

## Parish News & Notices

**Easter Services:** A leaflet giving all the dates and times of services over Easter is 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.



**Easter Monday:** The Easter Monday Mass will be celebrated in church at 10am on Easter Monday, not midday as mentioned last week. Bishop Kenney will be the chief celebrant and there will be light refreshments in the hall afterwards. All are welcome.

**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.

**Walk With Me Eastertide Edition:** Please pick up a copy of Walk With Me for the Easter period from the back of the Church/ Parish Hall.

**Gift Aid:** There are information leaflets containing Gift Aid declaration forms at the back of the hall. If you pay tax, please consider gift aiding your weekly offerings; it costs you nothing. 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.

**The Corpus Christi Procession** will take place on Sunday 3rd June from St. Osburg's to the ruins of the cathedral, starting at 3:00pm. Children who are making their First Holy Communion this year are encouraged to take part dressed in their First Holy Communion outfits.

**Chapel of Unity** - There will be a talk and prayers at 4pm on Monday 9th April to hear about, and pray for the impressive range of practical Christian service being offered at St Francis, Jubilee Crescent, Radford. (The Chapel of Unity is in Coventry Cathedral and there is no entrance fee if you are attending a service)

**Coventry Winter Night Shelter** has now finished until December so we no longer need donations but would like to express our thanks for your incredible response to the appeal for help.

**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.

**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.



ON SILENT MODE PLEASE



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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### **EASTER - THE CHRISTIAN JOY**

*The Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia!*

The long-awaited day is at last at hand! In life we long for pleasant and happy days after a given task of life. Having made the long spiritual journey of forty days of Lent with sacrifices, abstinence, fasting, almsgiving and penance, it is indeed a joy for us to arrive at this day. Today we combine our joy with the resurrection of the Lord who after long suffering and death for our sake, has risen, defeating the powers of death and darkness of sin (*dishonesty, injustice, violence, hatred, resentment, falsity and disrespect*) in the world. We rejoice in the resurrection of the Lord because of his victory over death and sin; grace over sin and life over death. The oppressive evil powers over human life have been ultimately defeated; believing in him we shall live for ever, (*everyone who has faith in me will live even if they die..., I'm the resurrection and life Jn. 11:23-27*). Our Catholic faith and teaching are of hope and life, so based on the fact of the resurrection we celebrate this day. The Lord is risen and he has open the gates of eternal life for all who believe.

During Holy Week, we relived the sacred events of our saviour, that is the paschal mystery; his suffering, death and resurrection. In these events we were united with him in faith and in spirit. Today on this Easter Day we are invited to be united with him in the sacraments and carry this into our Christian living by improving our human relationships by showing love, unity, peace, commitment and faithfulness. We are called to be at peace with God and with each other, trusting in God at all times, in sadness and in happiness.

Easter joy sheds light on our life to live with hope, peace of mind, mercy, humility and honesty. The risen Lord in our hearts need not to find us in anger, resentment, laziness, prejudice, gossip and in general pessimistic attitudes to life. Our joy of singing "*the Lord is risen!*" should be a result of the inner transformation our lives, that Christ becomes the principle of our lives not our untethered emotions and the unrestrained striving for human freedom that contradicts the gospel of Christ.

May the Risen Lord be our guide this year! HAPPY EASTER 2018

God bless you

*Fr Pontius*

### The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

Barras Lane, Coventry, CV1 4AQ. Tel 024 7622 0402

Fr. Pontius 074 2455 3529 and Fr. Sunday 074 4802 9184

Parish Sisters: Sr. Philomena and Sr. Teresa (PBVM)

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Anne Collins 024 7667 0304

St. Osburg's Primary School, Upper Hill Street Coventry CV1 4AP. Tel 024 7622 7165

Headteacher: Mrs Nicola Rynott.

### St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

52a, Raglan Street Coventry, CV1 5QF. Tel 024 7625 8901

www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

Mobile: 07906124756.

E-mail lutwajim@yahoo.com

### St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church

St. Elizabeth's Road, CV6 5BX Tel.:024 76688536

www.stelizabethcoventry.co.uk

Parish priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ

E-mail: mospitya@yahoo.co.uk

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

### Parish Income

**Sunday Collection - Gift aid:** £58.00 **Loose:** £353.41 **Total:** £411.41

**Cathedral Maintenance:** £154.11 **Candles:** £61.61 **Rent:** £400

**Restoration:** £139.38 **Heating:** £20.77 **Saturday Lunches:** £121.60

Thank you for your generosity.

**The Second Collection** this weekend is for the upkeep of our parish clergy, the 'Easter Offering'.

### 300 Club March Draw

1st Prize: 777 J Curtis

2nd Prize: 61 P McGrane

3rd Prize: 774 T Conway

4th Prize: 223 N Wilson

In the event of any queries, contact Ann Fenton on tel 024 7659 9544

### School News

The school is now closed for two weeks—we wish our children and teachers a well-deserved break!

**A list of forthcoming School Masses** are on the noticeboard at the back of church. The next one will be on Thursday 26th April at 9:10am. All parishioners are welcome.



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

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK from 31st March—8th April 2018

Sat	31	8.00pm	People of the Parish Winifred O'Sullivan (RIP)
Sun	1	11.30am	Mary Logan (RIP) Betty & George Gardner (Sp Int)
Mon	2	10.00am	Bridget Beglin (Easter Intention) Alice Pugh (RIP)
Tues	3	12.10pm	Frank & John Dean (RIP) John & Catherine Glen (Easter Intention)
Wed	4	12.10pm	Winifred O'Sullivan (RIP) Coen Family (Sp Intention)
Thurs	5	10:30 am 12.10pm	FUNERAL, JOHN CHALMERS Donny McGranaghan (RIP) John O'Leary (Anniversary)
Fri	6	12.10pm	Lawrence Gallen (RIP) Mary Rooney (RIP)
Sat	7	11.45am 5.30pm	Shirley Hartnett & Family (Easter Intention) Sr Philomena (Easter Intention) John Francis Kelly (Anniversary) John & Deidre Hegarty (Easter Intention)
Sun	8	11.30am	People of the Parish Lily Curtis (70th Birthday)

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday 31st March

**8.00pm** See notice in the hall  
Teresa (E)

#### Sunday 1st April

11.30am Janet & Charles (R),  
Catherine & Patsy (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:** Joseph McCrean, John Cronley, John Kelly, Mary Carroll, Amal Hanna, John Clark, Mary Casey, Edward McCarthy.

