

## Matters of Importance

**300 Club an appeal:** I would like to ask you to support the fundraising efforts of the parish by joining the 300 Club. Membership has gone down so much which is not a good sign. 300 Club is a parish lottery to which the Christians contribute £2.00 every month to win for themselves hundreds of pounds in cash. It is not so much of winning but so much of contributing to the material and spiritual welfare of the parish we all love. Tesco tells us

*“Every Little helps”* Please support this voluntary fundraising efforts for the parish.

**RCIA session** on Monday 13th November 6:00pm in Lady's chapel. Those who are taking this program are informed. Please make sure to attend. Please pray for the following RCIA candidates, Angela Njuki, Delphine Bibi, Corey Gilder, Colm Daly, Nokuthula Mtetwa Patience, George Fernandes, Rosemary Itukudo, Adetutu Temmilola, Gabriel Omoregie.

**Sunday Nov 19th is the first 'World Day of the Poor'.** Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty “enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel”. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: “It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance.” Please consider how you can create moments of encounter and friendship too. Prayer Cards will be available to take away with you so that we can keep all those experiencing poverty in our prayers. If you are engaged in any form of work helping people in need (visiting the lonely, working for foodbank or the SVP, bereavement work, volunteering with soup kitchens etc), thank you for the good work. More information on this can be found on: <http://www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/>

**Security of our priests:** because of the nature of our parish and its location, I have commissioned some work to be undertaken for this purpose. Last year as I spent some late hours of the night doing office work, there was a desperate ringing of the bell and I did not know what to do at such a time. I'm sure that the two Fathers experience similar incidences. As priests, we ought to respond to every bell that rings, but prudence sometimes tells you otherwise. To balance these two is the reason for the work that I have commissioned to be undertaken for the safety of our priests.

**Door Handle:** I'm sure that most of us find the new door handle on our exit door a good aid in closing the door. As we enter the col season, please make it a good habit to close the door when you come to church and when you leave. If we keep the church warm, we shall be comfortable. Remember that that little heat which escapes if the door is left open has cost money. Don't waste it.

**The Pope** invites all Christian people to prayer and fasting in support of the Vatican Conference for a world free from nuclear weapons and for integral disarmament. In his message to the United Nations in March 2017, the Holy Father said that “we live in a time of hope and of sadness. **Hope** expressed in the support of the Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty which many countries have begun to endorse, and sadness because major nuclear weapon countries including UK, USA, Russia, France and China have not signed.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

## Parish Newsletter - 32nd Sunday -Year A 12th-19th November 2017

### ARE FIREWORKS RELEVANT ANY MORE?

I'm sure the bonfire night caused you more disturbance than amusement. The day after the blasts, I remember meeting an elderly couple who were so distressed by the noise that kept them awake all night. In the past, fireworks were meant to celebrate something, an event of victory. There was of course a flavour of triumphalism. But these days, fireworks can be used by undisciplined jobs who simply take it as an occasion to disturb their neighbours. As a result, the balance between those who want to enjoy them and others who want a quiet night is zero. It seems to be getting worse every year. I remember someone from the neighbourhood who was blasting huge explosions over my house as though I was in his/her firing line. Two of these explosions were more annoying than entertaining. One went off at 2:00am and the other one at 4:00am. You can wonder whatever was going on in someone's' head over night to make such isolated blasts at odd hours!

In our city, New Year's Eve, Guy Fawkes night, Diwali and Chinese New Year, tend to be the events that evoke blasts, you can imagine how upsetting it must be for people who might be woken up, animals which must be seriously distressed, and poor birds in the trees which have to fly all night from one place to another in search of some quiet.

We thank God that many people below 60 have not seen war. For some of these people the explosive noise made by the fireworks is like music in their ears; but for some people like myself who have witnessed what explosive devices can do the sound made by fireworks brings about the sad memories. Bombs and grenades make similar sounds as fireworks, the only difference is that one sound is to entertain and the other is to cause fear and death! I'm sure that in places where these explosive devices go off people are fearful of their lives. Children who live in situations of war would be horrified to come across people who entertain themselves on bomb-like explosive fireworks.

Christians who practice the faith need to evaluate the relevance of blasting fireworks. There are those also who are ignorant of the history of these annual blasts. At this time of seeking unity and ecumenical cooperation is it still relevant to blast these devices? Secondly, for the sake of those people who live in war areas where bombs take the lives of their dear ones everyday, would it not be better and a duty of every person to be in solidarity with these people, other than entertaining themselves with explosives whose sound is similar to those devices that take the lives of their dear ones?

Love your neighbour as yourself. A Christian should wish to see his neighbour having a good night sleep. He should also be pleased that his neighbour's dog is not scared to death because of the noise the fireworks is making. We should think of others first before we indulge ourselves. Christian charity ought to penetrate every aspect of our actions if we who profess it are to make a difference.

### The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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### Parish development

Gift aid.... £84.00 Loose.....£ 362.77 Total.....£ 446.77

Sat. lunches....£ 84.00 Restoration.£ 1,028.51 Heating.....£ 45.85

Thank you for your generosity.

**Second collection** : retired and infirm clergy 226.80

**The Parish Christmas Bazaar** is now only 2 weeks away. Thanks to everyone who has already brought in items to sell, but more items are always welcome. Please spread the word amongst your families and friends and support the Bazaar on Saturday 25th November, 11am to 2.00pm.

**Each year, we celebrate November** as the **Month of the Holy Souls** and remember the faithful who have gone before us. November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, is an opportunity to **share God's love** and His desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven. **You can remember friends and family**, both living and departed, by making a **Mass Offering** or by **lighting a Prayer Candle**.

### 300 CLUB – OCTOBER DRAW WINNERS

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	493	M. Riddell
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	18	M. Cassidy
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	736	B. McDonnell
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	791	J. Cox

Well done to the winners.

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

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from – 12th to 19th Nov 2017

Sat	11	11.45am	Ann Doyle (60 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	12	11.30am	Michael Carr (Anni), Peter & Jim McCann (RIP)
Mon	13	12.10pm	Christina (Get Well) Bridget McCann (Sp Int)
Tues	14	12.10pm	Alfons Pietrzykowski (Sp Int) Peter & Jim McCann (RIP)
Wed	15	12.10pm	Christina (Get Well) Peter & Jim McCann (RIP)
			Patrick, Mary & Francis( spl int)
Thurs	16	12.10pm	Anna & Stephen Toman (thanksgiving)
			Family of Peter & Jim (Sp Int)
Fri	17	12.10pm	Alun Davies (Get Well) Family of Peter & Jim (Splnt)
Sat	18	11.45am	Family of Peter & Jim (Sp Int)
		5.30pm	Elizabeth Lenagh (Birthday)
Sun	19	11.30am	People of the Parish

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### Weekend 18th Nov 2017

**5.30PM** Ann E & Bernadette (R),  
Sr. Teresa (E)

#### Weekend 19th Nov 2017

11.30am June & Charles (R),  
Janet & Zen (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, Mary Maguire.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Keates Richard, McPhelim Patrick John, O'Dwyer Michael Joseph, Mellor Ann, Ryan Paddy, Kilfeather Patrick, John Thomas Gillespie, Murphy Patrick Joseph, Hastings Peter, Byrne Elizabeth, Julia Ann Byrne, Luddy John, Larkin Mary, Hayes Daniel, Hegarty M. Beatrice.

**Funeral announcement of Mrs. Johanna Mary McCoy**, known as Joan used to live on Strathmore Avenue in St. Mary's parish. She passed away at her daughters in Chester on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 aged 74. She served as a magistrate at Coventry Crown Court for many years. Her requiem Mass will take place on 20th Nov, 1.00pm at St. & St. Benedict church.

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

#### TEAM 1

Luci  
Marian 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Chris

#### TEAM 2

James 11th November  
Joyce 25th November  
Asia

*Thank you for taking on this ministry*