

MASSES FROM 18th to 25th Mar 2018

Sun	18	9.30am	Francis & Cecilia (RIP), Thomas Noonan (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	19	12.00noon	Eileen Curtin (Spl int)
Tues	20	9.30am	Margaret Collins, Herculano Fernandes (RIP) Esperanca Fernandes (B'day)
Wed	21	10.00am	Requiem Mass– Patrick Ward
Thurs	22	12.00noon	Maureen Power
Fri	23	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	Greg Osagie (B'day)
Sat	24	9.30am	Elizeta Cabral (RIP)
Sun	25	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 18th Mar 2018

9.30am	Noah, Nicholas (R) Sophie (E)
11.30am	Morgan, Emmanuella (R) Serso, Vera (E)

Weekend 25th Mar 2018

Julia Hunt, James M. (R) Betty, Barbara (E)
Maame, Georgina (R) Vera, Marcel (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Bishop

Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulroney, John Currison, Gerard Grif-fith, 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: Peter Doyle, Terry Fielding, Ludovic Carl Wysoeki, John J Burke, John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney, OFM. Cap, Frank Keobhan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Marian Christina Harte, Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury, J O'Sullivan.

Easter Programme

Sun	25 th Mar 2018	9.30am	Palm Sunday
		11.30am	Palm Sunday
Mon	26 th	12.00noon	Mass
Tue	27 th	12.00noon	Mass
Wed	28 th Mar	9.00am	Mass
		11.30am	Mass of Holy Chrism at St. Chad's B'ham
Thur	29 th Mar	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of the feet, Recommissioning of Extra-ordinary Ministers of Eucharist, Adoration until 11.00pm at the Altar of Repose
Fri	30 th Mar	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		3.30pm	Celebration of the Passion of our Lord.
Sat	31 st Mar	7.00pm	Easter vigil Mass
Sun	01 April 2018	9.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11.30am	Easter Sunday Mass

Sun 8th April 2018
Divine Mercy Sunday. Prayers will begin at 2.00pm followed by Mass. Easter Monday Mass 2nd April 2018 at 10.00am – St. Osburg

Divine Mercy Sunday. Prayers will begin at 2.00pm followed by Mass. Easter Monday Mass 2nd April 2018 at 10.00am – St. Osburg



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 5th Sunday of Lent 18th to 25th Mar 2018

THE TABLE SHOULD NOT SEPARATE US

One of the touching stories we read during Lent inviting us to repent is the story told by Jesus about the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Bible talks about one Lazarus a good friend of Jesus who had two sisters Martha and Mary. They lived in a small village called Bethany. Whenever Jesus came to the city from Galilee it was at this home that he made a stop-over. Here he had a shower, changed his cloths, dusted his sandals and had a hot meal. From here he would enter Jerusalem possibly on the following day, a refreshed man. Appearing smart the city dwellers would not see him as a Galilean carpenter but as a learned man versed with the teaching of the Law. They called him Rabi = Master.

In the story of the rich man and Lazarus Jesus does not give any indication that he was speaking about the man at whose home he used to spend the nights while he was in Jerusalem. Therefore he was either talking about another destitute person, or he simply made up the name to suite the lesson he wanted to give. Lazarus was not a beggar; he used to crawl everyday from his tent and come to sit under the rich man's table with the hope that some scraps would fall from the rich mans table. All he knew was that he was not lucky enough to climb the property ladder. He did not envy whatever was going on above the table

Above the table there was a rich man, dressed in purple with golden chains round his neck. He was a truly blessed man by circumstances. He was a hard working man, he spent much of his time planning, investing and following up every penny. Do you know that if you trace the where-about of every penny, the pennies increase as stinginess kicks in as well? The rich man could not attribute his success to anyone else other than to himself. The big house, the big car, the fat bank account, all these were a result of hard work he thought. He attributed the terrible poverty Lazarus was going through to be due to his laziness. The fact is that he was not.

Wealth can sometimes blind us to the reality of life or even to the presence of other people. A rich man might not see a poor man and those who have power will hardly recognise the weak. In politics some powerful nations form clubs and give themselves titles: we hear of G7, G20, others talk of themselves as being in 'special relationships' and so on. These titles are nothing but a way of telling Lazarus that his presence does not bother them as long as he keeps his place under the table.

The table separated the Rich man and Lazarus. I'm afraid that there are things which separate society today. Families can also be separated because of some affluent members looking down to the poor folks. Lenten season is meant to take away the table between us otherwise how can we truly understand the plight of someone if we are not bothered to look into their eyes?

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

Barras Lane, Coventry, CV1 4AQ. Tel 024 76220402
Fr. Jimmy Mobile. 07906124756 Home 02476258901
Parish Safeguarding Rep: Anne Collins 02476670304

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

52a, Raglan Street Coventry, CV1 5QF. Tel 02476258901
www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk

Web cam: www.churchservices.tv/coventry

Parish Priest. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama, AJ

E-mail lutwajim@yahoo.com

Parish Sisters: Srs. of St. Anne of Providence

Leena, and Leera 02476550848

Safeguarding Rep: Veronica Carroll—Tel no. 07980506620

Parish School: St Mary & St Benedict's, Leigh Street CV1 5HG

Tel: 02476 229486 Head teacher Mrs McDonald

The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 572.25 **Non-Gift Aid:** £482.62 **Total :** £1054.87

Counters : 19th Mar— Elizabeth & Patsy

2nd collection :

Mass Attendance : 631 **Bonus Ball :** No. 15 Rose Hogan

Forthcoming Second Collections for March to April 2018

30th March— Holy places; 22nd April— Clergy training fund.

Pious Devotions

Divine Mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month 6 – 7pm.

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

Rosa Mystica on 13th 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

Stations of the Cross: we are almost coming to the end of Lenten season, some of us might not have had the chance to come to the Stations of the Cross. Please be reminded that every Friday of the week at 6.30pm we celebrate the Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Good Friday Stations of the Cross will start at 3:00pm.

Irish Heart, Coventry Home: Coventry Irish Society is launching a month-long exhibition, 'Irish Heart, Coventry Home' at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. The exhibition opens on 9th April is free and will stay open until April.

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

Matters of Importance

Procession with the Blessed Sacrament: through Coventry is one of our traditions here in the city. Due to the absence of resident priests at St. Osburg we did not have the processions. During our recent denary meeting, we decided that this tradition is going to be resumed. We shall have Corpus Christi Processions on Sunday 3rd May from St. Osburg Church to the ruins of the cathedral starting at 3:00pm Children making their First Holy Communion are particularly welcome to join in this procession dressed in their First Holy Communion dresses.

Gift Aid envelopes will be available this weekend March 18th. Please pick up envelopes at the back of church. Use present envelopes until they run out and new envelopes start on 8th April. Thanks for your great generosity towards the church.

Passion Sunday: Next Sunday begins the two week period called Passiontide. From this weekend all the statues in Church will be veiled until the Easter Vigil to help bring to mind the Passion of Christ.

Catechism for First Holy Communion children of our parish who go to non-Catholic schools will have instructions on Saturday 24th March at 11.00am to 12.00noon in the Lady's Chapel. Parents are requested to bring them on time.

Headteacher Vacancy at St Patrick's Catholic Primary and Nursery School, Leamington Spa is looking forward to appointing a new head teacher of their school. If you are interested, further details can be obtained from the school manager on 01926 425958, email: admin3543@welearn365.com or via school website:www.stpatricks-lspa.com"

International gathering of families Dublin: Coventry Catholic denary will sponsor two families to represent us at the International meeting of families in Dublin. Please remember to pray for your families that they may always live in peace.

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 28th March at 11.30am in St Chad's Cathedral. Mass at St. Mary's will be at 9:00am to allow the priests to go for the Holy Mass at which they renew their priestly vows and consecrate together with the archbishop the holy oils.

Parish Day of prayer thanks to all who turned up yesterday for our parish recollection day. Let us continue in the light of our faith in Jesus Christ.

Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers: will take place on Maundy Thursday during the Mass of the Last Supper. All Eucharistic Ministers new and old are requested to attend.

The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will host the first National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage on Sunday 22nd 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.

Missionary Appeal: We shall have Missionary Appeal conducted in our parish by Comboni Missionaries once known as Verona Fathers on Sunday 15th April 2018. A visiting priest will talk to us at both Masses.