

Matters of Importance

Solemnity of Christ the King: Coming Sunday is the conclusion of the Liturgical Year of the Church and Solemnity of Christ the King. The other Sunday will be the beginning of the New liturgical year with Advent season. As a city, to begin this season there will be the **Blessing the Christmas Crib** on 3rd December 2017 at the precincts near Marks & Spencer at 4:00pm. Let us be there in large numbers to launch Christmas in our city. Also St John's is holding an Advent Carol Service at 4:30pm and you are invited to join in on the way home from the Blessing of the Crib.

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. More information on this can be found on: <http://www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/>

World Meeting of Families 2018: Next year there will be a meeting of families conference in Ireland. Over 1,200 individuals have already registered from around Ireland and from 40 countries across the world, including Albania, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, China, England, France, Germany, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Scotland, Spain, Uganda, USA and Wales. You can **volunteer as a team or as a group**; parish group, school group, college group, community group – or indeed just a bunch of friends – you can register to volunteer together as a Group. The benefits of volunteering as a group include: sharing the volunteering experience with your friends/colleagues, being in the same venue and at the same times, the possibility of travelling together, etc. To volunteer as a group, all you need to do is choose a group name and your group leader's name; and enter this on your online application. Everyone within that group needs to enter the same group name when they are filling in their Volunteer Online application form. So please invite and encourage as many people from your communities as you can to join our Volunteering Team for this once in a lifetime event.

National Youth Sunday is celebrated on the solemnity of Christ the King 26th Nov. 2017. This is an important event for all Diocesan Youth Services and especially the Kenelm Youth Trust in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The Kenelm Youth Trust is committed to providing life changing opportunities for young people, helping each person to reflect upon their life of faith and how they respond to the call of Jesus in their lives. These include retreats, a wide range of youth events, summer camps, pilgrimages etc. There will be a second collection next week to support the youth activities in the diocese.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Awareness Evening is organised at Christ the King Library, Westhill Road, CV6 1AA, on Thursday 23rd November at 7.00pm. Refreshments provided. If you suffer from the condition or you are caring for someone, this might be the opportunity to get support.

Come pray for Ireland: Christ the King Church, Coventry is inviting you all to join them for All Ireland prayer for Renewal of Faith and Life on 26th November at 2.30pm., which include Holy hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. John's is holding their Bazar on the Saturday after 2nd Dec, (at the bottom of Hill Street) from 10am - 2pm. You are all welcome.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 33rd Sunday -Year A 19th to 26th November 2017

WHILE YOU ARE SAVED DON'T SIT BACK AND SAY IT IS COMPLETE

While conversing with someone about faith during the week, he spoke to me of his experience of how he was "ambushed" by a certain gentleman who knocked at his door with a question "*Are you Saved*"? Well there are questions that you would expect from a caller at the door, but when a question of that kind is the first greeting of a stranger, you might not have a straight answer. "*Are you saved*" is a question we often hear from well-meaning Christians who want to help others to know Jesus Christ. I'm sure you have been asked that question or even laughed at by those who claim to have been instantaneously saved. As Catholics whose faith is rooted in and centred on Jesus, we appreciate their good intentions and admire their willingness to talk about God and about Jesus.

Many Catholics may have trouble understanding what the question is really about. Catholic students and pupils might feel isolated and lost not knowing what to say. Some see it as a Pentecostal Evangelical slogan. What do people mean exactly when they talk of being already "saved"?

Christians with this slogan on their lips see salvation as a past event that took place when they made a confession of faith in Jesus at baptism. Many of them take it for granted that this act of faith guarantees them now a place in heaven no matter what they may do for the rest of their lives as long as you confess Jesus as your Lord and Saviour salvation is guaranteed. The consequence is that some of them get involved in activities which Catholics may consider offensive to God.

The Catholic teaching helps us to understand that this is a mistaken notion of salvation. Salvation in the fullest sense is an ongoing process that won't be complete until we come into the presence of God. Yes we are saved but not yet since there is a possibility of turning away from God through mortal sin.

When someone asks you whether you're "saved," perhaps the best short answer is this: "Well, I'm 'working for my salvation day by day'" (see Phil 2:12) our goal is to be counted among the saints in heaven. Salvation is not just a past event instead it is a daily transformation of oneself into the likeness of God in our life which will reach its fullness when we come into his presence.

We're like the survivors of a shipwreck in a storm out in mid-ocean. We've been rescued from drowning and welcomed on-board the ship we call the Church. That ship is now taking us to a safe harbour — our home in heaven with God. But we're not home yet. Remember to work for your salvation in fear and trembling' Phil. 2:12.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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

Parish development

Gift aid.... £59.00.00 Loose.....£ 446.55 Total.....£ 505.55

Sat. lunches....£ 108.69.00 Restoration.£ 30.36 Heating.....£ 72.66

Thank you for your generosity.

Second collection : 26th Nov. Catholic Youth service

The Parish Christmas Bazaar is this week. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in kind and cash. Please come with your families and friends and support the Bazaar on Saturday 25th November, 11am to 2.00pm. Let us together make it a success.

Advent Vigil of Prayer Saturday, 2nd December, the eve of Advent, there will be an all-night vigil (8.00pm – 8.00am) in St. Joseph's Church, Canley – a night of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to help prepare us for the great season of Advent. During the night we shall pray the Divine Office of the Church and read the whole of the Gospel according to St. Mark (which is the Gospel we shall be hearing on Sundays in the coming year). The vigil is open to anyone. You are welcome to come along for as little or as much as you wish. The hall kitchen will be available for refreshments if desired, and you can have a lie-down in the hall if you want.

St. Osburg's "300 Club":

November Draw

1st Prize	518	T. McGee	2nd prize	640	E Lappin
3rd prize	175	PJ Doherty	4th prize	213	A Scrimgeour

Congratulations to all.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from – 19th to 26th Nov 2017

Sat	18	11.45am	Family of Peter & Jim (Sp Int)
		5.30pm	Elizabeth Lenagh (Birthday)
Sun	19	11.30am	People of the Parish , Michael Nolan (Anniv)
Mon	20	12.10pm	Anne Richardson (RIP) Thomas Fallon (RIP)
Tues	21	12.10pm	Srs Philomena & Teresa (Sp Int)
			John Gaffney, John Joseph (Get well)
Wed	22	12.10pm	Linda's family in Ireland (Sp Int)
			Robert Govederica (RIP)
Thurs	23	12.10pm	Elizabeth Bonner (Get well) Robert Govederica (RIP)
Fri	24	12.10pm	Christine & Rebecca Clarke (Get Well)
			Robert Govederica (RIP)
Sat	25	11.45am	Delia Fallon (RIP) Mary Fallon (RIP)
		5.30pm	Nellie (RIP) Johnny Jordan (Sp Int)
Sun	26	11.30am	Mick Doyle (Get well) People of the Parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 18th Nov 2017

5.30PM Maria & Anne F (R)
Bernadette (E)

Weekend 19th Nov 2017

11.30am Charles & Janet (R),
Patsy & Catherine (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 : Ryan Eileen, Walker Cathleen, Jordan John Francis, Obrien Helen, Squire Humphrey, Frawley Isabel, Bridie James Patrick, Owen Winifred Josephine, Browne Joseph Peter, Farrell Bridig.

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 at 41 Thackeray drive, Vicars Cross, Chester. CH3 5LP on 7th November 2017 aged 74 years. 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.

RCIA session on Monday 20th 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.