

MASSES FROM 29th Nov to 6th Dec 2015

Sun	29	9.30am	Rose Mary Tracey (Anni) Cis Dunnion (Spl Int)
		11:30am	Bridget & William Carey (Anni)

Mon	30	12.30pm	Friends of Rose Trill (Spl Int)
Tue	01	9.30am	Ken Vaughan (RIP)
Wed	02	9:30am	Mary Ann Heneghan (Spl Int)
Thurs	03	6.30pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Patrick Murray (RIP)
Fri	04	6.30pm	Prayer for Priests
		7.30pm	Deceased of Kanaventi Family, Sr Imelda (RIP)
Sat	05	9:30am	Martina Menezes & Caitano Maria Families (Spl Int)
		10.00am-11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions.

Sun	06	9.30am	Bob McGorman (Anni), Tony Mulroney (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 29th November 2015

9.30 am Roisin, Sue Cutter
Barbara (E)
11.30am Francis, Jennifer
Serso, Vera (E)

Weekend 6th December 2015

Nazareth, Julia
Elizabeth (E)
Emmanuella, Irene
Loveness, Sr Leera (E)

Recently Departed : Ken Vaughan, Sr Imelda ,Robert Skelly, Patrick Cosgrove, Imelda Haddock.

Anniversaries during this Week:: Denis Doran, Rosaleen McAndrew, Thomas Howe Elizabeth Reid, Mary O'Brien, John Heavey, Ellen Duffy, Rose Donagher, John Sheridan, Joseph Reid, Theresa Hickey, Francis Moloney, Eamon Lusty, Frank McSorley, Dennis Doran, Kathleen Wilson, Robert McGorman, Charles Ward, Ita Howe, James Gaffy, Margaret McSorley, Sean Kiely, Tony Mulroney, Bridie Collins, Michael Kapusta.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulroney, Philomena Dunleavy, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, 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.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

Parish Newsletter First Sunday of Advent 29th Nov to 6th Dec 2015

LET US TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT AMNESTY

In the course of the week I had a funeral at which the whole family hardly uttered a word of the Mass. Thanks be to God that the parishioners were there. In spite of Jesus Christ being preached in this land it is very unfortunate that some people have deliberately chosen to ignore him. You must have heard of the allegory of the ostrich hiding its head in the sand. The fact that its head is hidden in the sand does not take away its being seen by predators.

Going to the grave side I met another man who boasted of the freedom he has by not believing in God;

“ I’m 78 years now and I feel very happy without believing in God. I’m free and not burdened by putting faith and trust in anybody other than myself!”

I turned to him and congratulated him, ‘you must be the only pot which knows that it made itself; you are very lucky indeed” I said. Sometimes when you meet people who have grown in wickedness you just sympathise with them by congratulating them. However since their expectation was not to be congratulated but criticised they are taken by surprise and they realise how stupid they are.

Pope Francis has proclaimed for us a Year of Mercy calling upon us to reflect on our sinfulness. We cannot save ourselves, we cannot forgive ourselves, we cannot turn a single hair on our head white or black; to sum it up we are just pots of clay. The year of Mercy is meant to help us to recognise the mercy of God and to propel us to be ambassadors of mercy to others. It is good to go to Confession, it is good to forgive others, it is good to receive Holy Communion. It is good to pray for others. And it is good to surrender to God all our thoughts and temptations that keep us chained to destructive habits.

The Jubilee Year is constituted as an opportunity for great amnesty. It is intended to include all people who, despite deserving punishment, have become conscious of their sinful ways and sincerely wish to re-enter life. God’s mercy excludes no one, however it becomes meaningful if we make use of it.

On December 13th at 3:00pm at St. Mary’s the archbishop’s special delegate will lead us in opening the Door of Mercy.. Priests of our denary will all be here together with their parishioners, it is our Christian duty to be present. If you believe in God and trust in him you are lucky because you have an anchor to base your troubles and someone to thank when things go well. We are not wasting our time asking for God’s Mercy.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 325.00 Non-Gift Aid 569.45 Total:£ 894.45
Catholic Youth : £ 251.08 Thank you.
Counters 29th November Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris
Bonus Ball: No 8 Sandra McAvoy
Mass Attendance 22nd November **620**
Train a Apostles of Jesus Priest 78.04
Second Collection:6th Dec Poor Parishes Fund

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 Lady's chapel at St. Mary's is open from 9:00am to 7:00pm from Monday to Friday. It is closed on Wednesday.

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

Pastoral Matters

Our parish Christmas Bazaar was indeed a great success and we were able to raise an amount of **£5475.72** I thank each and everyone who contributed towards it and all those who worked very hard not only on the day of bazaar but through out the year. May God bless you all.

Winners of the Raffle Prizes

1st Prize	No 6465	6th Prize	No 8461
2nd Prize	No 1413	7th Prize	No 6112
3rd Prize	No 5909	8th Prize	No 7916
4th Prize	No 0266	9th Prize	No 9355
5th Prize	No 1632	10th Prize	No 0839

Food Hamper Raffles

1st Prize	Pink Ticket	516-520	AD 807143
2nd Prize	Green Ticket	96-100	AD813228
3rd Prize	Green Ticket	571-575	AD 813228

Name the Teddy No. 30

Please collect your prizes at the piety stall.

The blessing of the crib today will be at 4pm in the Upper Precinct, between Marks & Spencer and British Home Stores – the most prominent place in the Shopping Centre. Children from our schools will be leading us in Carols. Please join in this joyful witness to Our Saviour's coming. (This public Crib was commissioned and built by the Catholic Parishes in Coventry and is stored at St Osburg's during the year)

Christmas Parish Penitential service at St Mary's will be on Friday 18th December 2015 at 7.00pm . There will be priests from the deanery who will assist us in individual Confessions. Please make avail of this opportunity as a preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus our Saviour during the year of Mercy. Let us approach the throne of mercy with confidence and childlike trust in God our Father who is Mercy himself.

Eucharistic Ministers meeting scheduled for 6th December 2015 will be postponed until further notice.

Fixing gutters on the priests' house: will be carried out soon after the new year begins. As you might have noticed it is many years since the gutters broke down and in need of repair. Because of this considerable damage has been caused inside one of the rooms. We hope the problem will be fixed. The generosity you have showed has prompted me to commission the work to start on Monday 30th November and it is expected to end by 19th. of December. I thank you for understanding the problem and for your taking it to heart. Priests come and go but the people will always stay, therefore when you get priests remember that they are sent to help you to carry on the good work you are already doing. The best approach is to cooperate with them other than to remain indifferent.