

### Matters of importance

**Organizing the parish office:** the parish computer is too old and its software is phased out by Microsoft. I think St. Osburgs is the only parish using Microsoft Windows 2000. In colloquial terms we are in the stone age. Even Windows XP, is no longer supported by Microsoft, the computer is good for scrap. I'm making an appeal for 2 new desktop computers One for the Financial secretary and Gift Aid departments the other is for parish ordinary secretarial work. The two computers will cost £1,600:00

**Sacramental preparation:** in the catholic church every sacrament is requested for and every sacrament is prepared for. The reason for requesting to receive the sacraments be it Baptism Confirmation or matrimony is to make sure that someone is free to receive the sacrament and not forced. The reason for preparing the candidates to receive the sacrament is to make sure that he has clearly understood what he has asked for. There are a number of people who come to the presbytery or make telephone calls to fix dates for baptism but are not ready to undergo any preparation. When I baptised my three children we just came to the door and we booked a date" someone told me. Another one said, we came to the door and the priest told us to go to the church he came and baptised our baby! What is this preparation you are introducing"? Another one asked. Well I wish to inform you that from now on any persons who want to have their children baptised MUST attend baptismal preparation course to be conducted here at the parish on a given date. For any clarification of this matter please contact Fr. Jimmy.

**Diocesan Novena in honour of the Sacred Heart :** As part of the Year of Mercy parishes, religious communities, families and individuals are invited to participate during the month of June in the prayer for vocations, ie vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, Religious life, marriage and family life and the single state. Please pray that God sends workers among his people in the mentioned states of life. Encourage each other to become evangelisers of God's people.

**Mission appeals:** the Archbishop received a letter from the Sisters' Mission Committee asking him to pass on their thanks to all the priests of the Archdiocese who hosted their annual mission appeal last year. The final total received was **£81,564.11**. The sisters are most grateful for this generous contribution to their work and for the opportunity to foster awareness of the responsibility of all Christians for "mission" as members of both the local and worldwide church. At St. Mary's if you recall we had Sr. Natalie of the Verona/ Comboni missionaries who spoke to us.

**Sacramental Register and Data protection:** The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales requires the holders of baptism, marriage and convalidation registers and other registers containing personal data – both manual and electronic – not to make them available for research until 110 years have passed. Archdiocese of Birmingham Ad Clerum – April 2016 Page 4 of 14 The purpose of this requirement is to comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection>. Anyone holding personal data is legally obliged to comply with this Act. If a register includes entries less than 110 years old, it is standard archival practice to tie the pages containing these pages and allow the entries more than 110 years old to be examined.

**Do something for your parish** because there is no monopoly or reserved jobs.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish Newsletter—6th Sunday of Easter- 1st to 8th May 2016**

#### **WHAT A WONDERFUL GIFT OF AGEING!**

Walking into the supermarket in Hillfields last Friday two children from St. Mary's school ran to me and said, "it is your birthday on Sunday." I knew then that Fr. Jimmy turning 50 is indeed the talk of the families and of the town too. Some time last year, I mentioned to you that on 3rd May 2016, I will turn 50. Time goes fast, thanks to God that it does because if time did not fly, we would never have longed for eternal life. Ageing is a blessing from God; there are so many people who are not so lucky. So when God blessed me to turn 50, I went public, like Mary of Nazareth I should say "*the Almighty has done great things for me, holy is his name.*" From now on I have no need to explain myself anymore. I'm accepted for what I'm and as I'm.

For people who have never met with tragedy, suffered war or deprivation, life is taken for granted, they are likely to praise the gym where they go to keep fit, or to praise their healthy-eating habits; their regular sleep pattern or not missing a small amount of whiskey before going to bed. None of these makes us to live long— God does. I was brought up during the time of Idi Amin 's rule in Uganda and I grew up in a country whose population was almost wiped out by HIV/AIDS. Many of my age mates died long ago but God has been good to me. He had a plan for me, he wanted to see it through. He has a plan for you too, as you get older be prompt to carry it out.

Fr. Jimmy turning fifty is a sure sign that he needs a back-up or even a possible replacement. He is not young anymore, he was once and at that time he dedicated his life in service of others through the church. Try to think of what you too can do to support the work that God called him to do. I have admiration for people who are always active and on the go to do things. It is not because they have much spare time or because they have nothing to do. They are busy just as you are but they give some time to do things for others and for God.

From my earliest days I desired to become a priest, because the image of a priest was planted in my life by my parents who always made positive compliments about a man they called a priest. Again some people were not so lucky to know who a priest is especially if the only thing they could hear from their families was the criticism of the priest. Now that I'm 50, I ask you to help me to build that ***image*** of a priest spoken about by my parents and after the example of Christ.

Please take note of this; your priest has turned 50 he is now semi-retired and he will certainly retire completely very soon! What next? I thank the people who bake cakes and those who buy them to support the training of another priest. What will be the future of your parish when your priest hangs up his boots? If a parish does not have people who are willing to volunteer their time and energy to do some service in the church be sure that that parish is on its final lap to call it a day!

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**Parish development**

**1st collection.....**

**Gift aid** £ 85.64

**Loose.....**£343.20

**Total.....**£428.84

**2nd collection (Ukraine) £254.26** Thanks for your generosity.

**SVP: Second collection is today to support this parish group**

**Request for Mass:** it is important to ask the priest to have him celebrate a Holy Mass for your intentions. Mass cards are available either in the sacristy or at the piety stall in the hall. A prayer requested for and offered for the welfare of others is one of the highest form of showing true love. Notice of the Mass requested for will be put in the parish bulletin and mentioned at the beginning of the Mass. It is extremely important that when you request for Mass you endeavour to be present at that Mass.

**St. Osburgs Fun Quiz Night:** has been organised to raise funds to refurbish the kitchen of St. Osburgs parish hall which is in a very sorry state. It will take place on Saturday 7th May 2016 starting at 7:30pm. There will be a raffle with fabulous prizes to be won. Admission charge is £1.00. Please bring your own drinks and let us all have an evening filled with fun and cheer.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** will take place on Saturday 14th May and depending on numbers, a bus will leave from Christ the King car park at 8am and will return at 9pm. If you wish to book a place please contact Christ the King Presbytery on 024 76 591618.

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

**6th Sunday of Easter- Mass Book pg. no. 138**

**TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 1st to 8th May 2016**

Sat	30	11.45am	Fr. Jim Mannix (Get well)
		5.30pm	————
Sun	01	11.30am	Maureen Pearsans (B'day)
Mon	02	12.10pm	Bernie Lloyd (Spl int)
Tues	03	12.10pm	David Horley (Get well) Camille & Boniface (RIP Ann)
Wed	04	12.10pm	Funeral Mass - John P. Mullooly RIP
Thurs	05	12.10pm	Vincent Burns Get well)
Fri	06	12.10pm	Deceased members of SVP
Sat	07	11.45am	Paddy Sweeney (RIP))
		5.30pm	Benefactors of SVP (Spl int)
Sun	08	11.30am	Mathew Tanner (Anni)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 30th April/1st May**

**7th/8th May 2016**

5:30 pm	Ann E, Bernadette (R) Maggie (E)	Maria/ Ann F. (R) Bernadette (E)
11.30am	School Readers Charles, Maggie (E)	June/ Charles (R) Mary, Catherine (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Gary Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Josie Kennedy, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Corvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipper-son, 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, Angela Jordan, Dave Riliott, Alan Davis, David Horley, Margaret Ghen, Bridie & Benny McAndrew, Vincent Burns.

**Please pray for those whose anniversary occur about this time :**

McHayle Elizabeth Sarah, Lungley Stephen, Cross Paul Joseph, McKinney Patrick, Watson James Henny, Corp Joseph, Hin Annabelle Sasah, Deegan William Joseph, McKinney Kathleen,

**300 Club April Draw winners.** 1st prize No. 397 G. Campbell,  
2nd prize No 391 J. Cox,  
3rd prize No. 438 J. Murphy  
4th prize No. 146 M. Molloy,  
5th prize No. 680. M. Leahy. Congratulations to our winners of the month. I wish to encourage you to join these parish fundraising activities for good causes. If you want to know more about 300 club please contact Mrs. Ann Fenton.