

Mazzoldi Day Mass: the Apostles of Jesus missionaries will celebrate their founder's day on Monday 31st July 2017 at St. Osburg. Fr. John Marengoni and Bishop Sisto Mazzoldi were Comboni Missionaries who started the first religious Missionary Institute in Africa. We invite you to join us to pray for our founders and to thank God for their courage to start in the church such an institute.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: will continue throughout the month of August and September as usual. I wish to thank Sr. Philomena and Sr. Theresa who assist us in this ministry in the absence of the priests. Now that God has blessed our parish with resident priests, it is right and fitting that we continue to thank him always. Can I remind you not to neglect this important and necessary duty to spend some quiet moments with the Lord.

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. They will be delighted if you sponsor them for such a good cause in the church.

Bishop Edwin Regan: is a retired bishop of Wrexham Diocese in North Wales and a great friend of mine. He is not feeling well because of his hip ailment. Please remember him in your prayers as he awaits for his hip replacement operation. Visiting him in the course of the week, I noticed that his great pain is not so much the hip but his failure to carry on his priestly ministry in his parish.

Marriage Encounter Weekends will be taking place at Barnes Close, Bromsgrove (Non Residential) 9th-10th September 2017 and at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby (Residential) 24th-26th November 2017. They are enrichment weekends for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counselling). ME weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. While priests and religious have times to go for some days of renewal, married couples rarely do so. Now is the chance to go and have moments of reflection, prayer and renewal. For further information go to www.wvme.org.uk or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762 or Lianne Pap *Family Ministry Project Worker Maryvale Institute Old Oscott Hill Birmingham B44 9AG* www.maryvale.ac.uk 0121 360 8118 (ext. 166)

Young Catholic Adults weekend: during the weekend of the 20-22 October 2017, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey, it will feature Fr. Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. The weekend will be full-board. YCA will be running the weekend with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession and socials. All Masses will be celebrated in the Extraordinary form. Please note to guarantee your place this year Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend i.e. 29th Sept 2017. To book go to :- <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017>

Fr. Clement made his graduation last Wednesday and was awarded a Doctorate in Peace and Reconciliation by Coventry University. We congratulate him for the hard work. St. Osburg parish offered him free accommodation for all the years of his study. We pray that through his ministry true peace may come to all people of the world.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 16th Sunday - Year A - 23rd to 30th July 2017

WHAT DOES THE LAW OF THE CHURCH SAY? (2)

I was surprised some years ago when I went to one village in Uganda. Upon my arrival an elderly woman went through the village calling young people between the age of 15 and 25 to come and meet the priest. *"The priest is here"* she said, *"please come and make your confessions we are now old we have no more energy to sin"*! Indeed the young people came and I ended up spending the visit hearing confessions!

According to Canon Law seeking holiness is not for some individuals or for particular age groups of people. There is an age when people start sinning but there is no age limit when they stop. Seeking holiness is a continuous journey till we meet God.

Canon 210: *All Christ's faithful each according to his or her own condition must make wholehearted effort to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification.* Irrespective of who we are, all of us are called to strive to live a holy life. The laity are exhorted to seek Christian education to mature as human persons and to have knowledge of the mystery of salvation (Can 217), priests are encouraged to behave with due prudence in relation to persons whose company can be a danger to their obligation of preserving continence or can lead to scandal (Can 277), Bishops are asked to be mindful that they give good example of holiness in charity, humility and simplicity (Can 387) since a life characterised by charity, humility and simplicity will help the bishop to lead the people to fulfil their own particular vocations. The religious without exception have the obligation to live a life of holiness and to promote it by means of prayer and penance. (Can 673). Children in schools are to be offered an education that attains them their eternal destiny, (Can 795)

Canon 220 *No one may unlawfully harm the good reputation which a person enjoys or violate the right of the person to protect his or her privacy.* Catholics are forbidden to spoil the good name or the good reputation of others, they are also forbidden to unlawfully intrude people's private lives. Listening to gossip, letter reading, tapping telephone conversations are part of attempts to violate some one's private life or to tarnish his/her good name.

Canon 226: *Those who are married are bound by the special obligation in accordance with their own vocation to strive for the building up of the people of God through their marriage and family. Because they gave life to their children, parents have the most serious obligation and the right to educate them. It is a primary responsibility of Christian parents to ensure the Christian education of their children in accordance with the teaching of the church.* The law of the church sees the family as a domestic church. Married people ought to give clear proof in their lives of the indissolubility and holiness of the marriage bond, to assert with vigour the duty of parents to give their children Christian upbringing, to defend the dignity and legitimate autonomy of the family. It is the family which gives us all the initiation into life.

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

Parish development

Gift aid..... £70.80 Loose.....£323.12 Total..... £393.92

Sat. lunches....£116.20 Restoration.£ 53.71 Heating.....£12.99

Holidays have began: a time to rest, reflect and to rejoice. There are some duties that cannot be neglected during this time. Please wherever you might be try to keep safe and do your best to be the link that creates an atmosphere of peace. Secondly "Remember the Sabbath" Any meaningful plan for a holiday cannot exclude one's duty to God. Thirdly help your children to maintain discipline by respecting and obeying your orders. Just as a shepherd forms a flock, it is the parent who forms a child, not the child to form a parent. Do not overlook your duty to shape the child under the pretext of fearing to upset him/her.

From the Headteacher: Thanks to Year 6 for leading their Leaver's Mass on Thursday. A particular highlight was seeing parents standing before the whole school community whilst singing and dancing to 'Lord You Have My Heart' followed by receiving Confirmation certificates. To echo the words of the song may 'Jesus take your life and lead you on' to great things as you move onto your secondary schools. We also loved the amusing and entertaining Leaver's Assembly as you shared your memories of your achievements. Children have been a credit to our school. Thank you for your positive and enthusiastic attitudes to learning, for being excellent role models for the younger pupils to look up to and for just being thoroughly great children! We will miss you all! Congratulations to the children who received one of our special Year 6 awards: Brandon (Maths); Victory (Blogging); Judith (Overall English); Bella (Rose Tucker); Braydon (Reading) and Derrick (Sports). May God bless you all.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from - 23rd to 30th July 2017

Sat 22	11.45am	John & Luke McKiernan (Sp Int)
	5.30pm	Norah McGuinness (Sp Int)
Sun 23	11.30am	Bernard Sheeran (Sp Int)
Mon 24	12.10pm	Deceased members of the Mulvenna family
Tues 25	12.10pm	Ita Ruddy (Lately dead)
Wed 26	12.10pm	Ann & Sean Timmons (Sp Int))
Thurs 27	12.10pm	Henry Neville (Lately dead)
Fri 28	12.10pm	James Stubbs (50 th birthday)
Sat 29	11.45am	Matthew & Thomas Timmons (Sp Int)
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 30	11.30am	Richard Bunt (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Bishop Edwin Regan, Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Ryne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Corvisgandis 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 Rillott, 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 : O'Reilly Patrick, Smolak Cecilia, Duffy Bridget, Doyle Bridget, Leggale John, McNamara John, Pine dean Thomas.

Blessing of graves: during the month of November we normally visit those who have died by praying over their graves and blessing them. For those who come along, you know that that season is cold, the ground is wet and muddy. Therefore the blessing of graves this year will be carried on as follows: **St Paul's Cemetery** on Sunday 10th September at 3.00pm, **Canley** on Sunday 17th September, **Lenton's Lane** on Sunday 24th September and **London Road** on Sunday 1st October. It would be good for all those people with their dear ones buried in those cemeteries to join us. Priests and deacons from deanery will be there to lead us in this prayer.