

Matters of importance

New Mass Timetable for St. Mary's & St. Osburg:

St. Osburg:

Saturday for Sunday 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am

St. Mary's:

No Mass

9:00am

11:30am

Please I ask you to observe these changes

This will conclude the bidding prayers: The bidding prayers are a response of the community to the word of God listened to and explained in the homily. The prayer will conclude with invoking the intercession of the Blessed Mother (Hail Mary) and intercession of our Parish Patron Saint, St. Osburgs. *Once the reader calls on St. Osburg, we shall respond, and sit down.* There will be no further prayer from the priest to conclude

Booking for Mass: if you would like to have Holy Mass celebrated for your intentions, I wish to let you know that Mass cards are available in the sacristy. Just go to the sacristy and either Maggie or Brian will help you to book a Mass.

The Commemoration of 1000 years of St. Osburg and of the Catholic faith in Coventry. On 9th Sept. there will be civic event involving schools with a procession from Broadgate to Coventry Cathedral. On Sunday 11th Sept. at St. Osburg Church Arch. Bernard Longley will celebrate the Mass at 11:30am. St. Osburg will provide and serve liquid refreshments (wine and beverages)

Flowers for St. Osburgs Solemnity: today as announced we have a second collection for flowers. Try to think of a wedding ceremony without flowers, what a dull ceremony that would be! I'm grateful to one family in the parish who donated 6 bottles of wine and £20.00 for flowers during the week. Thanks for your thoughtfulness. Remember 'every little helps.'

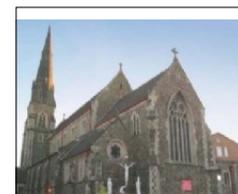
A'Level Results Bp Ullathorne does it again. By Coventry Telegraph: At Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School students achieved the highest A level results in the school's history. 57% achieved the top A and B grades with a 99.3% pass rate. Esme Sharry achieved straight A* grades and will read Geography at Cambridge University. Isabella Rooney and Kiya Evans achieved 4 A* and 2 A grades between them and both will take their places at Oxford University. A number of students have accepted higher level apprenticeships rather than take their offered place at university. Headteacher, Jane Byrne, said she was thrilled for all the students, who not only worked exceptionally hard, but had also contributed so much to the school community.

The Annual Harvington Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 4 September 2016. Please support this act of devotion to the Martyrs of the Midlands.

Mass for Bereaved families: For some years now we have a custom at St., Marys for families that have lost their dear ones in the course of the year to come together and have a Mass for them, have cup of tea or coffee together and to share in each other's loss. I invite bereaved families of St. Osburgs to our next annual Mass on 2nd October at 4:00pm. Please give me the names of those you wish to be included.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—21st SUNDAY YEAR C 21st to 28th August 2016

THIS WREATH WILL WITHER; FIGHT FOR THE ETERNAL

Mahatma Gandhi once said that *'poverty is the worst form of violence'* this proved true for some of us who do not have the opportunity to watch all the Olympic games on the television because as you know some extra channels including sports channels are paid for separate from the ordinary TV Licence fee all of us pay for. If you are financially unable to pay for those channels, all you have to do is to be stuck with the programs given by the BBC.

Whether you have extra sports channels or you depend on the four television channels (BBC 1, BBC2, ITV and Channel 4) like myself, watching the Olympians on the TV challenged my Christian behaviour. In all sports, human endurance is put to the test, every aspect and rule of the game is kept right, no competitor wants to be disqualified. The competitors carry the hope of the nations, it is a loss not only to the player or to the team but to the whole country when the competitor does not qualify. On the contrary the whole country is set ablaze with happiness when one of their national wins. What a shame to the American nation that some of its Olympians stage-managed a robbery and claimed it against the Brazilian people, so as to make headlines for themselves!

If you translate the Olympics into our Christian life, then you come to understand how each one of us must work hard to go to heaven (and not to be disqualified). Olympics remind us that salvation is not a personal matter but real team work. Olympics remind us that eternal damnation of anyone of us is a terrible disaster just as the failure of a player is a national disaster!

Practice makes perfect. The Olympians practiced their routines for hundreds of times, that is why they could perform those routines, some of them in synchronised manner that we are left wondering how on earth they could do that! The secret of their success is in practice. This reminds us that *unless Christian faith is practiced again and again, we cannot become perfect followers of Jesus*. This I'm sure of: people whose relationship with the church is at baptism and at the funeral, they will remain shallow in the practice of faith.

It is most likely that St. Paul attended Olympic games in Athens at one time. He saw the physical cost upon the man in terms of training and straining but the winner received merely a wreath of green leaves which withered away shortly afterwards. Nevertheless this taught him a lesson, he saw the demands of Christian life and related them to the demands of the games. (1Cor. 9:25-27). The fundamental difference between a Christian and Olympian is that while the Olympian received a wreath which withered away, the Christian would receive a wreath which would never wither. Well as a Christian keep on fighting to win the wreath that is eternal all the rest is vanity.

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Parish development

First Collection. 1st collection.

Gift aid.....£134.00

Loose.....£383.37

Total..... £517.37 Thank you for your generosity.

Second collection: next week 21st August for flowers for the celebration of 1000 years of St. Osburgs. I'm grateful to a parishioner at St. Marys who donated two bottles of wine and beverages of tea and coffee.

Let us not forget this girl: On 5th July 2016 was the first death anniversary of Maria Teresa Conway, who died on the 05th July 2015 aged just 12 years. She was an altar server at Saint Osburg until treatment for leukaemia meant she had to stop. She wanted to be a reader too at Mass. She loved attending church. She made her Confirmation when she was wheelchair bound suffering the most awful side effects from chemotherapy. For those who knew her, she really left us a good example of how we can practice the faith even in the midst of pain.

The Piety stall has gone silent : I'm appealing for any person who can assist Veronica to act as a members of staff for our piety stall at the Saturday and Sunday Masses. I notice that many people do not get attended to especially when Veronica is not around. Volunteering your time is not a sign that you have nothing to do, instead by giving your time in spite of your busy schedule truly shows your dedication.

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Book pg. No. 66
TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 21st to 28th Aug 2016

Sat	20	11.45am	Sylvia Mason (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Alie Penales (RIP)
Sun	21	10.30am	Pat Tynan (Anni)
Mon	22	12.10pm	Mary Burke (RIP)
Tues	23	12.10pm	Cynthia Phillips (Anni)
Wed	24	12.10pm	
Thurs	25	12.10pm	
Fri	26	12.10pm	
Sat	27	11.45am	
		5.30pm	
Sun	28	10.30am	

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 20th/21st Aug 2016

27th/28th Aug 2016

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

Please pray for those whose anniversary occur about this time : Busby Rose Ann Patricia, Minelli Kathleen, McKee Michael John, Perch Harvey, Murphy Nicholas, Ann Finola, Brady Catherine, Holden Joseph, Davies Bertram Edward.