

## Matters of Importance

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** : On 1<sup>st</sup> September Pope Francis encouraging the Catholic community to celebrate this opportune moment to “reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

**YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**: A three part retreat is being organised by the Youth 2000 Movement at Walsingham called 1061. Young adults aged 18-38 are invited to join this weekend, exploring the beauty of living the consecrated life in the 21st Century, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Dowry House Walsingham. More information at [www.walsingham.org.uk/1061](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/1061)

**‘THE GIFT’** : As a follow up to the recent Life in the Spirit course, there will be a meeting to pray together at Christ the King on Thursday 7th Sept at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to support each other on our personal journey of prayer.

**Heritage Open Days** : St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Wappenbury is organising 4 days Catholic faith event from 7th, 8th, 9th September 8.00am to 8.00pm and on the last day 10th September, Eucharistic celebration will take place at 8.30am followed by some light refreshments. Let us support four Heritage days by our presence.

**CAFOD** in Sudan and South Sudan, a talk by Bishop Kenney on Thursday 28th September, 7.30-9.00 pm. Sacred Heart parish, 17 Lime Tree Avenue, Bilton, Rugby, CV22 7QT. Light refreshments available from 7.00pm. All very welcome. For more, contact Elizabeth Wignall ([ewignall@cafod.org.uk](mailto:ewignall@cafod.org.uk) or 01922 722944).

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions** will commence in October 2017. Those adults ages from 12-70 or above who are not yet baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church and those who are already baptized in other churches and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church are requested to contact either Fr. Jimmy, Fr. Sunday and Fr. Pontius .

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**The Friends of the Holy Land** are holding a National Gathering on Saturday, 30th September, 10.30am – 4pm, at the Parish Centre, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kenilworth, CV8 1HL. The day will focus on what FHL does best: firstly, by sharing news of the challenges faced by Christians living in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, and secondly, by describing the support FHL currently gives to over 2,000 of those Christians. A warm invitation is extended to new and existing supporters. There is no charge and lunch is provided. To book, contact the office on 01926 512980 or email [office@friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk)

**Feasts occur during the week** : 28th Aug St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 29th Aug Beheading of St. John the Baptist.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish Newsletter - 21st Sunday -Year A -27th Aug to 3rd Sept 2017**

#### **FAITH CAN DO GREAT THINGS**

I arrived home safely in Uganda and I have started catching up with life here. Like any person who has been away from home for some time, there are lots of changes here. Children have become adults and those I left as young adults have earned themselves new titles such as parents or grand parents. Time passes very fast.

On Monday morning I visited the mother of my brother priest Fr. John Baptist Ssenyondo who was kidnapped and murdered in Mexico some 2 years ago. His body was found in a massive grave with other bodies. He could only be identified by dental formation.

The disappearance of my brother priest in Mexico was known to me, the possibility of his death was also being contemplated but we kept the news to ourselves because we feared the ill health of his mother who suffers from acute high blood pressure, arthritis and diabetes. The media worldwide picked up the story and it was being run on every Radio station and TV. We could not hide the story any longer from his mother who by this time was wondering why his son had spent long time without writing to her.

Finally the family asked me to break the news. May be everyone expected me to say how hard and devastating the news was instead I called the ailing mother and congratulated her on giving birth to a priest who had courageously suffered a martyr’s death. I went on to explain to her what it meant to kidnap a good priest and have him martyred. It is a great privilege to complete ones journey as a faithful servant. Giving birth to someone who gets killed for faith and morality is a gift of God. The ailing mother started to see the death of her priest son as a great privilege rather than a curse.

As I visited the elderly mother she was a new person all together. She gave birth to a son who was martyred in Mexico. There is no reason to afraid or worried. He chose the way of the cross by preferring death other than sin.

Well as Christians we need to understand that our faith in God gives us the strength to face every difficult situation. It is not we who keep the faith instead it is our faith which keeps us.

### 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.419.00 £ Loose..£357.84..... Total... £776.84

Sat. lunches....£ Restoration.£ 31.44 Heating.....£31.44. Thank you all.

### Forthcoming Second Collections for September - October 2017

10th September: Catholic Education Service

17th September: Catholic Evangelization (CASE)

24th September: Father Hudson's Society

8th October: Harvest Fast (CAFOD)

22nd October: APF World Mission Sunday

### "300 Club" August Draw

<b>1st Prize</b>	550	B. Nixon	2nd Prize	455	J Taylor
3rd Prize	339	A Walker	4th Prize	21	M. Cassidy

**Congratulations to the winners.**

**Thought on marriage** : Marriage is sacramental because it is a sign of Christ's unbreakable love for his people. It is communitarian because it creates and deepens a permanent partnership of life and love. It is missionary because in Catholic marriage couples are called to share with others the good news of their relationship in Christ. A spirituality of marriage helps couples shape their attitude toward life, and provides a framework for living one's marriage in the light of faith.

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

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from - 27th Aug to 3rd Sept 2017

Sat	26	11.45am	Carole Ward (B/Day)
		5.30pm	Matthew Cox (Get well)
Sun	27	11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	28	12.10pm	Abie Doherty (RIP)
Tues	29	12.10pm	Bernadette Burke (RIP)
Wed	30	12.10pm	Richard Hudson (RIP)
Thurs	31	12.10am	FUNERAL – Rose Marie Coote Sean Monaghan (RIP)
Fri	01	12.10pm	Bernadette Burke (RIP)
Sat	02	11.45am	Ann Quigley (lately dead)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	03	11.30am	Bert Davies (B'ay)

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	5.30pm	Ann F. & Maggie (R)	Zen (E)
Sun	11.30am	Janet & Charles (R)	June & Maggie (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 Caruso, 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 :** Holden Joseph, Tierney Francis Joseph, Poyner Joan, Robinson Anthony, O'Brien Mary, Conway Teresa, Connaughton Daniel, Kelly David.

**Thought for the week** : 'Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.' St. Teresa of Avila.