

## Matters of Importance

**INDUCTION OF OUR PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Pontius will be inducted as our Parish Priest at 7pm on Thursday 22nd February. This is an important event for the parish and all parishioners are encouraged to be here to welcome him and support him. Mass will begin at 7pm and will be followed by a buffet in the church hall.

**Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine:** The flight departs from Birmingham at 10:35. on 2nd April and returns 12:25 on Friday 6th April, arriving in Birmingham at 13:30. If you wish to go, please contact Patricia, tel 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

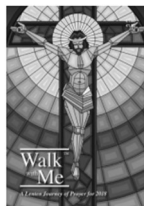
**Rite of Election:** will take place on Sunday 18th February at 3pm in St Chad's Cathedral. Parish Priests from the diocese will present Catechumens and Candidates who are either to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church to the Archbishop and Bishops. As we are nearing the end of our RCIA program I ask our Catechumens to make it a point to attend our remaining lessons regularly.

**Lenten Season:** will start this week on Ash Wednesday, 14th February. There will be masses at 9am (school mass, but parishioners are welcome), 12:10 and 6pm. Let us prepare ourselves by thinking of what we can work on to reform our lives. Lent is an invitation to turn back to God.

**Stations of the Cross:** are celebrated at 6pm every Friday during the season of Lent.

**Walk With Me Booklets:** The Walk With Me booklets will be distributed after mass this weekend. Please take one and use it during Lent.

**Annual Parish Levy & Youth Service 2018:** The Youth Fund levy for this year is £343.75. The Diocesan Youth service does valuable work with the youth of the diocese.



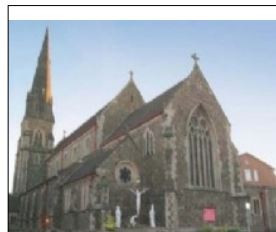
**Diocesan Directories:** There are 3 copies left at £2.75 each. They are available with the newspapers.

**Catholic Today:** The monthly Diocesan newspaper for February is available with the newspapers. Despite the 50p price label, they are free to parishioners. Please take one.

**Charity Dance, Music by T.R. Dallas:** The popular Irish singer and entertainer, T.R. Dallas, will be performing in aid of the local Prostate Cancer Charity at St Finbarr's Club on Friday 23rd February, 8pm—midnight. Tickets are £5. or pay at the door. Contact Jim Bannon, 07940483274.

**St. Thomas More Parish** is celebrating their 75th anniversary of the founding of the parish. As a part of their celebration they are organising a Parish Mission from 17th Feb to 4th March led by the Sion Community. All are welcome. Details of the programme are found on the notice board.

**Coventry Tyrone Association – Annual Dance** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February at Christ the King Centre. Admission £4 – Music by “Wild Rover”. Proceeds on the night will go to local charities.



St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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### **The National Induction Course for the Overseas Priests to UK**

We, the two priests of St. Osburg's Parish; Fr. Sunday and Fr. Pontius joined the group of 27 priests from Overseas for an induction course organised by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The course took place at Domus Mariae Retreat and Conference Centre Chigwell in Brentwood Diocese from 25<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The participant priests were from different parts of the world; Continental Europe, India and Africa. Our journey to London for the course was on the exact date when we first came to this Parish one year ago 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017, it was spiritual reminder to us of our missionary journey from Africa to UK.

The theme of the course was drawn from the Vatican Council II Document *Ad Gentes Divinitus*, the universal mission of the Church, paying attention to the command given by the Lord Jesus to the Apostles... go to all the world and proclaim the Good News of the Gospel (Mt 16:15). By the virtue of Baptism all Christians become missionaries and much more for the ordained ministers to carry the message of the Gospel to the whole world by witnessing and preaching. The participants were reminded that they have a special mission and command of the Lord to serve the Church and guided by the Holy Spirit, for which they are sent to UK. They should open their minds and hearts to learn the new culture with patience and with love, keeping to their priestly identity and commitment. The challenges they would meet in the mission should be taken as integral component in following the footsteps of the Lord's mission for the salvation of world through which he accomplished human redemption.

The course was extensively planned, covering all introductory modules of major areas of the life in UK; historical, political, social, economic, civil and cultural with emphasis on the changing patterns in the modern world in relation to religion. Pastoral concerns on spiritual life, liturgy, sacraments, family, ecumenism, the lonely, the poor and the sick in communities were widely discussed based on *Gaudium et Spes*, Church's mission to care for humanity as taught by the Lord Jesus. The care and safety of the vulnerable in the communities were also broadly presented, which were received with greater attention by the participants as the wonderful speakers and presenters gave practical and living examples.

It was an inspirational and informative time for both of us, which has given us renewed spirit to serve at St. Osburg's Parish. With the help of God we hope to be gospel witnesses. We sincerely thank the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Sponsors, the Zonal Superiors of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries and the parishioners of St. Osburg's Parish for enabling us to attend the memorable course. May the Lord bless you.

### **The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg**

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**Marriage preparation course:** will take place on 17th February 2018 at St. Marys Parish hall starting from 5:00pm. To qualify you must be a member of St. Mary's or of St. Osburg's Parishes. You should also be planning to get married this year 2018. Please remember 5:00pm is 5:00pm.

### **School News**

**Enrolment Mass for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion:** Thank you to all the families who joined us for our special Enrolment Mass for those pupils who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time this year. It was a very busy mass and the children behaved beautifully, reverently and carried out all their special jobs very well. There is also a meeting about First Reconciliation for parents next week on Thursday 15th February at 3.30pm in the school.

**Young Carers Award:** We are delighted to share that St Osburg's school has received an award for our work to make sure students don't miss out on an education because they are young carers. Young carers are responsible for emotional, practical or physical care for a parent, sibling or other family member. To achieve our Bronze Award we had to demonstrate that we support young carers in many ways, including homework clubs and drop-in sessions with our Learning Mentors. Vital information about how to identify young carers and training is made available to all school staff, and noticeboards and the school website let students and their families know where to go for help.

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

### **MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK from 10th - 18th February 2018**

Sat	10	11.45am	Theresa Gilder (Get Well)
		5.30pm	Bridie Griffin (Anniversary)
Sun	11	11.30am	Coia Family (Sp Int)
Mon	12	12.10pm	Frank Byrne (RIP)
			Deceased members of Donnelly family (RIP)
Tues	13	12.10pm	Carmel's new baby granddaughter (Sp Int)
Wed	14	9:00am	School Mass
		12.10pm	Sophie Cox (Sp Int)
		6:00pm	Anne Ward (Anniv)
Thurs	15	12.10pm	Christina Clarke (Sp Int)
			Deceased members of O'Connor family (RIP)
Fri	16	12.10pm	Patrick Merrigan (RIP)
			Mick McCarthy (RIP)
Sat	17	11.45am	Matthew Cox (Sp Int)
		5.30pm	Martin Shally (Anniversary)
			Ann Harrup (RIP)
Sun	18	11.30am	People of the Parish

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **Saturday 10th February**

**5.30PM** Anne F & Maria (R)  
Zen (E)

#### **Sunday 11th February**

11.30am Charles & Janet (R),  
Patsy & Catherine (E)

**Church Cleaners:** This week's team is **Team 2**

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, 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 :** James McCaron, Hugh McCooey, Mary Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Kennedy, John Lia, Helen Port, Kathleen Whitecross, David Kilfeather, Gillian Harris, Rose Breen, Kathleen Patchett, David Gillespie, David Hand-McGregor, Michael Ruddy, Martin Shally, Chantelle Lynch.