

## MASSES FROM 15th to 22nd May 2016

Sun	15	9.30am	Ken Ferris (Anni) Betty Osagie (B'Day) Mami Kasinde (B'day)
		11.30am	M Melvis (Spl Int) Emmanuel (B'day) Edith Epoke-Obasuyi (Spl Int)
Mon	16	9.30am	Molly Kelly (RIP), M Melvis (Spl Int)
Tue	17	9.30am	Mary Jenkins (RIP) Maureen & Jimmy Parslow (RIP)
Wed	18	9:30am	Allan Callen (Get well)
Thurs	19	9.30am	Eddie Flynn & Margaret Flynn (Anni)
Fri	20	9.30am	Anne McCarren (RIP)
Sat	21	10.30am	First Holy Communion Mass
<b>NO</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sun	22	9.30am	Janie Patalong (Spl Int) Anne McCarren (RIP) Eddie Flynn (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### Weekend 15th May 2016

9.30 am Kisaneth, Roisin  
Jean Hoey (E )

11.30am Maria, Kate  
Vera, Marcel (E )

#### Weekend 22nd May 2016

Nazareth, Tom Ward  
Elizabeth (E)

Kingsley, Cynthia  
Serso, Vera (E)

RIP: Paul Kordes

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Sean Anthony Logan, Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Bridget Theresa Ludid, William Morrissey, Michael McDermott, Mary Devlin, Edmond Patrick Flynn.

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulronee, Philomena Dunleavy, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Duignan, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Nora O'Brien, Sean Harte, Eamon Finlan, Phyllis Mulvey, Kath Muldoon, Bizmana-Rene Mandevu.



**A.J Missions**



**St. Osburgs**



**St. Marys**



**St. Elizabeths**

### **Parish Newsletter - Pentecost Sunday 15th to 22nd May 2016**

#### **THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE CHURCH THROUGH THE COUNCILS**

Last Sunday I wrote about the ecumenical councils of the Catholic Church. The wisdom of the church is found in its teaching through the councils. Since most of them were called to respond to doctrinal and moral crisis, there has not been so much guidance of the Holy Spirit in the Church like at such time. We continue with other councils to help us know that the church has had many trials but through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has passed through them all. Do you ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

1. **The 3rd Council of Constantinople (A.D. 680)** gave the definition of two wills in Christ human and Divine Will against the Monothelite heresy which claimed only one.
  2. **The 2nd Council of Nicaea (A.D. 757)** fought against people who worshiped images. It defined the veneration due to them. We give honour only to those they represent and not to the image itself as such.
  3. **The 4th Council of Constantinople (A.D. 869)** was a disciplinary one called to heal the threat of separation of the Eastern Church from the Western Church. Photius who had imposed himself patriarch was deposed and Ignatius was reinstated. The Greeks refused acknowledge the Council.
  4. **The 1st Council of the Lateran (A.D. 1123)** was the first Council to be held in the West. It took place in the Lateran Cathedral Basilica of Rome. It was convened to confirm the peace between the Church and State and to give final settlement to the problem of Investiture between Emperor Henry V and the Holy See. It was agreed that the Church has all rights to choose and consecrate prelates and invest them, and Church goods were restored to the Church.
  5. **The 2nd Council of the Lateran (A.D. 1139)** took disciplinary action and excommunicated Roger of Sicily who led the anti-pope movement. It made laws against simony, incontinence, group feuding among others. Regulations concerning clerical dress were enacted.
  6. **The 3rd Council of the Lateran (A.D. 1179)** After forty years again the General Council took actions against simony and abuses of the clergy. Also defence of the true teaching was made in answer to the heretics Albigenses and Waldensers.
  7. **The 4th Council of the Lateran (A.D. 1215)** Besides disciplinary action the seventy decrees of this Council answered prevailing heresies, gave pronouncements in favour of the Crusades, prescribed the duty of annual confession and Easter Communion, offered additional definitions on the absolute unity of God, and presented definition of the doctrine of the Church regarding sacraments, and in particular that the bread and wine, by transubstantiation, become the Body and Blood of Christ.
- The 1st Council of Lyons (A.D. 1245)** was called to bring disciplinary action against Emperor Frederick II. He'd issued a circular against the pope and seized church property. In May, 1241, he captured bishops and priests going for a meeting in Rome, and he was threatening the Vatican when Pope Gregory died. **To be continued.**



### **The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs**

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### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid: 382.12 Non-Gift Aid £ 511.80 Total: £ 893.92

Catholic Communication £ 189.82 Thank you.

Cake sale £300.05 Thank you.

**Counters** 15th Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

**Bonus Ball** : No. 53 Betty K

**Mass Attendance** 8th May 601

Second Collection: 19th June Day for Life

26th June Peter's Pence

### **Pious Devotions**

**Divine Mercy** prayers every last Thursday of the month 6.30 – 7.30pm.

**Prayer for priests** every first Friday of the month from 6.30 – 7.30pm.

**Rosa Mystica** on 13<sup>th</sup> of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

The church is open from 8:00am to 7:00pm throughout the week. You are all welcome to pass through the Door of Mercy and spend time in prayer.

**Cake sale** in support of training of Missionary priests-Apostles of Jesus last week raised £300. I sincerely thank the ladies who baked the cakes and all of you who bought them. May God bless you all.

**There will be NO annual procession** with the Blessed Sacrament through the City of Coventry this year due to so many other events taking place within the city. On 11th September 2016, the Archbishop will visit St. Osburgs and celebrate Holy Mass with all the priests and their parishioners to mark 1000years of the Birth of St. Osburgs. Let us prepare for that event.

**First Holy Communion:** The children will receive the Sacrament of first Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May at 10.30am. There will be a rehearsal on Monday 16th May at 6.00pm in the Church. The children of our Polish community will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday 29th May 2016 during 9.30am Mass. I thank the parents, teachers and all those who support and prepare the children for this great day. Let us accompany them with our prayers as they journey through life.

**Lectors Meeting :** There will be meeting for all those who take up readings during 11.30am Mass on Sunday 29th May in the Lady's chapel immediately after the 11.30am Mass.

**Talk to the priest:** I wish to encourage you to develop the habit of talking to the priest not as a final resort but as a friend, a confidant and a part of your life journey. He will not have all the answers to your questions, he might simply sit or stand there and listen. What I know is that the ear of the priest will always aim at connecting you or your concerns with the salvation of your soul. If he is not able to listen to you, it does not mean that he does not want to listen to you.

**All Souls Parish will make a pilgrimage** to the Door of Mercy on Saturday 11th June. Pilgrims will set off from All Souls on foot at 10.30am, say a few prayers at St.. Osburgs at 11.00am, a few prayers in the Priory Gardens at about 11.30am, and then pass through the Holy Door of Mercy at St. Marys and celebrate Mass at St. Mary's at 12.00noon. You are all warmly welcome to join them for all or part of the pilgrimage.

**Today is the Pentecost Sunday,** the birthday of the Church . On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down visibly on the Apostles. He gave them the power to speak in strange tongues to the crowds that came to Jerusalem for that Feast. He also transformed them, from selfish and timid men into giants of courage and faith.

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory." The Holy Spirit makes holy the souls of the just by His presence. But a Spirit is not present in the sense of taking up space. We say a Spirit is present wherever it causes an effect. In the soul, the Holy Spirit transforms it, making it basically capable of taking in, after death, the infinite streams of knowledge and love that flow within the Holy Trinity. Thus we are really "sharers in the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). This is a dignity so great that any earthly honour is insignificant beside it.

He comes with his Seven Gifts. These make the soul capable of taking in the special lights and inspirations. He sends in a much higher way than what is had in ordinary graces. We do not notice much of any effects from these Gifts until we have advanced rather far in the spiritual life, for great docility and purity of heart are needed. Please pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide you in all that you do and to strengthen you in all the good works that you fulfil in your daily life.