

MASSSES FROM 11th to 18th Sept 2016

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| Sun | 11 | 9.00am | Shawn Aikhionbare (Birthday) |
| | | 11.30am | Leo Dunnion (Anni), Benedict Oyafermi (B'day) |
| Mon | 12 | 9.30am | Phil Dunleavy (90th Birthday) |
| Tue | 13 | 9.30am | William Anderson (Anni) (School Mass) |
| Wed | 14 | 9:30am | Molly Kelly (RIP) Corpus |
| Thurs | 15 | 9.30am | Sr Fidelis (RIP) |
| Fri | 16 | 10.00am | Margaret Shreffle (RIP) |
| Sat | 17 | 9.30am | Phil Dunleavy (90th Birthday) |
| 10.00am – 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions | | | |
| Sun | 18 | 9.00am | Ethan Osagie (1st Birthday) |
| | | 11.30am | People of the parish |

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 11th Sept 2016

9.00 am Veronica Carroll,
Sophie Drabik (E)
11.30am Kate, Julie
Serso, Vera (E)

Weekend 18th Sept 2016

Julia, Asipita
Elizabeth Packer (E)
Marcel, Serso (E)

RIP: Lina Craddock, Bridget O'Loughlin, Albert Hunt, Desmond Patrick McTigue, Thomas Cosgrove.

Anniversaries during this Week: Shirley Jolly, Kevil Foley, Dan O'Driscoll, Dean Harris, Rosemary White, Teresa Brooks, Theresa Anne Carey, Molly Kelly, Bernard McHugh,, Julia O'Driscoll.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulroney, Philomena Dunleavy, John Currison, 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.

ACTA open meeting: Sunday, September 25th Archbishop Kevin McDonald speaks on 'Spirituality, Migrants and other Religions'. Q&A, discussion, 1.30 for 2 ☐ 4.30pm. Newman House, Harrison's Rd, Edgbaston B15 3QS. Everyone most welcome – laity, religious and clergy, for both members and visitors. No charge. Enquiries – Jean at mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

Death announcement: I am sorry to announce the death of Lina Craddock of Monks Road who died on the 19th August 2016. Funeral service will take place on 16th September 2016 at 1.00pm.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

Parish News letter 24th Sunday - 11th to 18th Sept 2016

IMAGINE THAT SR. OSBURG DID NOT PASS ON THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Usain Bolt a Jamaican splinter stunned the world last month in Rio de Janeiro when he and his teammates won the 4x4 relay. You must have watched them too. The runners were given a **baton** which they had to pass on to their teammate in the quickest possible time. He had to make sure that he **handed it over carefully** otherwise if it was dropped the team would be disqualified. The person who received the baton had to make sure that he **received it firmly and safely**; he too was supposed to run as fast as possible to **pass it on to another runner** until the final man. If one of the runners upon receiving the baton decided to walk or to sit down the whole team would suffer defeat no matter the good efforts of others. Usain Bolt was hailed as a world champion but he did not act alone, he was supported by his teammates.

Today we celebrate One thousand years of Catholicism in Coventry and the legacy of Sr. Osburg the first abbess of the Covent founded by King Canute at Coventry. She received the Christian faith and passed it on to others by caring for the sick and the poor of the city. To Sr. Osburg, Christian faith was like the baton, she grasped it firmly, practiced it tirelessly and passed it over to others with utmost care. Down the centuries Catholic families have taught their children the true catholic faith they received, the faith that they grasped firmly like the baton. As a consequence many men and women of our land were even ready to be hanged, drawn and quartered other than denying that faith!

As we celebrate this event, we are all assembled here as children of God but do you think that we are safely keeping the faith, teaching it and passing it on to others? In the past parents baptised their children because they wanted them to live as Christians. These days some parents ask for baptism because they want to have a party. In the past Sunday was a Holy day centred on the Sunday Mass these days Sunday is the only day families can go shopping or when parents can take the children to play football! In the past children grew up in a home where the love of a mother and a father shaped their life, but these days children do not know even with which parent or step parent they are going to spend the weekend with! Other children may not even know who to call mother or father in the house. What a sad world we are living in today in the name of freedom? I ask you to look at the Catholic faith and its wisdom as a **baton** given to you as a Catholic of today. To practice our faith today is the only day we have; yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not yet come and in the words of the famous Irish singer Daniel O'Donnell, 'tomorrow may never be mine' therefore we have only today. Let us begin.

In God's infinite plan he willed that we should be here today to celebrate this event. If you do not receive the faith, practice it tirelessly and pass it on to others, what is the future of Christianity? Unless you take your faith like a **baton** given to you to be passed on to others be sure the game is over.



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 415.55 Non-Gift Aid £ 527.11 Total: £ 942.66 Thank you.

Cake sale: £270.09 Train a Missionary Priest £62.50 Thank you.

Counters 11th Sept Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Mass Attendance 4th Sept 519

Bonus Ball : No draw

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| Second Collection: | Catholic Education Service |
| 11th Sept | Catholic Evangelization |
| 18th Sept | Walsingham Shrine |
| 25th Sept | CAFOD |
| 9th Oct | World Mission Sunday |
| 23rd Oct | Johnson Association (Retired & Infirm Clergy) |
| 6th Nov | Catholic Youth Service |
| 20th Nov | Poor Parishes' Fund |
| 4th Dec | Fr Hudson's Society |
| 11th Dec | |

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.

RCIA sessions will commence in September 2016. Those adults who are not yet baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church and those who are already baptized in other churches and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church are requested to contact either Fr Jimmy or any of the Sisters.

Day of prayer for vocations in our parish will be Sunday 9th October 2016. The prayers will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 11.30am Mass and conclude with Benediction and Blessing at 4.00pm. You are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Church.

This Year's Annual Mass for the infirm with anointing will take place at SS. Mary and Benedict Church to give an opportunity to our elderly and infirm members an opportunity to walk through the Door of Mercy. The Mass will take place on Sunday 16th October 2016 at 3.00pm. I ask those who minister to the sick in our parish to prepare them for that event before the Door of Mercy closes.

Mass for the bereaved families who lost their dear ones in the course of the year Oct 2015 -Sept. 2016 will be on Sunday 2nd October 2016 at 4.00pm. The Mass is meant to bring all the families that have had a similar experience to pray together and to share in each other's loss. If you have lost a close relative and you want him/her to be included in this solemn event please contact the Parish priest or the Sisters.

Baptism preparation class for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 12th September 2016 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Aid to the Church in Need launched a '*Be God's Mercy*' campaign is inspired by Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy and recognises that around the world, there are millions of people in need of God's mercy and love, both materially and spiritually. The campaign is reaching out through your charity to 146 countries where they work. Together, we help build the kingdom of God on earth. In the 'Be God's Mercy... around the world' report, the organisation has showed how the generosity of Christians is enabling them to engage in acts of mercy by reaching out to the needy in some of the remotest and forgotten areas in the world including Philippines, Tanzania and Syria. Thanks to your prayers and charity, they are able to respond to many calls for help across the globe by providing key projects which offer practical and pastoral assistance to the body of Christ. Thank you so much for your merciful kindness – because by doing so you are sustaining our Christian brothers and sisters around the world by keeping the flame of faith burning brightly.

Bishop Ullathorne Opening day Parents and children in our primary school are warmly invited to our Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School's for an Open Evening on Thursday 22 Sept from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. The Headteacher will give a presentation at 6.00 pm in the main hall.

Pilgrimage through the door of Mercy: 90 children of Corpus Christi Primary School will make a pilgrimage to St. Mary's Church and make a ritual passage through the door of mercy to mark the Jubilee Year of Mercy on Wednesday 14th Sept 2016. They will start with Mass at 9.30am celebrated by Fr. Jimmy followed with a historical tour and explanation of the Church. If you have not yet passed through the door of Mercy please do so before this year of grace ends.