

Train a priest sponsored walk can you sponsor them? For two years now a group of parishioners from St. Mary's Parish have raised money to support the training of missionary priests through sponsored charity walk. The money raised has helped the Order of the Apostles of Jesus to reconstruct and reopen their novitiate in Uganda which was destroyed in war. It is in this novitiate where Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Sunday did their religious missionary training. A number of people from St. Mary's are ready to walk 15 miles on the 2nd of August this year and they are looking for sponsors. The presence of the Apostles of Jesus missionaries in our parishes of St. Osburg, St. Mary's and St. Elizabeth is due to people who participated in the training of these priests. A sponsorship form is available at the back of the church. Please sign it and support the church to have priests always.

Wake up call on safety: The dreadful event of the fire that engulfed a tower block in London during the week is a wake up call for us all to check on the gadgets we use in our homes. If you are a student in a rented accommodation do not leave portable heaters in your room on with the hope of finding your room warm when you return. Let us constantly look back in whatever we do to make sure that all hazards are kept in check.. When you light a candle in the church please make sure that it is placed safely in the designated stand. The safety of others is your safety too.

From the Headteacher: Congratulations to the pupils who were selected to represent St Osburg's at the Coventry Catholic Athletics Event at Warwick University on Thursday. Many children enjoyed individual success and were medal winners in a variety of events. Our School came THIRD overall out of all the Catholic schools in the city in the team competition. This is a great achievement the staff and children were delighted. Special mentions go out to Dorcas (Gold medal in the Y6 girls sprint) Victoria (Gold medal in Y4 Girls sprint) Maddie (Silver medal in Y3 Girls sprint). However I also need to give an extra special mention to Derrick for his Gold medal in Y6 Boys sprint, making that 4 years in a row of winning the gold! How amazing is that? Thank you to those staff members who have been helping with extra training and transport. Well done children – you are all super stars!

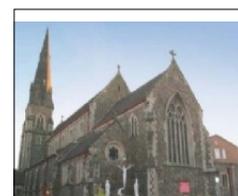
Sea Sunday will be marked on 9th July 2017. The Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare mission agency of the catholic church in Britain. It supports more than 1 Million seafarers arriving on the ports of Britain each year. Included among them are those people who transport the food we eat across the seas to Britain. There will be a second collection on July 10th to support their work.

A Year 5 Enrolment Mass for Confirmation On Sunday 2nd July Year 5 will be taking a leading role in our Family Mass with the parish as they enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place in January 2018. Participation in this Mass demonstrates a desire to receive the sacrament and a commitment to preparing for it from this point. Pupils in Year 5 will be given some tasks to complete over the summer in addition to preparing fully over the course of the autumn term. We look forward to seeing our Year 5 pupils there and as many other pupils at Mass on this Sunday

Jubilee Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at the Holy Family Parish for the five priests in Coventry Denary who will be celebrating jubilees of their ordinations. You are all very welcome to join them in thanking God for the gift of priesthood in their life. Mass will start at 7:00pm on Friday 30th June



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 12th Sunday - Year A - 25th June to 2nd July 2017

“A KING’S GOOD SERVANT—BUT GOD FIRST”

It is very difficult to tell how many politicians have ever made it to heaven. The church has canonized and beatified thousands of people but in such multitude we hardly hear of politicians being among them. Politics must be a very dirty game. Indeed as Nick Clegg the former leader of the Liberal Democrats said the other day as he was being interviewed on his election defeat, *“in politics you live by the sword and you go by the sword”* no wonder it is difficult to make a saint out of a politician.

Heaven is not totally empty of politicians, we know for certain of one politician who is in heaven St. Thomas More. Our certainty of this is based on the fact that the man could not compromise his conscience with cheap popularity, money or worldly ambitions which all politicians seem to have. Thomas More, a family man happily married with four children, a law barrister, a member of the British Parliament and an officer in the local government; he was very close to the King, a man who had every privilege to live a comfortable life. His position would earn him anything but his conscience would not approve of everything.

The human conscience is that inner voice of God which cannot deceive us and which we cannot deceive too. In life there will come a moment when following it becomes the ultimate guiding principle of our actions. St. Thomas More had such kind of conscience, he resisted the King's command saying 'in this matter it is our duty to disobey.' He followed his conscience and it is his conscience that made him truly free.

I thought that brave people who obeyed their conscience were of the past but the other week another politician listened to his conscience and obeyed it. I'm talking of Mr. Tim Farron the former leader of the Liberal Democratic Party. Tim had been battling with his conscience *vis a vis* the political correctness which he was bound to observe if he was to win popularity and positions of power. In a resignation speech few days ago, he publicly said that he could not compromise his Christian faith values, even for the party he loved. *“I joined our party when I was 16, it is in my blood, I love our history, our people, I thoroughly love my party, but I cannot compromise my beliefs as a Christian therefore I step down as leader of my political party.”*

Well, as Christians there comes a time when we must do the unthinkable by saying like Thomas More or Tim Farron **“in this matter it is our duty to disobey.”** What does it profit a man to win the whole world and ruin his life Mk.8:36? As I reflected on the life of Thomas More and the action of Tim Farron, I came to realize that while we must be the King's good servants, we must put God first, then we shall be truly free.

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Parish development

Gift aid..... £87.45 Loose.....£391.29 Total..... £478.74
Sat. lunches....£107.00 Restoration.£ 30.88 Heating.....£7.06

Second Collection today Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. This money is sent directly to the Pope from which he supports churches in most need. Thank you for your generosity.

Marriage Banns: Chioma Offier, daughter of Mr Emmanuel Ozoh and late Mary Rose Ozoh of Aku in Igbo Etitit Local Government are Enugu State Nigeria, would like to get married to Mr. Nduosa Dafikpaku son of Mr. & Mrs. Moses Dafikpaku of Obiaruku in Ukwuani Local Government area Delta State, Nigeria. If anyone knows why they should not get married to each other, kindly inform the parish priest.

Catholic Education Trust: has produced a book "The Global History of Catholicism which seeks to inform Catholics and non Catholics about the life of Jesus and the history of the Church. This is a "must have book". I'm sure that those who bought the few copies that were available last week are finding it really informative. Try to know your faith.

WE HAVE MOVED from MCN Media to church services, if you want to follow the Mass live from St. Marys go to www.churchservices.tv an icon of the Camera click on the link. It will take you to live events at St. Marys.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 25th June - 2nd July 2017

Sat	24	11.45am	Carmel Caffrey (RIP anniversary)
		5.30pm	Baby Kassadie Maria Conway (RIP)
Sun	25	11.30am	Carmel Mulholland (Anni) & deceased members of the Mulholland family
Mon	26	12.10pm	Natalie Green, Liam Mullally (birthday)
Tues	27	12.10pm	Peter MCCann (anni)
Wed	28	12.10pm	Mrs Munro (RIP)
Thurs	29	12.10am	Margaret Mary Ryan (RIP)
Fri	30	12.10pm	Patricia Raffelle (RIP)
Sat	01	11.45am	Christopher Mullally (b'day anni)
		5.30pm	Sheila Biggs (b'day)
Sun	02	11.30am	Kassadie Maria Conway (RIP) Witold Rymkiewicz (b'day anni)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>24th/25th June</u>	<u>1st/2nd July</u>
5.30pm	Bernadette, Ann E. (R) Maggie (E)	
11.30am	June, Charles (R) Janet, Catherine (E)	

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Ted Rodgers 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.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time : Cormack Edmond, Caffrey Carmel, Holdcroft Nora Teresa, May Bridget Teresa, Ryan Bridget Philomena, John Joseph, Davin John, Richards Pat.

Maggie Son in Law I regret to let you know that Maggie our sacristan lost her son in law in Poland last week. He was in hospital in an induced comma following an accident. We extend our condolences to her daughter who has lost a husband in a very short time after marriage. Please let us keep Maggie in our prayers.

Mrs Pat Garner's Retirement Mass: Mrs Garner has been a teacher at St. Mary's and Benedict Primary School for many, many years and she has decided to retire. A thanksgiving Holy Mass will be held on Thursday 20th July at 5:00pm in the school hall. After Mass there will be a late afternoon tea and a chance to catch up with Pat. She will be thrilled to see us especially those whose children she taught.