

Matters of importance

It is One Year On since the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus took over St. Osburgs at the beginning of September 2015. I would like to thank you all for the support you have given to Fr. Moses and myself in the running of the parish. A lot of things have been achieved (thanks to your support) and there is so much we can accomplish together in the coming years. I was looking at the Parish bank statements. As by the 1st September 2015 the time I took over the parish, we inherited a gross bank deficit of £548,356.03. As by 30th September 2016, our bank deficit had come down to £501,246.72 which means that within a year we have been able to reduce the parish bank overdraft by £47,109.31. This is a gross figure of course, but it shows the good will of everyone. I feel sorry that some people find it so easy to abandon their parishes for one reason or the other simply because it is comfortable there instead of directing their efforts to improve their own. Well the trend as given by the figures after one year indicate that if we stand by our parish and be counted, we can achieve so much in a very short time.

Deanery Mass for deceased clergy will take place at St. Mary's on Tuesday 8th November at 7:00pm. The clergy will start with their monthly deanery meeting followed by the Holy Mass. There will be some refreshments served in the parish hall for all.

Keeping the church warm: I'm pleased with those who have already noticed the KEEP THE CHURCH WARM BOX at the back of the church. There was a generous donation of £29.88 last week. Thank you for your generosity.

Closing the Door of the Year of Mercy: Archbishop Longley and Bishop David McGough are closing the Door of Mercy in St Chad's Cathedral on the 20th November. Bishop David McGough is closing the Door of Mercy in Holy Trinity, Newcastle on the 13th November. Jubilee Churches will close their Door of Mercy on the 13th November. If you have not yet made an effort to visit any of the Jubilee churches and to pass through the Door of Mercy, it may be a sure indication that you do not believe in the Mercy of God. There will be special prayers at St. Mary's to close the Door of Mercy on 13th November in the afternoon. The details of the event will be communicated in the near future.

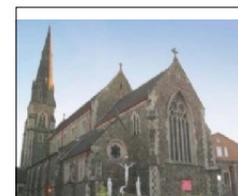
Canon Tom Farrell visited the parishes of St. Mary and St Osburgs on Friday afternoon he did this on behalf of the Archbishop. He looked at our parish records, the finances of the parish and he also inspected the condition of the buildings. He was very pleased with our collective efforts to keep our parishes in good order.

300 Club October Winners: 1st prize No. 120 P. Tutty, 2nd prize No. 595 J. Hobbs, 3rd prize No. 301 B. Fenton, 4th prize No. 353 J. Collins, 5th prize No. 158, R. Hamilton. Congratulations to all our winners this time. Thanks for the support of everyone.

Solemnity of the Saints will be celebrated on Tuesday 1st November and All souls day on 2nd November. All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation There will be only ONE Mass. On All souls day there will be ONE Mass at St Osburgs and two Masses at St. Mary's the first one at 9:30am the second one at 7:00pm.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—31st Sunday—YEAR C 30th Oct to 6th Nov. 2016

WE PRAY FOR THEM NOW ,WE SHALL NEED OTHER PEOPLE'S PRAYERS SOMEDAY

The month of November is dedicated to the memory of our faithfully departed brothers and sisters, and our duty to pray for them. The Church's teaching about life after death is summarized in the Four Last Things — death, judgment, heaven, and hell. Even humanity outside the Church instinctively knows something about these four things. Death is certain, but not everyone knows what comes next. Nearly all religions and cultures believe in some form of life after death. Human nature's sense of justice tells us that there must be an ultimate reckoning, that in the final analysis no one can cheat the moral law and get away with it or suffer undeserved injustice and not be justly compensated. Since this ultimate justice does not seem to be achieved in this life, there must be somewhere. Human nature carries with it the instinctive conviction that there must be a higher, more-than-human justice, where just judgement will be met. The final judgment is an encounter with Christ

Human nature know that justice separates good from evil, therefore, after death there must be separate destinies — rewards for good and punishments for evil. Human nature thus also believes in some form of heaven and hell. Heaven is union with God, Hell is separation from Him. Each one of us will be either with God or without him forever. If hell is not real, then Jesus Christ is a liar for he warned us repeatedly and with utmost seriousness about it. If hell is not real, the Church and the Bible are liars too. Our basis for believing in the reality of hell is exactly the same authority as our basis for believing in the reality of heaven

Is it necessary to ask for Holy Mass to be offered for my loved ones? The answer is YES. Offering sacrifices for someone is no new idea. It was common practice in O. Testament times. "Job's sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each on his day; and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. After the feast, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, 'It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.' (Job 1:4-5) Job, who was "blameless and upright," offered sacrifices for his sons **just in case**. We Catholics pray and offer Masses for the living and for the dead exactly for the same reasons.

From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them. The sacrifice of the Mass is one of the best ways to pray for those who have gone before us; so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. None of us believes that the mercy of God will forget the dead, it would be wrong to neglect praying and making offerings for them as much as we do for the living. The dead need our prayers today just as we shall need them tomorrow.

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Parish development

S1st collection....

Gift aid.....£ 67.60 Loose..... £363.41

Total.....£431.01

2nd collection for the Missions

Total.....£211.26

Thank you all for your generosity.

Mass attendance count: today is the last count for Mass attendances in our parish. The figures collected in the last four weeks will be submitted to the Arch Bishop to help him to organise the diocese.

Parish Christmas Bazaar: will take place on Saturday 3rd December 2016 from 10:00am. Raffle tickets are available for you to take away. We appeal for donations of bottles of wine, whiskey and soft drinks; tinned foods cereals and good things which can be used for tombola. Whatever donation you give will be greatly appreciated. Donations of stuff can be brought directly to the sacristy before or immediately 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. Please be generous and give donations in an envelope marked 'f.a.o. Santa' to the sacristy. He will pass through the shops to find presents which he will generously give out to all the children who will mind to visit him.

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

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TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 30th Oct to 6th Nov 2016

Sat	29	11.45am	Mary McSharry (Spl int))
		5.30pm	Sam (Spl int) Catherine Mitten RIP
Sun	30	10.30am	Rose Dela Cruz (RIP)
Mon	31	12.10pm	Mary Cmolly Daly (RIP)
Tues	01	12.10pm	People of the parish
Wed	02	12.10pm	Holy souls
Thurs	03	12.10pm	John Kelly (RIP)
Fri	04	12.10pm	Rose Dela Cruz (RIP)
Sat	05	11.45am	Kathleen McKenna (RIP)
		5.30pm	Kathleen Thurley, Catherine Mitten RIP
Sun	06	10.30am	Rose Dela Cruz (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 29th/30th Oct 2016

Weekend 5th/6th Nov 2016

5:30 pm	Bernadette, Ann E. (R) Teresa (E)	Ann F. , Maggie (R) Bernadette (E)
10.30am	Maggie, Charles (R) Catherine, June (E)	Janet, June (R) Charles, Patsy (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 : Hartnem John, McCafferty Teresa, Dany Mary, Flynn Charles, Leggate Margaret, Sheerin Kathleen, Oxenford Elizabeth, Lynch James.

November Month for the Holy Souls every catholic is encouraged by the church to ask his/her priest to celebrate Holy Mass for their intention at least once a year. Praying for the faithful departed is one of the Acts of Mercy you can make. What you are expected to do is to ask the priest to offer a Holy Mass for your loved ones. If the priest is not able to celebrate those Masses they are sent to priests in the Missions. A good number of people last year just wrote their family tree with hundreds of names on one paper. A donation of at least £5.00 is recommended when you apply for Mass.