

Parish News & Notices

Church Heating: Until the heating is fixed, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Parish Hall, although the church will remain open for private prayer, stations and confessions. Thank you for your patience.

EASTER SERVICES: A leaflet giving all the dates and times of services over Easter will be available at the back of church - please take one. Information will also be on the parish and deanery website and on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Funerals this week: The funeral of Bobby Anderson will be held on Wednesday 21st March at 12:10. Please pray for him and his family.

Lenten Reconciliation Service and Confessions: In addition to the usual opportunities for confessions, the Lenten Reconciliation Service, followed by confessions will be at 12.30pm(after midday Mass) on Friday 23rd March.

Sundays in Lent are days of prayer for candidates for the Sacraments. In our parish, we have 2 candidates - please pray especially for them and also all those attending the joint course at St Mary's.

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

Easter Flowers: The second collection for Easter flowers raised £191.91 - thank you for your generosity.

Easter Mass Cards are now available in the sacristy.

Gift Aid: There are information leaflets containing Gift Aid declaration forms in the foyer after Mass. If you pay tax, please consider gift aiding your weekly offerings. Once you have completed the form you need do nothing else. Leave the form in the box provided.

Easter Offering Envelopes: The envelopes for our Easter offerings to our clergy are available at the back of the hall and the church.

Coventry Foodbank: The number of people using the foodbank is increasing and they are urgently in need of more food donations. Useful items include coffee, tea, sugar, rice, tinned vegetables and fruit. The school is acting as a collection point; if you can't get to the school while it is open, please bring donations to the church or house.

Newsletter Online: For those of you that have access to the internet, you can get our parish newsletter (and those of other parishes) on the Coventry Deanery website, <http://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/newsletters/>. This is probably the most environmentally friendly way to read our newsletter!



ON SILENT MODE PLEASE

Mobile Phones Reminder - Please remember to switch off your phones or put on 'silent' when in church. It is very distracting when mobiles ring while others are praying.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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THE SYMBOL OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST FOR CHRISTIANS

In all human life, to achieve any goal or life objective, we are expected to spend some time, energy, comforts and resources. Children and students do this in their academic growth, parents make efforts in all areas to promote and support their children, and teachers spend time preparing lessons to instruct their pupils. Sports men and women work hard to keep up their standards by regular physical exercises to keep fit. Engineers, both on terrestrial and interplanetary projects, try their best to make better machines to meet the world's standards. In all these undertakings something important is given to gain a higher benefit.

In the Gospel today, Christ said if you love your life, you will lose it; if you give it up in this world you will gain eternal life (Jn.12:25). The gospel prepares us to understand the meaning of the passion and the death of Christ on the Cross as climaxed on Good Friday. This was the greatest love God showed to humanity and to the entire creation. In the incarnation event, God joined our humanity with Him in love, but on the Cross, He gave up himself completely, in life and in death, to redeem us for eternal life for both the dead and the living; whether alive or dead we belong to him (Rm. 14:7-9). His passion and death on the cross was preceded by the example of service he showed when he washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper (Jn.13:1-20). These events were practical teachings of the Lord to his followers, to be extended to all generations in this world. He commissioned them after the resurrection, "go forth to the whole world and baptise everyone who believes" (Mk.16:14-17)

The Cross of Christ, therefore, invites us Christians to love without reservation, to be generous, charitable, just, faithful, committed, forgiving, tolerant and humble. We are called to give up some of our energies and resources for the needy in our society and to support our faith activities in the world to extend the mission of Cross of Christ in this world.

God bless, *Fr Pontius*

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

Parish Income

Sunday Collection - Gift aid: £56.00 Loose: £328.77 Total: £384.77

Restoration: £4.93 Heating: £29.55

Saturday Lunches: £95.10 Rent: £100

Thank you for your generosity.

The Second Collection on Good Friday will be for the Maintenance of the Holy Places in the Holy Land.

300 Club February Draw

1st Prize: 676 J Skidmore

2nd Prize: 545 J McGrogan

3rd Prize: 572 A Hamilton

4th Prize: 360 L Murphy

The March Draw will take place this Sunday. In the event of any queries, contact Ann Fenton on tel 024 7659 9544

School News

Mothers' Day: A big thank-you to those parishioners who contributed gifts that the children could buy for their mothers. The school raised £378.80 towards the school fund from the sale.



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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK from 17th - 25th March 2018

Sat	17	11.45am	Lawrence Gallen (RIP)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	18	11.30am	John Rynne (Anniversary)
Mon	19	12.10pm	Cath Bradley (Birthday) John Bradley (RIP)
Tues	20	12.10pm	James & Peter McCann (anniversary) Heather Cunningham (RIP)
Wed	21	12.10pm	FUNERAL (Bobby Anderson)
Thurs	22	12.10pm	Pat Byrne (RIP) Nellie McCann (RIP) Joe McEnerney (RIP)
Fri	23	12.10pm	Christina Clarke (Sp Int) Lawrence Gallen (RIP)
Sat	24	11.45am	Martin O'Brien (Sp Int) Christina Clarke (Birthday Intention)
		5.30pm	Joe McEnerney (RIP) Jimmy Jordan (Anniversary)
Sun	25	11.30am	People of the Parish Christine Tyler (Sp Int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 17th March

5.30PM Maria & Maggie (R)
Zen (E)

Sunday 18th March

11.30am June & Charles (R),
Patsy & Teresa (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 1.

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Eileen McHugh, 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, Ruth Clithero, Jan Carusso, Tom McDermott, Winnie McDermott, Gerald Douglas, Shirley Hartnett, Stephen Bayliss, Jackie Buckley, Dave Riliott, Alan Davis, Margaret Ghen, Bridie & Benny McAndrew, Christine Strong, Hilda Gibson, Sheila Biggs.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Noel Cross, Michael O'Keefe, Ellen Yeomans, Nicola Buonopane, Alfred Lawrence, Alice Pugh, Patrick King, Mary Fallon, James Jordan, John Brett, Catherine Tierney.

