

### Matters of importance

**St. Vincent De Paul date for 2nd collection:** as you know there is an annual collection for St. Vincent De Paul in our parish around September/October. Last year it was missed due to the changes that took place. Please note that we shall have that collection on Sunday 1st May 2016.

**Marriage Preparation course:** I wish to inform all those who are planning to get married in the church this year that there will be a preparation course to be held at St. Mary's parish on Raglan Street CV1 5QF on Monday 1st February 2016 starting at 6:00pm in the parish hall. It is recommended that both spouses attend.

**Marriage Bans:** Miss Lauren Shepherd of 67 Fynford Road, Radford, Coventry, daughter of Mr. Raymond Shepherd and Mrs. Bridget Shepherd (deceased) of 67 Maudslay Road, Coventry, would like to get married to Mr. Morgan Ray Williams of 67 Fynford Road, Coventry son of Mr. Owen Williams and Mrs. Julie Neary of 56 Spring Road, Coventry. If anybody knows why they should not be married to each other please inform the Parish priest.

**Message from MISSIO :** Missio has written to thank £254.24 that was collected from Red boxes. APF assists each and everyone of the Catholic Church's 1069 mission Dioceses to provide pastoral care and to preach the Gospel effectively. Thank you for your generosity.

**Annual Collection for LIFE:** to which all parishes of the archdiocese contribute takes place today. The money raised is spent by the archdiocese on LIFE's caring and education work, on its housing programme and promoting the LIFE FERTILITY Care program. LIFE is unique among prolife organisations in that it combines prolife campaigning and education work with a comprehensive care service (counselling, housing and support of all kinds during and after pregnancy). With the recent appointment of a new executive officer, LIFE is embarking on a major programme of renewal. This will give energy and vision to all their work throughout the archdiocese.

**It is very good of her:** I would like to thank the late Mrs. Mary McDaniel who left a generous bequest of £5000.00 in her Will for St. Osburgs parish. I thank her family and her solicitors who executed her Will. I wish to remind you that it is important out of your generosity to remember the parish in your final testament. It was very good of Mrs Mary McDaniel to have done this.

### **Parish Development**

#### **Church offerings**

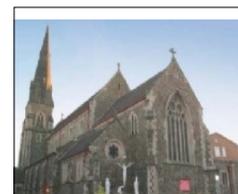
gift aid.....	£ 94.00
loose.....	£555.59
total.....	<b>£649.59</b>

#### **2nd collection Catholic Education....**

gift aid.....	£26.66
loose.....	£32.90
total.....	<b>£62.56</b>



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish Newsletter –4th Sunday in ordinary time --31st to 7th Feb 2016**

#### **OLD AGE IS NOT A TIME OF LIFE BUT A QUALITY OF THE MIND:**

As I get older I slowly discover that life acquires new meaning. The way I look at life itself and events that shape it, is not as at the time when I was a child or a teenager. You may not believe this but getting old carries with it God's blessings. It is true that getting on in years has its own trials especially in terms of mobility; but there are more things to thank God for than to mourn about. The turbulence of youth is gone with its quarrels, adolescent adjustments, passions and secret tears. Getting old implies that God has given you the opportunity to bring up your children and possibly to see your children's children; a privilege that can only be achieved in old age. Who would not like to see that? For some of us in the priesthood, growing old has its blessings too; after many years in the ministry, you meet many people preparing for and receiving them in the sacraments; it gives you joy to see them return for those other sacraments received later in life such as marriage or sacred ordination. By the time this takes place a priest has got on in years.

In my culture the older you are the more important you become to the community, therefore my family is longing for the time when I will return with evident signs that will show that I'm getting on in years. We never consult children or teenagers on serious matters or on issues of historical importance but the elders. Old age brings stability in life, we cease to look for new friends because the old and tested ones become dearer. Instead of being eager to reform other people by criticizing them, we become more concerned with understanding them. Wild dreams are no more, in old age we live more in the present and less in the future.

I do not know how many people appreciate getting old these days, the more some work against it, the more frustrating it becomes. However I know that unless we get old there will be no opportunity for us to see your children grow or to see your children's children. These are the things that make us complete in this life. While the outer man may look as if falling apart, the inner man remains strong and youthful. Old age is not a time of life instead it is a quality of the mind.

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**Matters of Justice and Peace:** *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*  
(Matt 5:6) Justice & Peace together with Caritas-AoB are arranging a Retreat Day on Saturday 5th March 2016 at Oscott College Sutton Coldfield from 10.30am to 4.30pm. The day will be led by the Spiritual Director of Oscott College, Fr. Hugh Sinclair and is open to anyone committed to Justice and Peace and Catholic Social Action. Cost is £10, please bring food for the shared lunch.

**Priests House:** I'm again very grateful to you all for the collective efforts you have made to take our parishes of St. Osburgs, St. Mary's and St Elizabeth forward . After the windows were fixed some painting was necessary. I'm particularly grateful to Mr Tony Smith and Ted who spent their time to do this work. There are so many other helpers who have come along. Putting all together it just reminds me how much you love the parish and its priests.

On Wednesday 27th January work on the gutters and down pipes began. I was present at the site when most of this work was being carried on. The cast iron gutters were worn out without any possibility of repair. It was sad to see them removed and replaced with plastic ones. Everything has its own lifespan. Given the fact that the presbytery accommodates the priests who serve in the parish, it is important to note that the work that has been done in the last 90days is indeed a great achievement for for the catholic community of the city.

I'm touched by your spontaneity and generosity in sending in curtains, blankets and bedsheets for the priests; **I have got all that I needed I do not need anymore.** The first of the priests will arrive in the country on 10th February Ash Wednesday. Although we are not supposed to eat meat on Ash Wednesday I'm sure that the new priest will not turn down an invitation to a rich salmon dinner accompanied of course by Fr. Jimmy.

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

**4th Sunday in ordinary time- Mass Book pg. no. 58**

**TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 31st to 7th Feb 2016**

Sat	30th	11.45am	Michael West (RIP)
		5.30pm	Marie Horni Brook (RIP)
Sun	31st	11.30am	Srs. Philomena & Teresa (Spl int), Barry Glithero (Thanksgiving), Lesley Ann Stephen (Anni)
Mon	1st	12.10pm	Mary Kelly (RIP)
Tues	2nd	12.10pm	Pat Higgins (RIP)
Wed	3rd	12.10pm	Frank McGuire (RIP), Jim Lawton (RIP)
Thurs	4th	12.10pm	Berna Doran (spl int)
Fri	5th	12.10pm	John Farrel (spl int)
Sat	6th	11.45am	Sr. Mary Jude (RIP)
		5.30pm	Bride & Jimmy Dooley (Spl int)
Sun	7th	11.30am	Ann & Pat Kelt (Spl int), Wilson Chere & Alec Chere (RIP)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 30th/31st Jan 2016**

**6th/7th Feb 2016**

5:30 pm	Bernadette (E) Maria, Ann F (R)	Zen (E) <b>Bernadette</b> , Ann E (R)
11.30am	June, Teresa (E) Maggie , Charles (R)	June, Charles (E) School Readers

**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 Correia, 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, Angela Jordan, Dave Riliott.

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Jeanette McNulty Jim Lawton, Alva Saunders, Margaret Mary Ryan, Julia Byrne. Christine McDermott.

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