

**MASSES FROM 15th to 22nd Apr 2018**

Sun	15	9.30am	Benny Smith, Janeet Smith (RIP), Jarek (spl int)
		11.30am	Magdaline Nganjwi (RIP)
Mon	16	9.30am	Maureen Doyal (RIP)
Tues	17	9.30am	John Duffin (RIP)
Wed	18	9.30am	Fr. Pat Downey (Anni), Pascal Osagie (B'day)
Thurs	19	9.30am	Cath Bradley (Spl int)
Fri	20	9.30am	Janeet Smith (RIP), Thomas Noonan (RIP)
Sat	21	9.30am	Holy souls
Sun	22	9.30am	Peter Harte , Annie Laffey, James Crean (RIP)
		11.30am	John Duffin (RIP)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**15th Apr 2018**

9.30am	Asipita, Alex (R)
11.30am	Nelson, Geogina (R) Loveness, Patricia (E)

**22nd April 2018**

Julia H. & Elena (Jr) (R) Elizabeth P. (E)
Aimee, Florence K. (R) Frank, Marcel (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Tony Groogan, Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulrone, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Diana Best, Tess Pearkes, Sheila McLeany, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Phyllis Mulvey, Kath Muldoon, Ann Hanley.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs. Georgina Martin, Jeremiah Hoban , Sheila Mary Guinness, Feichin Patrick Fagan , Fiona Bernadette Logan , Jeanette Smith, Terence Peter Harte , Elizabeth Patricia Gamble .

**Medugorje youth festival 31st July** - 7th Aug meeting @ St Thomas More in Margaret Roper Room 5pm 22nd April. Brief history, informal discussion on trip and prayers. Mass to follow, all welcome. For more information contact **Justine Gaffney** Justinegaffney@outlook.com.

**The Church of St. Joseph the Worker** will be consecration by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, 1st May, 2018 at 7:00pm. You are all invited.

**Monday Club** will resume tomorrow 16th April 2018 after 2 weeks break. It is a great opportunity for the senior members of the parish to socialize at least once a week. The club will begin at 12.00noon



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish News letter- 3rd Sunday not Easter- 15th to 22nd April 2018**

**IF YOU FOLLOW YOUR CONSCIENCE HEAVEN BECOMES NEARER:**

In the course of the week I visited Harvington Hall in Worcester as part of my rest during Easter time. After we had celebrated Chrism Mass a fortnight ago at St. Chad's Cathedral, the Archbishop told the priests to make sure that they went to some place and have rest. Many priests must have gone to their families but as you know, the family of a missionary priest is always far from his mission, so is mine, Uganda is thousands of miles away. The Sisters and I decided to take our visitors from India to Harvington Hall that famous country house where some priests hid during the dark days when being a Catholic Priest meant sentencing oneself to death. Harvington Hall is a place I never get tired of visiting because it tells a story of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. It reminds us of the sacrifices and the risks that our fellow Catholics faced, yet they chose to die instead of giving up their loyalty to Jesus Christ as proclaimed by the Catholic Church.

Harvington Hall House is built on a moat on an open ground. You can see several hundred meters on either side. It is in this open ground that the residents in the house could see someone coming towards it for different reasons: some came to spy on the Catholic family and others came seeking refuge. It is one thing to run to someone's house seeking protection but it is another thing for someone inside it to offer it to you. How could they people inside the house have felt when a man turned up and told them that he was a Catholic priest seeking protection from royal persecution? Were the occupants of the house not bound to take the royal position and hand over the priest? If it was discovered that they were hiding a priest, would that have had consequences on their own lives?

As Christians we are expected to obey our leaders, but obedience has its limit, at a certain point it becomes a matter of conscience that to disobey becomes a duty. This is exactly what the occupants of Harvington Hall did, they disobeyed legitimate authority of the time as a matter of following their conscience.

The call to follow one's conscience is required today as it was that time. The difference is that while in the past people followed their conscience to promote and to harmonize the common good, these days, selfishness and pride have killed some people's conscience. The conscience is the voice of God that will never deceive us. When we come into God's presence, I believe that we shall be judged on what our conscience will feel guilty of. As Christians we will always be challenged by situations that will call on our conscience. It is better to follow our conscience here and be called traitors than to save our life and be taken as outcasts from God's presence for eternity.

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

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### **Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid:** £492.75 **Non-Gift Aid:** 442.92 **£Total :** £935.67

**Counters :** Agnes & Tom Ferris

**2nd collection :**

**Mass Attendance :** 615 **Bonus Ball :** No. 28 Lilian R

**Forthcoming Second Collections May 2018**

13th May—Catholic Communications

### **Pious Devotions**

**Divine Mercy** prayers will start on **Divine Mercy Sunday** starting at 2:00pm.

**Prayer for priests** every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm.

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

**French Mass** every 2nd Sunday of every month at 2.30pm.

**The Lady's Chapel** is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

**Church cleaning:** 8.00am to 9.30am

**Confessions :** Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

**Thoughts on Marriage :** "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws.... God himself is the author of marriage." [87] The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, [88] some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. "The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life."

### **Matters of Importance**

**Missionary Appeal:** Today we welcome Fr. Franco Mastromauro a member of the Comboni Missionaries who is making Missionary Appeal in our parish. This appeal has been announced several times in our newsletter

**First Holy Communion** will take place on 19th May for children in St. Marys School. On 27th May, it will be First Holy Communion for Polish speaking children. Confirmation will take place on 29th November 2018, adults who have not received this Sacrament and they wish to be confirmed please contact Fr. Jimmy.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham** 12 May Bishop David McGough will lead the Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 12 May 2018.

**New appointment:** the Archbishop has appointed Mr David Brooks, to be the Diocesan Chief Operating Officer from March 1. David (58) a former general manager of the National Trust is a parishioner at Saints Peter and Paul in Brailes, near Banbury, and has been involved with the life of the Church for many years. Before his four-year role at the National Trust, David was a senior manager for 30 years with BP, working in a variety of roles including Director of Asset Development and Head of Business Services in the UK, and Director of National Operations in South Africa. As a result of the new appointment Deacon David Palmer is stepping back from his day-to-day management role, although he will continue as Diocesan Treasurer and remain a Trustee.

**Vocation Sunday** will be celebrated on 22nd April 2018. There are 12 men training for the priesthood and 17 training for diaconate in our diocese. There are also 250 students training for missionary priesthood for the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries. Thank you for supporting our seminarians. Continue to pray for their perseverance.

**Corpus Christi Processions will take place** on Sunday 3rd June from St. Osburg Church to the ruins of the cathedral starting at 3:00pm Children making their First Holy Communion are very welcome dressed in their First Holy Communion dresses.

**The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham** will host the first National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 in partnership with Catholic Man UK, a new organisation established to support the revival of fraternity and authentic masculinity among Catholic men. The event is open to Catholic men, lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons. The day will start with a welcome and introduction at 10.30 am, in the Chapel of Reconciliation. It will end at approximately 5.30pm with refreshments at the Pilgrim Bureau.

**Thank you all for the assistance** you gave me in the preparation and celebration Holy Week and Easter. Thank you for all the gestures of love and generosity which was showed to the Sister and I at this time. May God bless you all.

**Guests:** we are blessed with important visitors from India who are staying with me. They are Rev. Fr. Eugene Lobo SJ (Jesuit priest) and his sister Mrs. Leena Lobo. They are here to see their young sister, Sr. Leera Lobo. In July 2017 they lost their mother Mrs Josephine Lobo.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** thanks to those who spent time last Sunday to invoke the Mercy of God upon us. Thanks to our Parish Choir that led us in a beautiful singing.