

Matters of importance

Good Friday Liturgy at St. Osburgs and St. Marys started at 3:00pm with the celebration of the Stations of the Cross and were followed immediately by the celebration of the Passion of the Lord. It was the first time that this was done at St. Osburgs but quite an old custom now at St. Mary's. The reason for this is to follow the sequence of events. During Lent we heard about the mounting pressure the Pharisees and High priest put on Jesus. He was arrested and passed on to several authorities namely the High Priest Caiaphas, to the Roman Governor Pilate, to the puppet Jewish King Herod then to Pilate again until he was finally condemned to death on the cross.

The celebration of the Stations of the Cross and narration of the Passion of the Lord follows the sequence of events. Moreover if the Passion story ends on Good Friday by telling us that Jesus is buried, there is no need to start the Stations of the Cross at a later hour of the day.

On a very practical level if you had 200 people at the celebration of the Lord's Passion, it does not give much sense when only 12 people can return later for the Stations of the Cross. For some Catholics the Stations of the Cross is long forgotten. Many will see it as something new and strange. After the Passion of the Lord, no other liturgy is celebrated in the church. Total silence reigns over the whole world as the church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting meditating on his passion and death, his decent into hell and awaiting his resurrection. It is very important to get our liturgical discipline right.

Recommissioned Eucharistic Ministers: I would like to congratulate and to thank those members of our Christian community who were recommissioned as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist among us on Maundy Thursday. Thanks you for accepting to undertake this sacred ministry. God has called you for a sacred service among his people.

The General Instruction to the Roman Missal states that "In every celebration of the Eucharist, there should be a sufficient number of ministers of Holy Communion so that it may be distributed in a reverent and orderly manner. Bishops, priests and deacons distribute Holy Communion in virtue of their office as ordinary ministers of the Body and Blood of the Lord. When the size of the congregation or the incapacity of the bishop, priest, or deacon requires it, the celebrant may be assisted by other bishops, priests, or deacons. If such ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are not present, "the priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to assist him, i.e., duly instituted acolytes or even other faithful who have been deputed for this purpose. In case of necessity, the priest may also depute suitable faithful for this single occasion (GIRM 162)."

May God bless your ministry among us.

Fr Joseph Kyeyune AJ returns to Uganda on 3rd April. He has been of such great help to us during this busy time. We wish him a safe return to our mission if it is God's will.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—Easter Sunday -27th March to 3rd April 2016

THIS IS WHAT TRULY CHANGED THE WORLD

The resurrection of Jesus has massive implications. Everybody dies but only One had the power to raise himself from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is the linchpin that holds everything together. It is the Christian faith's cornerstone; without which the building collapses. The resurrection of Jesus is what changed the world and gave mankind unending hope. I will not be surprised if you told me that you have come across people who throw doubt on the resurrection. They are not the first. In the early Church when the first Christians especially Paul had preached the gospel about the resurrection and moved on, some spurious preachers descended on Corinth and preached a gospel contrary to Paul's. He fought them not by attacking them but by reminding the Christians of Corinth the gospel he had preached to them:

Brothers I want to remind you the gospel I preached, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established, because the gospel will save you if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you. Believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Now if Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is non resurrection of the dead, Christ himself cannot have been raised and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless; indeed we are shown up as witnesses who have committed perjury before God. Because we swore in evidence before God that he had raised Christ to life. For if the dead are not raised you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people!

*But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first fruit of all who have fallen asleep..... If this were not true what do people hope to gain by being baptised for the dead (Christ)? If the dead are not going to be raised why be baptised on their behalf? What about ourselves? Why are we living under constant threat? Never give in, never admit defeat, keep on working at the Lords work always knowing that in the Lord you cannot be labouring in vain. **1Cor. 15.***

We wish you all a blessed Easter time filled with the love of God. Thank you for your fidelity to the Lord, keep on working and never grow tired of doing what is right knowing that in the Lord you cannot be labouring in vain.

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Parish development

1st collection

Gift aid..... £111.00

Loose..... £403.65

Total..... £514.65 Thank you for your generosity.

Winners of 300 Club March Draw. 1st prize 114 N. O'Donohue. 2nd prize 61 P. McGrane, 3rd prize 48 M. Heavey, 4th prize 544 M. Bodkin, 5th prize 469 M. Magee.

Wedding Bells: Lauren Shepherd will get married to Morgan Williams here at St. Osburgs on 2nd April 2016. Music will be led by the Choir of St. Mary's and St. Benedict Parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

Golden Jubilee of Marriage: Kristine Coia and Ricardo Coia will celebrate their golden jubilee of marriage on 2nd April 2016. They will renew their vows during the Mass at 5:30pm.

An evening of Stories from the Sudan with Bishop William Kenney who was supposed to speak on his experience in the Sudan on Thursday 7th April 2016 from 7.00pm– 8.30pm have been cancelled due to ill-health.

Easter Monday Mass will take place at St. Osburgs at 10:00am. According to the decision taken by the priests during the deanery meeting there will not be Masses in other parishes on that day. The main celebrant will be Canon Tom Farrell and the preacher will be Msgr. Pat Kilgariff the former Parish Priest of St. Osburgs.

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

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TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 27th Mar to 3rd April 2016

Sun	27th	11.30am	People of the Parish
Mon	28th	10.00am	Mary Moran (RIP), David Horley (Get well)
Tues	29th	12.10pm	Jim Rooney (RIP), Una Moran (Spl int)
Wed	30th	12.10pm	Michael John Basquk (RIP), Polak Czeslaw (Get well)
Thurs	31st	12.10pm	Madge Wright (RIP)
Fri	1st	12.10pm	Carol Hughes (Spl int)
Sat	2nd	11.45am	Ann Ward (RIP)
		5.30pm	James Hobbs (RIP)
Sun	3rd	11.30am	Lawrence Kelly (Anni)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 2nd/3rd April

5:30 pm Ann E, Bernadette (R)
Maggie (E)

11.30am Maggie, Charles (R)
June, Zen (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 :

Ashby Bernard, Doherty Patrick, Walsh Ellen, Kelly Michael James, Todd Mary Helen, Muldoon Joseph Aloysius, Lynch Mary Bridget, Crean Joseph, Cronley John.

Divine Mercy Sunday 3rd April at Ss. Mary and Benedict Church. Prayers will begin from 2.00pm followed by Mass.