

### **MASSES FROM 28th Aug to 4th Sept 2016**

Sun	28	9.00am	Bernadette Doran (Spl Int)
			Tosh Aikhionbare (Birthday)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	29	9.30am	Engr & Obioha Family (Thanks giving)
Tue	30	9.30am	Betty Byrne (RIP)
Wed	31	9:30am	Zidane (Spl Int)
Thurs	01	9.30am	Holy Souls
Fri	02	12.00 Noon	Requiem service– Albert Hunt
		6.30pm	Prayer for priests
		7.30pm	Lewis & Mathias Family (Thanks giving)
Sat	03	9.30am	Thomas Ferris (Anni)
		10.00am –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	04	9.00am	Tosh Aikhionbare (Birthday)
		11.30am	People of the parish

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **Weekend 28th Aug 2016**

9.00 am Julia, Sr Leera  
Barbara (E )  
11.30am Julie, Patrick  
Serso, Sr Lydwin (E )

#### **Weekend 4th Sept 2016**

Asipita, Elena  
Betty Osagie (E )  
Florence, Cynthia  
Vera, Marcel (E )

**RIP:** Albert Hunt, Thomas Cosgrove

**Anniversaries during this Week:** John Sheehan, Bridget Mulrooney, Janey Walsh, P.J.McGrath Michael Flahive, Eileen Nora Clarke, Margaret rose Mullins, Roy Darlison, Nora Bernadette Hanbury, Marion Glennon.

**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.

**The Commemoration of 1000 years of St. Osburg** and of the Catholic faith in Coventry. On 9th Sept. there will be civic event involving schools with a procession from Broadgate to Coventry Cathedral. On Sunday 11th Sept. at St. Osburg Church Arch. Bernard Longley will celebrate the Mass at 11:30am. St. Osburg will provide and serve liquid refreshments (wine and beverages)



**A.J Missions**



**St. Osburgs**



**St. Marys**



**St. Elizabeths**

### **Parish News letter 22nd Sunday - 28th Aug to 4th Sept 2016**

#### **WE SHALL NOT WIN THIS WAR:**

If you were a king marching to war with 10,000 cowardly soldiers against another king with 10 brave men, be sure the ten thousand cowards will crush each other to death in stampede at the sight of the 10 brave men. If you have 100 medical doctors trained and enrolled to save life and to prevent disease but they are obsessed with personal safety, salary increment, or whether the time they are called for duty is convenient or not, be sure that many patients will die and no disease would ever be cured or prevented. Empires, kingdoms and governments survive not because of the officers who think of their personal convenience but because of the men and women whose obedience to the call to duty could not be compromised. The world has been kept safe and free of catastrophe by just some few people who take risks, who brave the weather no matter the storm and hurricanes in order to make things happen. No battle has ever been won by cowards and no business has ever succeeded if employers and employees act as long as it is convenient for them to do so.

A brave person is judged by the way he faces a situation. Patriotism is not judged by the sweet words but by the way some one gets positively involved at the time of crisis. In my village back home in Uganda, true friendship is not judged by the manner some one is enthusiastic to roast steak yet he is absent whenever the hunt is called! In English culture friendship is not judged by the way someone is present at every occasion when there is a glass of champagne but and more especially at the time when there are difficulties. These analogies apply to the church and to every parish, the involvement of every baptised, the presence of the members of the parish at all weather is what makes them to truly belong. In the New Testament, Presence was the criterion which the apostles used in order to choose the man who was going to replace Judas Iscariot (Acts 1:21 & 22). Seasonal members were dropped. This could mean that it is important that when the church or the parish is going through difficulties for the parishioners to be there and to remain firm on the course.

Among the dangers facing the church are the search for personal convenience and desire to please everyone. When this happens the prophetic voice is lost. When priests and people start to look for convenience other than braving the storm, that is the end of the good news. The other day I sat in the Church of St. Marys for a while gazing steadily at the huge crucifix. A thought came to my mind: was it convenient for Jesus to suffer the agony of the Cross to save me? Surely he didn't die on the cross because it was convenient but by total commitment to us. We are living in a changing world, the war of our faith will not be won only by our old changeless weapons and tactics, we need to employ new weapons and to grab every opportunity in order to continue following Jesus Christ. The church needs us all. The parish counts on every one of its members except the lukewarm. If we seek convenience, I can assure you that we shall not win this war.



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#### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid: 184.62 Non-Gift Aid £ 469.69 Total: £ 654.31 Thank you.

**Counters** 28th Aug Vera Dunnion, Sisters

**Mass Attendance** 21st August 528

Bonus Ball : No 01 Cis Dunnion

**Second Collection:**

11th Sept	Catholic Education Service
18th Sept	Catholic Evangelization
25th Sept	Walsingham Shrine
9th Oct	CAFOD
23rd Oct	World Mission Sunday
6th Nov	Johnson Association (Retired & Infirm Clergy)
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 6.30 – 7.30pm.

**Prayer for priests** every first Friday of the month from 6.30 – 7.30pm.

**Rosa Mystica** on 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Catholic Convention and Healing Service** on every second Saturday of the month at B C C, Birmingham. A coach will be departing from Coventry. For more details and booking, please contact Jose on 07868842984.

**Mother Theresa of Calcutta** will be canonised a Saint of the Roman Catholic Church on 4th September 2016. Pope Francis will publicly declare her as someone whose heroic virtues are worth imitating by all the faithful.

**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.

**Cake sale** will take place this Sunday 4th September 2016. I thank the ladies who bake these delicious cakes in support of Train a Missionary Priest-Apostles of Jesus project make them entirely out of their generosity. Thank you for supporting them by buying their cakes. God bless you all.

**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 the vocations to priesthood and religious life in the Church.

**Charity Walk** took place last Wednesday 24th August 2016. Agnes Heffernan, Vera Dunnion, Betty Osagie, Anthonina Aikhionbare, Ehi Omoregi, Phil Kenney, Helen Keagan, and our three parish sisters Leena, Leera and Lydwin walked eleven miles and raised £2200 in support of 'Train a Missionary Priest-Apostles of Jesus project. As I thank them for their initiative and effort I thank you all who sponsored them. Also a word of special thanks to Tom Ferris who guided and helped them. God bless you.

**Education Sunday** will be on 10th September 2016 when we are asked to pray for the work of Catholic Education across the schools of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Would you consider becoming a governor of a Catholic school in the Archdiocese? Please take one if the postcards that are available with some information about governance of schools. If you are interested and think you could support the work of Catholic education in this way, please fill in your details and return the card to the Diocesan Education Service. You will then be contacted directly by the Diocesan Education Service with more information.

**Archbishop Bernard issued a Statement** following an earthquake in Amatrice Italy, on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016 with the magnitude 6 on the Richter scale at 3:36 a.m. which was felt across a broad swath of central Italy, including Rome: *"I am greatly saddened to hear of the loss of so many lives and the injuries that people have suffered in the earthquake near Norcia in Italy. I can only imagine the distress that this must be causing. As we approach the Feast day of Blessed Dominic Barberi, from nearby Viterbo, I offer my prayers through his intercession that the Lord will comfort and sustain all those affected by the earthquake. I also pray that the emergency services and the local communities may know Christ's presence as they show his mercy to those who have been injured or bereaved."*

+Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham