

Matters of Importance

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: An opportunity is available to travel to Lourdes as a parish group on the Diocesan Pilgrimage 26th May – 1st June 2018. The approximate cost is £650.00 per person. It is very important that decisions and bookings are made quickly. Please contact Tony Cawley if you are interested Tel: 07800 533 813 or Email: ajcawley@btinternet.com.

Pastoral Letter for Advent: the Archbishop will write to us a Pastoral letter for the weekend of 16/17 December 2017. Please let us pray for all the leaders of the church for good health at this busy time of the year.

Coventry Pioneer Regional Committee announces – Fr McKiernan Memorial Mass on Friday 15th December at 7.30pm at the Pioneer Hall, Broad Street, Coventry. All welcome

The Sacrament of Penance: reveals the holiness of the parish. My experience as a priest has been that Holy People go to Confession but sinners do not. We are greatly encouraged to seek reconciliation with God and with one another. Please find below the time, places and the priests who will be available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confession in our denary.

Wednesday 13th December – St Thomas More's parish @ 7.00pm

Fr Gnosill, Fr Norton, Fr Day, Fr Curtis.

Sunday 17th December – Our Lady of the Assumption parish @ 4.00pm

Fr Louis, Fr Sunday, Fr Pontius.

Sunday 17th December – All Souls parish @ 4.00pm

Fr Norton, Fr Brandon, Fr Jimmy.

Monday 18th December – Christ the King parish @ 7.00pm

Fr Brennan, Fr Norton, Fr. Tom, Fr Day, Fr Moses, Fr Sunday, Fr Brandon.

Tuesday 19th December – Sacred Heart (with SJF and St Patrick's) @ 7.00pm

Fr Tony Norton, Fr Pat Brennan, Fr George Bennett.

Tuesday 19th December – St Mary's and Benedict parish @ 7.00pm

Fr Louis, Fr Moses, Fr Pontius, Fr Sunday.

Friday 22nd December – St Osburg's Parish @ 12.30pm

Fr Jimmy, Fr Louis, Fr Sunday, Fr Pontius, Canon Farrell.

Saturday 23rd December – St Elizabeth's Parish @ 11.30am

Fr Moses, Fr Sunday, Fr Jimmy.

Masses over Christmas time:

St. Marys December 24th. 10:30am . Vigil Mass 6:00pm & 8:00pm

Christmas Day 9:30am and 11:30am

St. Osburg December 24th 11:30am and Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day 11:30am.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - Second Sunday of Advent 10th to 17th December 2017

THEY DO A GREAT SERVICE

On 8th November 2017, and 6th December 2017, our two parishes of St. Marys and of St. Osburgs had diocesan auditors who came to review our book keeping. The main purpose of the auditors is to make sure that transparency and accountability can be established in the way public finances (church money) has been acquired and spent. It is a very hard task to keep an eye on every penny throughout the year. The audit takes place every after five years, so you can imagine how much scrupulosity is required to keep on top of things during those years.

As I wait for the final statement from the auditors, I wish to thank our parish bookkeepers Ms. Mary Dunleavy for St. Marys and Mr John Collins for St. Osburg who spend much of their time, energy and expertise to sort out our receipts and expenditures. I must mention here Sr. Leera SSA who manages Gift Aid Section of Accounts for St. Mary's and Sr. Joan ESM who assists me with the Gift Aid accounts section for St. Osburgs. These two nuns do an excellent service, often invisible to the eyes of the parishioners and in silence. Seminary formation introduces the candidate to priesthood to some knowledge of finance administration, but with the vast demands on the person of the priest, he would not achieve much without the help of others. I'm sure if the priest leaves no room for other helpers to come on board, he will make lots of blunder.

Parish audit makes so many observations in the area of financial management and comes up with many recommendations. I noticed that on some issues the auditors were busy writing which means that as a parish we are likely to receive a number of beatings on the hand! Nevertheless we are ready to change and to oblige for the good of our parishes.

Our parishes were commended for your generosity and constancy both of which have kept them running. I wish to ask you to consider volunteering your time and expertise to do some work for the parish. I wonder what would have happen if Mary Dunleavy, John Collins, Sr. Leera and Sr. Joan had not offered their time to manage our accounts! Your parish priest would have been caught out. This is something you would not wish to hear about your priest. So come on, roll up the sleeves do something for the parish.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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Fr. Jimmy Mobile. 07906124756 Home 02476258901

Fr. Pontius 07424553529 and Fr. Sunday 07448029184

Parish Sisters: Sr. Philomena and Sr. Theresa (PBVM)

(St. Osburgs Primary School, Upper Hill Street Coventry CV1 4AP. Tel 02476227165

Headteacher Mrs Nicola Rynott.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Ann Collins 02476670304

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

52a, Raglan Street Coventry, CV1 5QF. Tel 02476258901

www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk

Parish Priest. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

Mobile: 07906124756.

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St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church

St. Elizabeth's Road, CV6 5BX Tel.:024 76688536

Website: www.stelizabethcoventry.co.uk

Parish priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ

E-mail: mospitya@yahoo.co.uk

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

Parish development

Gift aid.... £72.00. **Loose.....**£ 334.33 **Total.....**£ 406.33

Sat. lunches....£ 100.10 **Restoration.**£ 199.02 **Heating.....**£ 241.95

Thank you for your generosity.

Second collection : Poor Parishes Fund. Please let us support this collection, they gave us a £20,000 pounds to repair the presbytery where our priests live.

Christmas and Easter Collections: please note that the archbishop has authorised the priests to take that collection as the people's personal gift to their priests. Envelopes are available at the back if you need one. Thank you for your generosity.

The Parish Christmas Bazaar results Parish Main raffle **£1,097.00**, Bottle Stall **£566.00** Food Stall **£305.00** Food hamper **£310.00** other contributing stalls including individual donations **£1,183.00** **Total £3,461.00** A huge thanks to everyone

Mission Boxes: If you have a Red Mission box and want it emptied, please give it in at the sacristy or phone Paul on his mobile number, which is printed on the bottom of the boxes. Thank you.

Death is announced of Bernardine Dymna Warren and Mary McGuire . Funeral will be announced later.

Flowers for Christmas: Christmas is round the corner and we need to receive the new born king with nice flowers round the Altar and in the church. I wish to let you know that this coming Sunday 17th December, we shall have a second collection for flowers.

Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from – 10th to 17th Dec 2017

Sat	09	11.45am	John Joseph (RIP)
		5.30pm	People of the parish
Sun	10	1 1.30am	Fiona Lindsay & Murphy Family (Spl Int)
Mon	11	12.10pm	Fr. Sunday 50th & Louisa McCabe (B'day)
Tues	12	12.10pm	Anna & Stephen Toman (Thanks) Bride Mullary (Anni)
Wed	13	12.10pm	Martin Walsh & John Rock (RIP)
Thurs	14	12.10pm	Jackie Smith (B/d) Michelle Webb (Get well)
Fri	15	12.10pm	Fr. Harry Curtis (B/d), Collins family (Spl Int)
Sat	16	11.45am	Joan Fitzgerald (RIP)
		5.30pm	Rita Jordan (RIP)
Sun	17	1 1.30am	People of the Parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 9th Dec 2017

5.30PM

Anne E & Bernadette (R)

Bernadette (E)

Weekend 10th Dec 2017

11.30am June & Charles (R)

Patsy & Cathleen (E)

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Ryne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Clithero, Jan Carusso, Nadia Faruk Hannah, Tom McDermott, Winnie McDermott, Gerald Douglas, Shirley Hartnett, Stephen Bayliss, Jackie Buckley, Dave Riliott, Alan Davis, David Horley, Margaret Ghen, Bridie & Benny McAndrew. Christine Strong, Hilda Gibson, Sheila Biggs.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time :

Carr John, Carrey William Patrick, Gough Joan, Burns Sean, McKinnop Ellen Mary, Stevin Noel Christopher, Cowley Thomas Anthony, Finnery Olive Mary, Kearney Miles, Foy Patrick, Costello Michael, Bunn John William.

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

St Osburg Friday 22nd December after 12:10pm Mass

St. Elizabeth Thursday 6th December at 6.3'00pm.

Thought on Marriage: God comes first, not your spouse! Even if a spouse may pressure one to forsake what God teaches, or to neglect to pray or attend to sacred duties, let that one with charity and confidence withstand any temptation to negligence of or disobedience to God. Pleasing God is more important and more required than pleasing one's spouse. And while these two are not necessarily or even usually in conflict, when they are, God must be preeminent. In his writings, St. Gregory (Pope) also reminds us that Matrimony is of this world and therefore transitory, while the things of God remain forever. We frequently forget this and focus instead on passing things, joys, and troubles, and forget or minimize the things of the life to come, which have greater significance since they are permanent.