

### Matters of importance

**Change of Mass time I need your opinion about this:** finding a priest to celebrate Mass is becoming a big problem. The priests in our diocese are becoming few and vocations are not forthcoming. This scenario will not change so soon even if 1000 young men joined the priesthood tomorrow they will need at least 7 years of training. In order to keep St. Mary's and St. Osburgs running I'm proposing to make adjustments in Mass times as follows. **Saturday for Sunday Mass at St. Osburgs at 5:30pm, Sunday Mass at 10:30 instead of 11:30am. First Sunday Mass at St. Mary's at 9:00am instead of 9:30am and the Second Mass to be at 11:30am.** This arrangement is meant to be followed until St. Osburgs gets its own resident priests. Please let me know what you think about it.

**As you know 11th September** will mark 1000 years of St. Osburgs. It is also marked as the day when we as residents of Coventry city will celebrate 1000 years of Catholicism in our City. St. Osburg Parish will host the Catholic event of this celebration with the Archbishop leading our Sunday Mass. Civic and religious leaders have been invited including the Abbot of the Benedictines. In the open meeting I called for last week which sat on Wednesday at 6:00pm it was mentioned that the Denary will provide the buffy but St. Osburgs will provide the drinks (wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee) May I turn to you for any contribution you can make towards this please?

**Flowers for St. Osburgs Solemnity:** we shall need flowers to decorate our church. The Lady who purchases and arrange flowers has made an estimate of about £300.00. I will be pleased if some donations can come in specifically towards the flowers. Try to think of a wedding ceremony without flowers, what a dull occasion it can be!

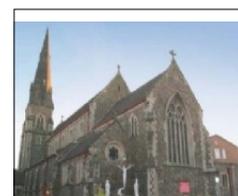
**The early birds:** I wish to acknowledge with gratitude some parishioners who have the habit of coming a bit early for Mass and sit before the Lord in silent prayers. This is a very good habit which we all need to develop. On the other hand I wish to remind you that it is not good Christian behaviour to leave Mass before the final blessing unless there is serious reason to do so. Remember that Jesus himself has asked us to **DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME** therefore the Mass is a serious ACT in his name. Let us do it properly. Come early for Mass, and do not miss receiving the final blessing.

**Mobile phones going off** in the church is becoming a big concern. We all know that when we enter into the church, we are in another world, the world of the presence of God. In order to help one another to pray **please switch off your Mobile Phone.** It is not enough to put it into silent mode, because the vibration some handsets make are annoying as the ring tone itself. Remember that some of us come to church because we have real issues deep in our hearts which we want to place before the Lord, if you do not have them, at least the priest does. Help him to pray for those who have asked him to do so. Help him to preside over the Mass with his mind fixed on the mystery present at the Altar.

**Baptisms:** I'm grateful to parents who are asking for the baptism of their children and thanks for accepting the gift of life. However I wish to let you know that we shall not have baptism preparations during this summer holidays due to some of our staff involved in the preparations being away on holidays. Baptism which are booked already will be celebrated on the appointed dates and time. All other new preparations will have to wait until September.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### Parish Newsletter—19th SUNDAY YEAR C 7th 14th August 2016

#### **“IT WAS ONLY FIVE MINUTES FATHER”:**

When I was growing up a friend of mine persuaded me to join the army. The benefits of being a soldier are many he said ‘respect, being feared and never running short of money’. I told him that I desired to be a priest. He said that I was condemning myself to a life of poverty loneliness and constant transfers by the bishop as if I had no will of my own. I too reminded him of the risky nature of being a soldier including the possibility of losing his life at the violent hand of the enemy. He joined the army, I went for the priesthood, but the choices we had made influenced our orientation of life and discipline.

Some people have no sense of self discipline in order to cope with the demands of life and of work. The other day someone came to my door lamenting that he had lost a very good job I had recommended him for recently. He made all sorts of accusations against everyone he could think of. Everybody is against me he said, why do I lose every job I get? In the course of my trying to console him, I asked him at what time he reported for work. He told me that he had been late for five minutes on several occasions. Did anybody comment about your being late? Yes he said, my line manager had warned me once, but on this occasion I was late only for four minutes when the manager dismissed me. He is not a patient man.” he said.

In many cases we are our own enemies, we promote or demote ourselves. The choices we make and the lifestyle we live will have influence on the kind of destiny we shall have. People who have formed a habit of being late, either for work or for Sunday Mass, or for a family get together will stand on the losing end of every opportunity. Life demands discipline, you cannot be an employee and behave as if you are the owner of the company. For someone to lose a full time job with a good pay within two months, is not a joke. Many people do not realise that those few mischiefs here and there add up.

An employee who isn't working when he's supposed to causes loss in productivity. Routine interruption may throw other employees off, particularly if they have to rely on the late employee's work to continue their own.

In church circles there are some faithful who go to Mass late, no matter what you say. You cannot explain what a disruption this causes to those who might be either praying, trying to listen to the Word of God or trying to catch a message from the homily. Just as five minutes late can cost you the job, why should five minutes not cost you heaven? I remember presiding over a wedding where the bride did not walk down the aisle instead she literally ran down the aisle because she was late. The Mass was half way through she had formed the habit of being late!

If I were an employer would I have been sympathetic to a man who was always late for five minutes? Not at all. I would have dismissed him even much earlier.

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**Parish development**

1st collection.....  
Gift aid.....£269.50  
Loose..... £321.07  
Total..... **£590.57** Thanks for your generosity.

**Coventry Catholic Denary to produce a joint Newsletter.** Three editions will be produced annually (Summer, Christmas, Easter) to keep you up to date with all that is happening in the Deanery and to let you know what is going on in each of the parishes so that parishes can work more closely together and to offer some opportunities jointly. The Newsletter will be available on the denary website soon; when it is read, I will let you know.

**Seminarian dies** I'm sorry to announce that one of the Seminarians whom we have been supporting to become a missionary priest died in a motor accident on Sunday 24 /07/2016, in his home village of Tarakea, Rombo, Tanzania. Evance Peter Tumaini ( born 17/09/1995) was on holidays home. At the time of the accident he was taking a walk with his two small sisters along the road when a car veered off and killed him and his sisters on the spot. He was supposed to report to the Seminary last Friday 5th August 2016. The late Evance Peter Tumaini was one of the many students our Training a Missionary Priest Project has been supporting. He joined the Apostles of Jesus Philosophicum in August 2015 at Langata Nairobi Kenya. We pray that his soul may rest in peace. Please remember in your prayers his classmates who have started the academic year without him to be strengthened at this difficult time. His photograph is on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

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

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Book pg. No. 61**  
**TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 7th 14th Aug 2016**

Sat	06	11.45am	James Lloyd Cameron (Spl. Int).
		5.30pm	Kylie Foster (Spl Int)
Sun	07	11.30am	People of the Parish.
Mon	08	12.10pm	Leon Craven (Get well)
Tues	09	12.10pm	Samanta Fletcher (Anni)
Wed	10	12.10pm	Mary Maguire (B'day)
Thurs	11	12.10pm	Maureen Fallan (Anni)
Fri	12	12.10pm	John Fallen (Anni)
Sat	13	11.45am	Patricia Baldwin (Get well)
		5.30pm	John Healy (Get well)
Sun	14	11.30am	Mary Stanton (RIP)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 6th/7th Aug 2016**

**13th/14th Aug 2016**

5:30 pm	Marie, Ann F. (R)	Ann E, Bernadette (R)
	Bernadette (E)	Zen (E)
11.30am	June, Charles (R)	Janet, Maggie (R)
	Maggie, Janet (E)	Catherine, June (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** 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 Hiperson, 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.

**Please pray for those whose anniversary occur about this time :** Brownie Francis Joseph, Behan Bridget Mary, McKenna Bernard, Moran Mary, Jenkins Elizabeth, Williams Joseph, Ward Catherine.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. Osburgs on Friday and Saturdays will not take place during the Month of August. The Door of Mercy remains open everyday at St. Mary's. As we are soon coming to the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy please take advantage to pass through this door, for Christ tells us that he is the Door.