

**Confirmation classes for adults** who have not received the sacraments started at St. Mary's last Monday with seven candidates namely Vitalis Asaba, Aimeo Williams, Kelechi Kiito Ekeanyanwu, David Miri Mbugua, Elizabeth Nyaruai, Tosh Akionibare and Fremlin Farias were enlisted. Please note that if you are not yet Confirmed see the Parish priest as soon as possible so as to be enlisted for instructions. Confirmation will take place on 3rd Nov 2017 at St Marys and on 23rd January 2018 at 7:00pm at St. Osburgs.

**Train a priest sponsored walk** Fr. Jimmy, Sr. Leena, Sr. Leera, Ms. Vera Dunnion, Agnes Heffernan, Betty Osagie, Omoregi Henny, Pat Edward, and James Mapuranga are making a 15 mile charity walk to raise money for the training of missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus in Africa. They are looking for sponsors. Papers of sponsorship are available at the back of the church or ask the priests Fr. Pontius and Sunday in the sacristy to help you sponsor our walking volunteers.

**Eucharistic Congress comes to Liverpool:** The bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church.

**Visit of Our Lady of Fatima:** This is the Centenary year of the Fatima apparitions, and the World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales National Pilgrim Virgin statue, and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto, will be visiting numerous Cathedrals and churches this summer including Birmingham **Cathedral from 29-30 July 2017**. This Visitation will include Holy Mass at 4:30pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, presided over by Archbishop Bernard Longley *Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 or see also [www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation.html](http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation.html)*

**Blessing of graves:** we are arranging the blessing of the graves this year in September and would like to do this jointly as a Deanery. We will be Blessing graves at St Paul's Cemetery on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm, Canley on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, Lenton's Lane 24<sup>th</sup> September and London Road on 1<sup>st</sup> October. It would be good for all those people with their dear ones buried there to go to those cemeteries where the priests from the denary will meet with the people and walk along to visit the graves of our brothers and sisters.

**Saints of the week: Fr. John Sugar & St. Mary Magdalene.** Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> is a memorial of Blessed **Fr. John Sugar** he studied at the English College in Douai and was ordained in 1601. having returned to England he travelled on foot throughout Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire ministering to poor Catholics. Fr. Robert Grissold and Fr. John Sugar were one day returning from celebrating Holy Mass when they encountered a search party, they were arrested and martyred at Alvechurch near Redditch.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July will be the Feast of **St. Mary Magdalene**. She was one of the few who walked the way of the Cross with Jesus and remained with him in his agony on the Cross. With two other women she went to the tomb soon after Sabbath and found it empty. It was to her that Our Lord first appeared after his resurrection. He asked her to go and announce his resurrection to the apostles.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter - 15th Sunday - Year A - 16th to 23rd July 2017**

**WHAT DOES THE LAW OF THE CHURCH SAY? (1)**

**CHRIST'S FAITHFUL:** I would like to start this column by mentioning to you what the Church law terms as "**Christ's faithful** or "**the People of God.**" The people that the Law of the Church calls Christ's faithful are those who are incorporated into Christ through baptism. The baptised are the people the Law of the church refers to as the people of God. They participate in their own way in the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ. They are called each according to his/her particular condition to exercise the mission which God entrusted to the church to fulfil in the world (Canon 204.1) There exists no spectators in the Church, we are all called to be loyal, assiduous and faithful workers in the vineyard of Christ. This is the fundamental equality of Christ's faithful. Yet alongside this basic equality there is certain **functional inequality** within the church. Priests and laity have different functions; the functions of the bishop differ from that of the priest, the functions of a married woman differs from that of a religious Sister etc... Nevertheless all the baptised have an essential part in the overall mission of the church to the world., after the command of Jesus : "**Go**", "**Teach**", "**Baptise**" Mtt. 28:19-20.

**Canon 207:** By divine institution among Christ's faithful there are in the church sacred ministers who in law are also called clerics, the others are called lay people. Fundamentally there are two categories of persons in the church, clerics and lay people. Drawn from both groups are those of Christ's faithful who professing the vows are consecrated to God. Their state although it does not belong to the hierarchical structure of the church, does pertain to its life and holiness. We call them Religious.

Do you know your obligations and rights as Christ's faithful? Here are some:

**Canon 209:** Christ's faithful are bound to preserve their communion with the church at all times even in their external actions. They are also to carry out with great diligence their responsibilities towards both the universal church and the particular church to which they belong. We cannot belong to the universal church without belonging to a local church (diocese or a parish). When we support the local church we are at the same time supporting the universal church.

**Canon 211:** all Christ's faithful have the obligation and right to strive so that the divine message of salvation may reach all people of all times and places. The faithful have the obligation to evangelise and the right to do so.

**Canon 2013** Christ's faithful have the right to be assisted by their priests from the spiritual riches of the church specially by the word of God and the sacraments.

**Canon 222** Christ's faithful have the obligation to provide for the needs of the church, so that the church has available to it those things which are necessary for divine worship, for works of apostolate and of charity and for the worthy support of its ministers.

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### **Parish development**

Gift aid..... £67.00 Loose.....£359.67 Total..... £426.67

Sat. lunches....£78.87 Restoration.£ £16.75 Heating.....£6.42

Second collection 9th July: Apostleship of the Sea £162.93

**Mass to celebrate "the GIFT"** Canon David Oakley will be saying Mass at Christ the King Church on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm. The Mass is to celebrate the "Gift" Course which ran successfully in the Deanery for six weeks. All are welcome and it would be an opportunity to look at the next stage of promoting Prayer in the Deanery.

**The Deanery App** is now up and running and is available to download on all mobile devices, on both iPhone and android.

**Former pupil of St. Mary's becomes head girl** of Bishop Ullathorne Secondary School: We are very proud that former pupil Sophie Bitulu, elder sister of Ashley, Chenneniah and Jayden, has been chosen to be Head Girl of Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School next year. Well done, Sophie, and well deserved! It is lovely to hear how our past pupils continue to succeed.

**Thought on Marriage:** Among the best loved words that have helped shape our understanding of marriage as a lifelong bond between man and woman are:

*To have and to hold, from this day forward  
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,  
In sickness and in health, to love and to cherish  
till death do us part.*

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

### **MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from - 16th to 23rd July 2017**

Sat	15	11.45am	
		5.30pm	Hugh McDonnell (lately dead)
Sun	16	11.30am	Maggie Green and Family (Sp Int) Sheila Smith (get well)
Mon	17	12.10pm	Fr. Bob Wright (40th Priestly Ordination)
Tues	18	12.10pm	Jaqueline Mullally (50th B/d)
Wed	19	12.10pm	Meciej Plezia (Get well)
Thurs	20	12.10am	
Fri	21	12.10pm	
Sat	22	11.45am	
		5.30pm	
Sun	23	11.30am	People of the parish.

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**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 Corvevisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Clithero, Jan Caruso, 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:** Bridie Kate McGinwey Theresa Philomena, Murray Catherine, Brown Mary, Shorter Theresa, Brigit Philomena Byrne, Croke Norah Elizabeth, Susan O'Driscoll

**New director of Missio:** Fr Paul Haines as accepted the responsibility of taking on the directorship of Missio in the diocese. On behalf of the Archdiocese, the archbishop expressed his gratitude to Fr. John Batthula for his role as Diocesan Director of Missio for the past seven years.

**WE HAVE MOVED from MCN Media to church services, if you want to follow the Mass live from St. Marys go to [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) an icon of the Camera click on the link. It will take you to live events at St. Marys.**