

MASSES FROM 10th to 17th January 2016

Sun	10	9.30am	Pearl & Derrick Irianan (Thanks giving)
		11:30am	People of the parish
Mon	11	9.30am	Mrs Priest (Spl Int) Frank Trill (Anni)
Tue	12	9.30am	Michael Kelly (Spl Int)
Wed	13	9:30am	Sr Anne Marie (Spl Int), Denis Colman (RIP)
Thurs	14	6.30pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Michael Stack (Spl Int), SSA (Thanks giving)
Fri	15	6.30pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Victoria Uche (Birthday)
Sat	16	9:30am	Curriston Family (Spl Int)
		10.00 –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	17	9.30am	Michael Clear (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Bavan Peter Komba (Anni)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 10th January 2016

9.30 am Tom Ward, Elena
Jean Hoey (E)
11.30am Francis, Veronica
Serso, Sr Lydwyn (E)

Weekend 17th January 2016

Roisin, Julia
Bridie (E)
Stephen, Victoria
Vera, Loveness

Anniversaries during this Week: Mary Ellen Healy, Thomas Early, Mark Brennan, Rev Fr Richard Placid Rea, Winifred Browne, Peter McCabe, Kathleen Kooghan, Isabel Carson, Thomas Shaugnessey, Margaret Cooke, Neil Ferry, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Daniel Lanaghan.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulroney, Philomena Dunleavy, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, 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.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

Parish Newsletter Baptism of the Lord 10th to 17th Jan 2016

THIS BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BUILD A PARISH

I'm quite sure we are getting settled again after the Christmas break. We look to 2016 with great hope as a Religious Order takes over our parish of St. Osburgs. It reminds us of the Benedictine Monks. As this year begins, I would like to bring to your attention a behaviour which we must fight. I faced a serious racial abuse in the sacristy by a certain lady (witnessed by two parishioners). She is probably one of those people who never read the newsletter or never listen to the announcements because they leave immediately after Holy Communion. A day after the parish Penitential service, a number of people came for confession. I politely told the lady that :

“we had our penitential service the other day, last night it was at Christ the King and that evening it was going to be at All Souls and St. Patrick. “I don't have time because I'm going to visit the sick and housebound of the parish to prepare them for Christmas since they could not come to church for the parish penitential service”

Hell broke loose and racial abuses began. I asked the parishioners afterwards whether they knew the lady, but they seemed not to have seen her.

An experience was reported to me by some three students; two boys and one girl from Goa (India) who came to the 40th anniversary of Canon Garry's ordination some years ago. During the sign of peace someone told them to leave the church immediately because first they were not invited and second this was not their church! Someone led them to the door! They used to live on Minster Rd just few yards from this church. When they reported this to me, I dismissed it as an isolated incident. They never returned to this church.

I feel very sympathetic with the person who “marched the uninvited guests out” at an ordination anniversary and with the woman who took matters in her mouth on a priest! What I know is that such behaviour will not build a parish. Word goes around, the students were greatly upset especially the girl. I don't think they remained silent about it!

As we begin a New Year, I put this plainly before you. There are no reserved places in catholic churches. It is not a private members club.



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

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
E-mail lutwajim@yahoo.com
Parish Sisters Srs. of St. Anne of Providence
Leena, Lydwin and Leera 02476550848
Parish School: St Mary & St Benedict's, Leigh Street CV1 5HG
Tel: 02476 229486 Head teacher Mrs McDonald

St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church

St. Elizabeth's Road, CV6 5BX Tel.: 024 76688536
Website: www.stelizabethcoventry.co.uk
Webcams: www.mcnmedia.tv
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

Collection: Gift Aid: 196.91 Non-Gift Aid 489.70 Total: £ 686.61

Thank you.

Counters 10th Jan Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball : No 13 Jean Hoey

Mass Attendance 3rd January **566**

Train a Apostles of Jesus Priest

Second Collection: 6th March Cathedral Maintenance

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 13th 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.

If any parishioner is sick or in hospital, please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital ask for their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

Pastoral Matters

Baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their children baptized will be on Monday 11th January 2016 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Coventry University: Mass at Spirituality and Faith Centre will resume from Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 1.10pm. Fr Jimmy Lutwama, the chaplain will be available for confessions or just a chat from 11.00am every Tuesday. Also you may contact him on 07906124756.

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist: on Sundays at 11.30am Mass there is a shortage of Extraordinary ministers. If you wish to volunteer and render your service please contact Fr Jimmy or one of the Sisters. It is indeed a privilege as well as a grave responsibility which requires your reverence, commitment, and the seriousness of the ministry.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s) is organised by the Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) in Liverpool. **Theme:** Discerning God's Call in my life **Dates:** 29th - 31st January 2016 There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr. Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Join our CAFOD Team taking Global Justice into Schools!: Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD? CAFOD Birmingham is looking for volunteers in your area to work with children and young people in Catholic schools to help them learn about the world, and to inspire them to take action on poverty and injustice with CAFOD. Full training and resources will be supplied and travel expenses covered. For further information, please contact CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722 944 or at birmingham@cafod.org.uk .

Understanding Islam- a course for Catholics living and working with Muslims:

This four-day course is held at Campion Hall in Oxford from 8-11 Feb 2016, aims to help Catholics understand how the worldviews of the Muslims they live and work with are shaped by their faith. Participants are encouraged to see the world through Muslim eyes, and are taken through a stimulating programme including sessions on Muhammad, Islamic beliefs, laws and prayer life. There are also opportunities to learn about Islamic perspectives on Christianity, developments in the modern Islamic world, and Islam in Britain. The course is a safe space for Catholics to discuss their attitudes and judgements, and to consider how to respond to the call of their bishops and the Pope to dialogue with Islam. A maximum of 11 participants ensures that there is plenty of opportunity for discussion. The course is presented by Fr Damian Howard SJ, who is currently a lecturer at Heythrop College with a special academic interest in the Christian theological response to Islam. It is supported by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Keep some heat by closing the doors: the heating of our church is a big problem I wish to request you that when you come to pray you be mindful to close the doors. Even though the boilers may be running but as long as doors are left wide open all the heat is lost! Remember that church expenses are your expenses. Let us try as much as possible to live within our means.