIP)
Sun	13	10.30am	Una Ruddy (RIP), Joao Anton DeMello (RIP)
Mon	14	12.10pm	Joe Walsh (RIP), Mary McSharry (RIP), Colin Smith (Get well)
Tues	15	12.10pm	Holy souls
Wed	16	12.10pm	Tom Creagh (RIP)
Thurs	17	12.10pm	Holy souls
Fri	18	12.10pm	Deceased members of Doherty family
Sat	19	11.45am	Deceased members of Lloyd & Grant family, John Glen (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Johnny Jordan (RIP)
Sun	20	10.30am	Aaron Coen (RIP), M.A. (Spl int)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 12th/13th Nov 2016**

**Weekend 19th/20th Nov 2016**

5:30 pm	Ann E, Bernadette (R) Zen (E)	Maria, Maggie (R) Bernadette (E)
10.30am	Charles, Maggie (R) June, Teresa (E)	Janet, Charles (R) Catherine, Zen (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** Josie Kennedy, Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Josie Kennedy, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Glithero, Jan Carusso, Nadia Faruk Hannah, Tom McDermott, Winnie McDermott, Gerald Douglas, Shirley Hartnett, Stephen Bayliss, Jackie Buckley, Dave Riliott, Alan Davis, David Horley, Margaret Ghen, Bridie & Benny McAndrew. Christine Strong, Hilda Gibson, Sheila Biggs,

**Please pray for those whose anniversary occur about this time** Kilfeather Patrick, John Thomas Gillespie, Murray Patrick Joseph, Hastings Peter, Byrne Elizabeth, Julia Ann Byrne, Huddy John, Harkin Mary Eleen, Hayes Daniel, Hegarty Margiorie Beatrice

**Pilgrimages to Medjugorje:** Deacon Pat Flanagan invites those who are interested to go that two pilgrimages have been organised 11th-18th May 2017, and 5th -12th October 2017 with Monarch Air flying from Birmingham to Dubrovnik. Cost is £235.00 (sharing) in a 3\* hotel. For more details please contact Deacon Pat 024 76335383, or email [patrickflanagan7@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:patrickflanagan7@hotmail.co.uk).