

Matters of importance

This too is not our Catholic behaviour: because our Sunday Masses are broadcast live, some people who join us for Mass through the Internet have commented about the behaviour of some of us in church. Someone from Texas USA said, "it is sad to watch some people engaged in conversation as soon as they get into the church." Please let us be careful by creating an atmosphere of prayer. Unnecessary talking in the church is not our Christian behaviour.

Divine Mercy Sunday was well celebrated at St. Mary's last Sunday. I thank you all for supporting the Feast with your prayers and doing acts of mercy yourselves to others.. We need to be reminded that the final hope for each one of us is trust in the Mercy of God. Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone gives you courage. A dad courageously returns to a burning house because he loves the child stuck inside. At the same time a child remains calm because he is convinced that the love of his father gives him strength to wait until his rescue comes. Love gives us an assurance that we are not alone. It is a great way to feel connected and respected. Love brings responsibility and commitment. Jesus teaches us to love one another unconditionally. This unconditional love enables us to see God, the world and ourselves in a new light.

Understanding CAFOD Day- an Invitation: Saturday 23rd April, 11am-4pm. St Chad's Sanctuary, Birmingham (B4 6HA). All are very welcome whether a long-standing or new supporter, please do join us. Come along to an excellent day of learning about all things CAFOD including: Who is CAFOD? How did CAFOD get started? How can you as a current Parish Contact, Education Volunteer or someone wanting to know about how to volunteer at CAFOD, become, or get more involved? Free lunch& refreshments provided. To confirm your place, please email ewignall@cafod.org.uk.

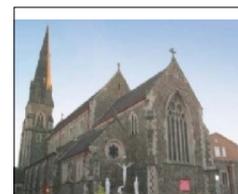
Life in the Spirit Seminar: Archbishop Bernard is inviting parishioners across the Archdiocese to attend a faith renewal course piloting on two Saturdays in May at Oscott College. The Life in the Spirit dvd course, entitled The GIFT, features well-known Catholic speakers Charles Whitehead, Michelle Moran, Jenny Baker and David Payne plus testimonies from around the country Up to three people per parish can attend and the course is free. It's running on May 7th and 21st from 10 to 4 and Mass with the Archbishop will complete the second Saturday.

From Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales Living Fully 2016: Disability, Culture and Faith: 'In June this year, Bishop Paul Hendricks alongside the Kairos Forum UK and in partnership with the Pontifical Council for Culture, will be coordinating two exciting events in Rome, for the Jubilee Year. These events are creative, international and ecumenical. On 23 June: An academic symposium which will discuss Disability, Culture and Faith. On 24-26 June there will be a celebration jubilee for program for people who have been intellectually disabled, enabling them to celebrate and promote their vital place within the Body of Christ to book can be found on www.livingfully2016.com or by calling Cristina Gangemi on 01883372114 or cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com

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.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—3rd Sunday of Easter—10th to 17th April 2016

AFRICANS HAVE NEVER BEEN PASSIVE

A young priest arrived in my home country Uganda last week and sent to me an e-mail in which he boasted of Europe's exclusive evangelization of Africa. "*Fr. Jimmy, I'm now in Uganda; when I return to England you should be grateful to a man like me from Europe because you Africans have done so little to advance Christianity. If it were not our European missionaries, Africa would indeed be a dark continent.*" He wrote.

Reading it, I could not believe my eyes because Africa has been the most active continent in the shaping up of Christianity and its doctrine. If it were not Africans Christianity would not be the way we know it today. Jesus began his life with the support of Africa providing him safety from Herod. He ended his life with an African man Simon of Cyrene helping him to carry his cross.

Christian theology was developed in the period of the Church Fathers, 100-451AD. Many of them were Africans. Thus the Fathers originating from Africa should be seen as the founders of the Latin Church and its proper spirituality.

Tertullian of Carthage, argued for the unity of the Old and New Testaments, he taught that the OT was a **Promise** and the NT is a **fulfilment** against those who separated them.

Origen of Alexandria, recognized the divinity of the Son Jesus as the Father. This later became the foundation of the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, was committed to the unity of the church. "Where the Bishop is that is where the Church is" he said. Which called upon the faithful to live by and adhere to the teaching of their bishop.

Augustine of Hippo, gave us an understanding of grace and the Holy Trinity. He taught that by grace alone, is humanity's connection to God, not by philosophy.

Clement of Alexandria, urged Christians to become academic scholars of the faith one can be Christian and intellectual. Marriage and celibacy are life choices and that marriage is not inferior to celibacy but both are choices made for God for the sanctification of self and the world

Athanasius of Alexandria, taught that Jesus Christ the Son of God is eternal, human and divine. He is the one who provided the first listing of 27 books of the N. Testament.

St. Anthony of Egypt, and Pachomius African men founded the monastic life. We can say that Religious life is an African invention as a new form of martyrdom.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

Barras Lane, Coventry, CV1 4AQ. Tel 024 76220402
Fr. Jimmy Mobile. 07906124756 Home 02476258901
Fr. Moses Tel.: 024 76688536

Parish Sisters: Sr. Philomena and Sr. Theresa (PBVM)
(St. Osburgs Primary School, Upper Hill Street Coventry CV1 4AP. Tel
02476227165 Headteacher Mrs Nicola Rynott.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

52a, Raglan Street Coventry, CV1 5QF. Tel 02476258901
www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk
Parish Priest. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ
Mobile: 07906124756.
E-mail lutwajim@yahoo.com

St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church

St. Elizabeth's Road, CV6 5BX Tel.: 024 76688536
Website: www.stelizabethcoventry.co.uk
Parish priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ
E-mail: mospitya@yahoo.co.uk

The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish development

1st collection

Gift aid..... £98.00
Loose..... £561.70

Total..... £ 659.70. Thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new Tax-year are ready for collection as you leave the church today. I thank you all for making your Sunday offering to the church Gift Aided. If you pay tax on your income, I wish to encourage you to join the Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a tax payer every pound you donate to the church, the government adds 0.25pence which is passed on to the church. without you spending more. The parish debt of St. Osburgs is more than an ordinary mortgage. That is why every effort we make to keep it low is commendable and worthwhile.

SVP collection at St. Osburgs will take place at all Masses on the weekend of 30 April and 1st May 2015.

Archbishop Bernard urges for a Special Collection for Ukraine You may have heard already that, after the recitation of the Regina Coeli on Sunday 3 April 2016, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine in the form of a special collection to be taken in all of the Catholic churches in Europe on Sunday 24 April 2016. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative. Consequently, I would be grateful if this special collection could be taken up in all the churches and chapels of the Archdiocese on the weekend of Sunday 23/24th April 2016.

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

3rd Sunday of Easter- Mass Book pg. no. 131

TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 10th to 17th April 2016

Sat	9th	11.45am	Chris Kathleen Byrne (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Maura O'Brien (RIP)
Sun	10th	11.30am	William Tynan (RIP)
Mon	11th	12.10am	Tom Nixon (RIP)
Tues	12th	12.10pm	Patricia Horan (RIP)
Wed	13th	12.10pm	Joseph Camillus (RIP)
Thurs	14th	12.10pm	Declan Moran (RIP)
Fri	15th	12.10pm	Mary Malar (RIP)
Sat	16th	11.45am	Declan Moran (RIP)
		5.30pm	Bridget Mary Agnes Carey (RIP)
Sun	17th	11.30am	Vincent Lane (RIP), Michael Naughton

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 9th/10th April

16th/17th April

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

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Josie Kennedy, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correvisgandis 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.

Please pray for those whose anniversary occur about this time :

O'Neihs James Henry, Jones Beatrice Alice, Nelson Michael Joseph, Horah Thomas Edward, Docker Margaret, Gallagher Patrick Joseph, O'Loughlin Patrick, Doheey Partick, Griffin May, Smith Shelagh Ann, Malone William Joseph,