

MASSES FROM 20th to 27th Nov 2016

Sun	20	9.00am	Jimmy Johnston (Anni) , Cecilia & Caithan D'Souza (RIP)
		11.30am	Maggie (RIP), Ann Shanley (Anni), Irene Fagan (Get well), Stella Chisom Umeh (B'day)
Mon	21	9.30am	Herculano Fernandes (RIP)
Tue	22	9.30am	Michael Carr (RIP)
Wed	23	9.30am	Hogan & Meehan family (RIP)
Thurs	24	6.00pm	Divine mercy prayers
		7.00pm	Founders of SSA (RIP)
Fri	25	9.30am	Irene & Owen Donnally (Spl int)
Sat	26	9.30am	Riyal Fernando (Thanksgiving)
Sun	27	9.00am	Rose Mary Tracy (Anni)
		11.30am	Maria Scott & family (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 20th Nov 2016

9.00 am Joanita Pereira, Roisin Byrne
Barbara Shaughnessy (E)
11.30am Temi, Florence A
Serso, Frank (E)

Weekend 27th Nov 2016

Asipita Iroko, Veronica Carroll
Sophie Drabik (E)
Emmanuella, Julie
Marcel, Vera

Anniversaries during this Week: Thomas Dalton, Willie Docherty, James Cummings Johnston , Con McFadden, Nikki Cherry , Piety Pinto, Cecilia Agnes Wilkinson , Katherine Ward, Patrick O'Donnell, Ethel Smith, Anne Parsons, John O'Shea, Edith Morley, Edward Benedict Cadwell, Rosemary June Treacy , Anthony Crawford, Patrick Plunkett, Celeste Childs, William Doran, Mary Montgomery , Michael McSheffrey, Mary Copland, Jane Walsh, Kevin Patrick Devaney , Michael McSheffrey, Mary Copland, Jane Walsh, Kevin Patrick Devaney , Sean Heavey, John Coyne, Paul Allen, James Williams, Faye Townley, Nora Stacy, Madeline Carey, Ellen Caldwell .

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.

Christmas choir concert: I'm pleased to learn that the Parish Choir of St. Mary's and Benedict has once again organised a concert to usher in the season of Advent. This will take place at St. Mary's Church on 3rd December 2016 starting from 3:00pm– 4:30pm. Come and see talented Catholic young people as they sing to usher in the Christmas season. Entrance is free, please keep the time, it will be an evening of amusement, entertainment and prayer.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter–Solemnity of Christ the King 20th to 27th Nov 2016

IT IS THE FINAL GIFT WE SHALL DEPART THIS LIFE ASKING GOD FOR

Mercy is one of the attributes of God that we might never understand in this life. It is not a natural human inclination to be merciful but it is Divine. Recently I took keen interest in following the American politics. I was frustrated when I could hear accusations and counter accusations between the two main political rivals Mr. Donald Trump and Mrs. Hilary Clinton. What upset me most was to hear Mr. Trump and his supporters demanding for Hilary Clinton to be **locked up in jail**. Locking H. Clinton up was a campaign promise that most of us wait to happen. I don't think that credible democratic systems operate by putting their opponents in jails. Thanks to the media, it is exposing the hypocrisy in societies which were taken to be sacrosanct models of democracy.

“Lock her up” tells the human story, **Mercy** tells the divine story. Being merciful basically means that, when we deserve punishment, we are not punished. Mercy is the withholding of a just condemnation and the Bible gives many illustrations of God not “locking up” people but blessing them and letting them go free.

In the gospel of Matthew 18:23–27 Jesus describes a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. They brought him a man who owed £10,000.00 but had no means to pay, so the king decided that the man be sold, his wife and children auctioned and all his possessions to recover the money! The debtor begged for mercy. The king felt sorry for the man, he cancelled the debt and set him free to return to his family. Interestingly, after he had been showed mercy, the man met his fellow servant on his way home who was in debt to him of about £10.00 he grabbed him by the throat and wanted to have his cash then and there! We all know what became of the unforgiving servant. Thousands of people have passed through the Door of Mercy at St. Marys asking for mercy from God. I pray that together we may one day pass through the Door of Mercy Jesus Christ.

If you passed through the Door of Mercy, the real work begins, God has been merciful to you; **GO! BE MERCIFUL AND FORGIVING TO OTHERS** for “if you do not forgive others, your Heavenly Father will not forgive your failings either (Matthew 6:15). Mercy is an ongoing Christian activity without end. The Holy Door of Mercy has closed go and open the door mercy in your life. ***The call to Mercy continues and it is the final gift that we shall depart this life asking God for.*** Mercy is the only gift we give to others to receive it back for “Blessed are the merciful they shall be showed mercy” Matt 5:7

November is a month to pray for those who have died, unlike Mr. Trump and his supporters, we do not plead that God locks up our brothers and sisters but that he grants them his mercy. Thanks to God for being merciful .



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 250.00 Non-Gift Aid £ 434.69 Total: 684.69 Thank you.

2nd Collection :

Counters 20th Nov Pat & William Edwards

Mass Attendance : 685

Bonus Ball : No. 40 Norah Curriston

Second Collection: 20th Nov Catholic Youth Service

4th Dec Poor Parishes' Fund

11th Dec Fr Hudson's Society

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.

The church is open from **8.30am to 6:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to pass through the Door of Mercy and spend time in prayer.

RCIA Lessons: I am grateful to Mrs. Veronica Carrol who has accepted to assist me with RCIA classes for our 7 Catechumens. Please keep them in your prayers. If any member would like to join the catechism class please contact Fr. Jimmy or Mrs. Veronica Carrol.

Blessing the Crib: will take place in the city centre near Marks and Spenser on 27th November 2016, the First Sunday of Advent at 4:00pm. You are requested to turn up for this public witness to Christian presence in our city.

Matters of Importance

Our parish Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 26th November 2016 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Please remember to return the stubs and the money by 25th November. Bazaar will be a success only if you turn up on the day along with your family and friends. Please come along in larger numbers and support this event.

Congratulations to Nicholas and Antonia who had their marriage blessed yesterday here at St. Marys. It was a response to my appeal that during this Jubilee year of Mercy, the Mercy of God ought to be visibly manifested in our life.

Advent Penitential Services: St. Mary' on Monday December 19th at 7:00pm

St Osburg Friday 16th December after 12:10pm Mass

St. Elizabeth Thursday 22nd December at 7:00pm.

Please note that there will not be daily individual confessions at St. Osburg's after the 16th of December 2016. This is to enable the priests to go to assist with confessions in other parishes and to visit the sick and the house bound who need confessions too. If you do not turn up on that day you will need to check other parish programmes where confessions will be available.

Closing Ceremony for the "Year of Mercy" takes place today **Sunday November 20th at 4.00pm** at **St Marys** with an Evening Prayer (Not Mass). This will be the last time people can walk through the "Door of Mercy" the next time we walk through the Door of Mercy will be when we come into the presence of God in heaven. Priests will be available from 3:00pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession for just one ONE HOUR.

Priests for St. Osburgs: I'm pleased to let you know that the Superior General of the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus has appointed two priests to St. Osburg: Fr. Sunday Bazirake AJ and Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ. The two priests have been involved in intensive study of English language which they passed with flying colours which means that they have completed the final huddle before submitting their visa applications to the Home Office. I'm delighted with the appointment, these are men that I have known for many years of their seminary formation and who have held offices of trust in the Order as both were rectors of different junior seminaries for many years. St. Osburg is very lucky to have them. Once they will come, St. Osburg will have three resident priests including Fr. Moses who will reside at St. Osburg but he will be responsible for St. Elizabeth. Please continue to pray for them.

Catholic Youth Ministry: the feast of Christ the King is National Youth Sunday in England and Wales. It is a day where young people and their contribution to the Church is celebrated; a day where the commitment of volunteers in parishes and residential centres is held up in gratitude; and an important chance for parishes to contribute financially to the diverse provision for youth ministry in our diocese. Today there is a second collection in every parish for the important work of the Kenelm Youth Trust, the agency that provides for youth ministry for the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Walk with Me booklets for Advent are available for us to take and use them for our daily prayers during this season. Over the years I have found them to be very useful with good short reflections to help me to begin the day and to keep me focussed. £1.00 is suggested per copy towards their printing which will be appreciated. Whatever the case please take your copy today.