

Matters of Importance

In the Parish priest's absence: I have asked Fr. Moses Pitya David to be responsible for the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Osburg. Please contact him at any moment if need be. Fr. Pontius and Fr. Sunday will supply at St. Mary's and St. Osburg until I return. I thank the three Fathers for accepting such responsibility so that I could have a break. Fr. Moses contact is 07882825479. 024 76688536

The Intercultural Mass was very well attended last week at St. Elizabeth. Thanks to all who prepared the liturgy and the nice food which was enjoyed by everyone. Fr. Moses, the two Sisters Joan and Olivia ESM and the whole organising committee did an excellent job. The choir of St. Mary's was in charge I understand that the roof of St. Elizabeth was almost blown off. Let us continue to pray for peace in Africa.

Sponsored Walk to train a priest: raised **£906.50** from St. Osburgs and £ 2061.00 from St. Mary's . The children of St. Mary's primary school sponsored the walkers with **£100.00** making the total of **£3,067.50**. I wish to thank you all for your generosity. I thank the volunteers who walked 15 miles to raise this money. Those who walked are: Mrs Vera Dunnion, Mrs. Betty Osagie, Mrs. Ehi Omoregi, Mr. James Mapuranga, Mrs. Ana Mapuranga, Ms. Veronica Carol, Mrs. Chris Colman, Mr. Chars Colman, Sr. Leena Mathias, Sr. Leera Lobo, Fr. Evaristus Sunday, Mrs Pat Edwards, and Fr. Jimmy Lutwama. The money has been transferred to the Apostles of Jesus missionaries Novitiate in Moroto Uganda.

New Heating system for St. Marys: the first thing which was condemned as I came into the parish in February 2008 was the heating in our church. Thanks to God that an honest man worked on the system for the last 10 years and it gave us no problem. We have been making some savings over the years for renewing our heating system in the church. I wish to let you know that work on this project will start on 18th September 2017 and will last for 4 weeks. I thank in a particular way those members of the parish who give their Sunday donations through Gift Aid envelopes. This project is greatly financed by your generous work and sacrifice.

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School : Congratulations to Miss J A Byrne the Headteacher of Bishop Ullathorne School and to the students on another year of record A Level. 58% of students received the highest grades of A*, A and B which is 7% above the previous national figure. God bless your hard work.

Coventry Deanery Mobile App: available for download. It is a quicker source of information and the App ideal for mobile devices. It's free to download and is compatible with Android and Apple devices. You can find it on the Google Play Store. The App allows to access lots of information about the deanery and parishes. It will be a great help for the University students or visitors to find a local Catholic church when they tried to go for their Sunday Mass.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fr Des is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes Sunday 17th Sept 2017 –Friday 22nd Sept. Approx £700 per person Contact Fr Des on 01384 395308 des56@hotmail.com



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 20th Sunday - Year A -20th to 27th August 2017

THE HIERARCHICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH:

It is said in our Christian religion that 'pride is the greatest sin,' but I want to add on that to misinterpret or to reject the teaching of Jesus Christ is a great sin too. Since the time of Protestant Reformation there has been systematic denial that the successor of St. Peter (the Bishop of Rome) the Pope is the Vicar of Jesus Christ. Jesus was very categorical about it: "*Feed my sheep* " *I will give you the keys of the kingdom* " "*You are Peter upon this rock I will build my church* ". Whoever succeeds Peter the Fisherman as pastor of the church, has a responsibility, he has authority, he is the leader of the flock and answerable to none as a teacher of faith but to Jesus Christ himself. The shepherd cannot lead the flock into error. The sheep cannot reprimand the shepherd. So, what does the Law say about authority in the church?

Canon 331: The office uniquely committed by Jesus to Peter the first of the apostles and to be transmitted to his successors, abides in the Bishop of Rome. He is the head of the college of bishops, the vicar of Christ and the pastor of the universal church on earth. By virtue of his office he has supreme, full, immediate and universal authority in the church and he can freely exercise this authority.

The authority of the Pope is *supreme* that is there is no other authority above it in the church. It is *full* that is it lacks nothing in its exercise. It is *immediate* that is the pope can exercise his authority without intermediary. It is *universal* that is it is exercised over the whole church. It is *ordinary* that is it belongs to the office. It is *freely exercised* that is the Pope's authority is independent of any other power be it ecclesiastical or civil. His authority is not given by any queen or prince, he is not a representative of any earthly super power.

Canon 333: By virtue of his office the Pope not only has power over the universal church but also has pre-eminent ordinary power over all churches, dioceses, and parishes. There is neither appeal nor recourse against the judgement or decision made by the Pope. Since there is no authority higher in the church than that of the Pope. No one can appeal against a decision made by the Pope.

It is not difficult these days to find Catholics criticising the teaching of the Pope or talking about him as if he is one of the men they share a pint of Guinness every Friday night. The office of the Pope unites him to every man on earth and yet excludes him. Every Catholic priest is taught to have profound love, respect and support for the Pope. It is for this reason that when the Pope is to visit a country, priests get as excited. Churches without unifying authority end up disintegrating every other day. The Church not being a human invention stands firm if it follows the teaching of the Pope.

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..£61.00... Loose..£334.36 Total.. £395.36

Sat. lunches....£ Restoration.£ 150.83 Heating.....£33.93

Thought on marriage: The Plan of God for Marriage and the Family : Jesus, in assuming human love, also perfected it, giving man and woman a new manner of loving, which has its foundation in the irrevocable faithfulness of God. In light of this, the Letter to the Ephesians has identified in the married love between a man and a woman, "the great mystery" which makes present in this world the love between Christ and the Church (cf. Eph 5:31-32). A married couple possesses the charism (cf. 1 Cor 7:7) of building up the Church with their spousal love and the task of the procreation and rearing of children. United in an indissoluble sacramental bond, the spouses live the beauty of love, fatherhood and motherhood and the dignity of participating, in this way, in God's creative work.

'A' level results : This week our young people who had taken their A level exams in the summer have received their results. Congratulations are due to all of you for all your efforts. Congratulations, too, to those of you who have achieved the results you wanted. To those of you who did not get the results you wanted or needed, we pray that you will still find another path to the goals God wants for you.

Annual Harvington Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, will be on Sunday, 3rd September, with Mass at 3.00 pm. Chief Celebrant Bishop Robert Byrne.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK from - 20th to 27th August 2017

Sat	19	11.45am	Nolan family (Spl int)
		5.30pm	People of the parish
Sun	20	11.30am	People of the Parish
Mon	21	12.10pm	Fr. Hurry Curtis (Sp. Int.)
Tues	22	12.10pm	Ted Rogers (RIP)
Wed	23	12.10pm	Kathleen Bradley (Sp.Int)
Thurs	24	12.10am	Abraham Doherty (RIP)
Fri	25	12.10pm	Miley Nolan & Mike Nolan (RIP)
Sat	26	11.45am	Carole Ward (B/Day)
		5.30pm	Matthew Cox (Get well)
Sun	27	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 Correvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Clithero, Jan Carrusso, 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 : Catherine Ann, Hough Michael, Aherne Elizabeth, Moloney Eileen, Kelly Ann Bridgit, Busby Rose All Patricia, Minelli Kathleen, McKee Michael John, Perch Harvey, Murphy Nicholas, Doherty Ann Finola, Brady Catherine, Holden Joseph.

Feasts occur during the week : 22nd Aug Queenship of Mary, Pope {ius XII established this feast in 1954. 24th Aug St. Bartholomew, Apostle, one of the first disciples called by the Lord.

Blessing of the Graves in Coventry, on these Sundays, at 3.00pm:

September 10th St. Paul's Cemetery

September 17th Canley Cemetery

September 24th Lenton's Lane Cemetery

October 1st London Road Cemetery