

### **MASSES FROM 30th Oct to 6th Nov 2016**

Sun	30	9.00am	Samantha (Spl int), Doris Okoye (Thanksgiving), Patrick & Ester Maime (RIP)
		11.30am	Michael Carr (RIP)
Mon	31	9.30am	Vera Dunnion (Spl int)
Tue	01	9.30am	School Mass
Wed	02	9.30am	Holy souls
		7.00pm	Holy souls
Thurs	03	9.30am	Founders of SSA (RIP)
Fri	04	6.00pm	Prayer for priests
		7.00pm	Departed priests (RIP)
Sat	05	9.30am	Departed Sisters of SSA
		10.00am –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	06	9.00am	Gerald Dunnion (RIP), Mr. & Mrs. Tran (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Victoria Uche (Thanksgiving)

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **Weekend 30th Oct 2016**

9.00 am Veronica Carrol, Nazareth.  
Bridie Kelly (E)  
11.30am Temi, Florence  
Serso, Vera (E)

#### **Weekend 6th Nov 2016**

Asipita Oroko, John Mapuranga  
Barbara Shaughnessy (E)  
Victoria, Kate  
Frank, Marcel (E)

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Bridget Prosser, John Lucid, Maureen Thornton , Ellen Roe, Danny Prosser, Ellen Roe, Danny Prosser, Martin Muldoon, Mary Kavanagh , Pat Sheehan, Jim Maguire, John Lawrence O'Sullivan, Patricia Buxter , Kevin Dunne, Margaret Scully .

**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.

**RCIA Lessons:** are being conducted on every Monday at 6.00pm in the Parish hall. Please keep our 7 Catechumens in your prayers. If any member would like to join our catechism class he/she will be warmly welcome.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish News letter– 31st Sunday 30th Oct to 6th Nov 2016**

#### **WE PRAY FOR THEM NOW ,WE SHALL NEED THEM SOMEDAY**

The month of November is dedicated to the memory of our faithfully departed brothers and sisters, and our duty to pray for them. The Church's teaching about life after death is summarized in the Four Last Things — death, judgment, heaven, and hell. Even humanity outside the Church instinctively knows something about these four things. Death is certain, but not everyone knows what comes next. Nearly all religions and cultures believe in some form of life after death. Human nature's sense of justice tells us that there must be an ultimate reckoning, that in the final analysis no one can cheat the moral law and get away with it or suffer undeserved injustice and not be justly compensated. Since this ultimate justice does not seem to be achieved in this life, there must be somewhere . Human nature carries with it the instinctive conviction that there must be a higher, more-than-human justice, where just judgement will be met. The final judgment is an encounter with Christ

Human nature know that justice separates good from evil, therefore, after death there must be separate destinies — rewards for good and punishments for evil. Human nature thus also believes in some form of heaven and hell. Heaven is union with God, Hell is separation from Him. Each one of us will be either with God or without him forever. If hell is not real, then Jesus Christ is a liar for he warned us repeatedly and with utmost seriousness about it. If hell is not real, the Church and the Bible are liars too. Our basis for believing in the reality of hell is exactly the same authority as our basis for believing in the reality of heaven

Is it necessary to ask for Holy Mass to be offered for my loved ones? The answer is YES. Offering sacrifices for someone is no new idea. It was common practice in O. Testament times. "Job's sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each on his day; and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. After the feast, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, '*It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.*' (Job 1:4-5) Job, who was "blameless and upright," offered sacrifices for his sons ***just in case***. We Catholics pray and offer Masses for the living and for the dead exactly for the same reasons.

From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them. The sacrifice of the Mass is one of the best ways to pray for those who have gone before us; so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. None of us believes that the mercy of God will forget the dead, it would be wrong to neglect praying and making offerings for them as much as we do for the living. The dead need our prayers today just as we shall need them tomorrow.



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### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid: 227.00 Non-Gift Aid £ 524.71 Total: 751.71 Thank you.

2nd Collection : 284.34

**Counters** 6th Nov Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

**Mass Attendance** 23rd Oct 599

Bonus Ball : 13. Norah Currison

**Second Collection:** 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 – 7pm.

**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.

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.

**Reflection on Marriage:** the MATRIMONIAL CONSENT The parties to a marriage covenant are a baptized man and woman, free to contract marriage, who freely express their consent; "to be free" means: - not being under constraint; not impeded by any natural or ecclesiastical law.

### **Matters of Importance**

**Mass for deceased clergy** will take place at St. Mary's on Tuesday 8th November at 7:00pm. The clergy will start with their monthly deanery meeting followed by the Holy Mass. There will be some refreshments served in the parish hall for all.

**November Month for the Holy Souls** every catholic is encouraged by the church to ask his/her priest to celebrate Holy Mass for their intention at least once a year. Praying for the faithful departed is one of the Acts of Mercy you can make. What you are expected to do is to ask the priest to offer a Holy Mass for your loved ones. If the priest is not able to celebrate those Masses they are sent to priests in the Missions. A good number of people last year just wrote their family tree with hundreds of names on one paper. A donation of at least £5.00 is recommended when you apply for Mass.

**Closing the Door of the Year of Mercy:** Archbishop Longley and Bishop David McGough are closing the Door of Mercy in St Chad's Cathedral on the 20th November. Bishop David McGough is closing the Door of Mercy in Holy Trinity, Newcastle on the **13th November**. Jubilee Churches will close their Door of Mercy on the 13th November. If you have not yet made an effort to visit any of the Jubilee churches and to pass through the Door of Mercy, it may be a sure indication that you do not believe in the Mercy of God.

**Pilgrimages to St. Marys** and Benedict Door of mercy: As the Year of Mercy soon comes to a close I am grateful to Christians and the schools that have made pilgrimages through the Door of Mercy at St. Mary and St. Benedict Church. The Year of Mercy will close on 20th Nov 2016 when Pope Francis will close the Jubilee year celebrating the fact that God is Merciful. The Door of Mercy in Coventry is found at Ss. Mary and Benedict.

**Baptism preparation class** for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2016 at 6.00pm in the parish hall. I encourage both the parents to be present for the class.

**Canon Tom Farrell visited** the parishes of St. Mary and St Osburgs on Friday afternoon he did this on behalf of the Archbishop. He looked at our parish records, the finances of the parish and he also inspected the condition of the buildings. He was very pleased with our collective efforts to keep our parishes in good order.

**Solemnity of the Saints** will be celebrated on Tuesday 1st November and All souls day on 2nd November All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. On All souls day there will be two Masses at St. Mary's the first at 9:30am the second one at 7:00pm.

**Cake sale** will take place on next Sunday 6th Nov 2016. Our ladies have offered themselves to prepare cakes to raise money towards the Parish development Fund. I thank the ladies who bake these delicious cakes in support of the Church. Please buy them and enjoy with your family. God bless you all.

**Christmas Bazaar:** As our Christmas bazaar is on its way, I appeal to you all to support us by donating bottles of wine, whiskey and soft drinks, tinned foods, cereals, cosmetics and good things which can be used for Bazar. I remind you to return the stubs and the money as early as possible. Your contribution of cash and kind is highly appreciated.