

Matters of Importance

May be you are being discriminated against: Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic Schools from allowing all catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. For more details please find this letter addressed to us by the Archbishop on the noticeboard. The implication of what this move will mean to Catholics in this country can be found on <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for '*Catholic Education*' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools in this country.

Day of prayer for vocations on Thursday 7th December, will be the turn of our Parish of St. Osburg to pray for vocations. In the diocese, each parish, chapel or religious community has a day to pray for vocations. On that day the Blessed Sacrament remains exposed throughout the day and the faithful are asked to come and spend some time in prayer. This custom runs throughout the archdiocese of Birmingham. I asked some people how it is done at St. Osburgs and they gave the impression that this is something never heard of before. Well, I consider it a great opportunity for us to fulfill this obligation. For that reason there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed until 4:00pm when there will be Benediction. You are all very welcome to pop in the church to pray for more vocations and for the perseverance of those already called.

Solemnity of Christ the King: or the 34th Sunday of the liturgical Year is the conclusion of the Church's calendar. This coming Sunday we begin a 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.

National Youth Sunday is celebrated today. 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 is a second collection today to support the youth activities in the diocese.

Adoremus - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage And Congress, Liverpool 7th-9th September 2018. I like to inform you of this Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool next year, the overall aim of the congress is to encourage a deeper love for the Eucharist. There are workshops, guest speakers and an opportunity to share and pray together for a renewal in parish life. For more information see website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018.

Walk with me booklets for advent: are available for you to take away and use them for your preparation for Christmas. They are excellent books with good daily reflections on the word of God. As you say your prayers in the family you will find the reflections very good for your meditations. It is advised that £1.00 is given to meet the printing costs of these books.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - Solemnity of Christ the King- 26th Nov.—3rd December 2017

REMEMBER ME!

It evokes a wonderful feeling when you meet someone after so many years of separation who remembers your name. When someone remembers your name, it brings back the good memories, heals wounds of separation and gives you a sense of self worth. I remember somebody who after introducing other people to my superiors, I wanted her to introduce herself as I thought she would do it in style with a grandeur as she usually did. As I hesitated to mention her name, she thought that I had forgotten it. She was very upset.

Today is a Solemnity of Christ the King. We acclaim Jesus as the King of the Universe. I'm sure that none of us will enter that Kingdom as though it were our birth right. Jesus tells us to pass through the narrow door and Paul reminds us to work for our salvation with fear and trembling. Self righteousness leads to blindness. To prove this Jesus challenged the self righteous by telling them, "*if there is one who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her*" (Jn. 8:7) nobody did so. They were sinners too. Since we are sinners all we can ask is that Jesus remembers us when we knock at the door of his kingdom. The man dying on the cross beside him told him one thing **REMEMBER**.

Many of us **REMEMBER** to do the less important things but we forget to do the most important ones. People going to take a bus, a train or a flight panic if they notice that they are running late. They feel obliged to go early and to be on time. That is how they value travelling. I admire the punctuality of football fans when their team is going to play. Gosh how do they brave the cold in the stadium as if it is mid summer sunshine! What happens on Sunday is the opposite, long after the Mass has started that is when they come walking into the church casually. "Ooh the church is freezing", they say even when the central heating is running. That is how they value their relationship with God.

I dedicated the month of October to calling some of my parishioners who notoriously come late to church to remind them to go early to work. I was amazed that every time I called, they were already on their way or they had already reported to work. That is the way how they value their job.

How much do you value the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and who would like to be the last to be remembered. How much do you value your relationship with God? How much value has the Sunday Mass in your life? As Christians we need to learn to set our priorities first. "*Seek first the kingdom of God and of his righteousness and all these other things will be given to you*" Matt. 6:33. Yes the Kingdom of God does not admit late comers and absconders. Faith must be learned early, practiced daily and preserved at any cost. *Jesus Remember me when you come into your Kingdom* (Lk. 23:42).

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Parish development

Gift aid.... £54.00.60 **Loose.....**£ 294.08 **Total.....**£ 348.68

Sat. lunches....£ 90.00 **Restoration.**£ 44.40 **Heating.....**£ 51.72

Thank you for your generosity.

Second collection : 26th Nov. Catholic Youth service

The Parish Christmas Bazaar was carried out today Saturday. A huge thanks to everyone who supported it either by organising, running stalls, contributing items, baking, washing up, or turning up to buy goods and enjoy the occasion. I think it was a successful event for which we are all grateful. When the total raised is calculated, it will be announced at Mass, but we are expecting a good result as your generosity this year has been amazing.

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.

Mission Boxes: If you have a Red Mission box and want it emptied, please give it in at the sacristy or phone Paul on his mobile number, which is printed on the bottom of the boxes. Thank you

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from – 26th Nov to 3rd Dec 2017

Sat	25	11.45am	Delia Fallon, Mary Fallon & Nellie (RIP)
		5.30pm	Johnny Jordan (RIP Anni)
Sun	26	11.30am	Mick Doyle (Get well) Pam Ashford (RIP) People of the Parish
Mon	27	12.10pm	David Evans & Norah Curristan (RIP)
Tues	28	12.10pm	Clement & Joyce Evans (Wed Anni) Deceased Legionaries
Wed	29	12.10pm	Alan Goodwin (1 st Anni) Norah Curristan (RIP) Sally Allen Moore (b'day)
Thurs	30	12.10pm	Jim Loughlin & Joseph & Margaret Hamill (RIP) John Gaffney (Get well)
Fri	01	12.10pm	Elizabeth Mullally (B'day), Michael Kearns (RIP)
Sat	02	11.45am	Jaswand & Mrs Rayatt (Get well)
		5.30pm	Bridie Mullally & John Bateman (RIP)
Sun	03	11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 25th Nov 2017

5.30PM Bernadette & Ann E (R)
Zen (E)

Weekend 26th Nov 2017

11.30am Maggie & Charles (R),
Janet & Teresa (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 : Owen Winifred Josephine, Browne Joseph, Farrell Brigid, Clarke Rosella, Mayne Mathew, Sullivan Florence, Abel Joseph Ashby, Gaunt Adan, Tobin James, Reneddy Anthony James, Jones Frances Terasita, Donoghue Edward John, Hyde Sydney John.

RCIA session on Monday 27th November 6:00pm in Lady's chapel.

Burglary at St. Osburg: I'm sorry to let you know that there was burglary in which some items were extensively damaged inside the church and in the hall. As we know the Catholic Church is a charitable organisation whose work is to help the poor and the less fortunate of the human society. It is a pity that this incident will push us deeper into debt as repairs will have to be carried out. Please be watchful of some people who visit churches especially at odd hours. Any parishioner should take interest in what strangers are up to at the church.

Advent Penitential Services: **St. Mary's** on Tuesday December 19th at 7:00pm
St Osburg Friday 22nd December after 12:10pm Mass
St. Elizabeth Thursday 6th December at 6.3'00pm.