

Life in the Spirit seminar is entering its 6th and final week. These talks for parish renewal have been taking place at Christ the King Parish. The final meeting will be on Thursday 8th June starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

APF/MILL HILL RETURNS FOR 2016 Missio (Red Boxes) is very pleased with the people of the Archdiocese for their generous and consistent support of the missions through the Association for the Propagation of the Faith/Mill Hill. The total contributed for the APF-Mill Hill in 2016 by the parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham amounted to £300,143. A lot of hard work has gone into collecting this great sum and it is very much appreciated.

Survey on young people and their lives: In October 2018, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome to consider the issue of 'Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment.' In the words of the Holy Father:

"The Church has decided to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognise and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today. By listening to young people, the Church will once again hear the Lord speaking in today's world."

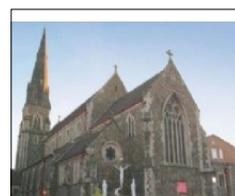
In preparation for this assembly in 2018, Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the Bishops of England and Wales would like to hear from young people and from those who are regularly in contact with them, so that they can be sure that what they are discussing is both relevant and important. With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to some ways in which our community can respond to this consultation process, called '*Your Voice Matters*', so that we can encourage the young people in our parish community to participate. . The poll has not been formally launched just yet, but those who would like to take part can register their interest by Emailing synod2018@cbcew.org.uk Details of this letter are found at the noticeboard.

World Communications Sunday takes place on 28 May 2017, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. It reflects his mandate that we should "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news". Please pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications especially for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales seeks to support the Bishops in their role as teachers both of the Catholic community and the wider world. There will be a **second collection** this weekend for Catholic Communications. I think the best way to celebrate this event, let us try our best to speak to others about our faith. Let our actions communicate to others the love of God. Remember the saying "Actions speak louder than words."

Red Boxes: As you know the £1:00 coin is going out of circulation the £5:00 note as well. I wish to ask those with **Red Boxes** in their homes to bring them for counting as some may have the £1:00pound coins inside. This applies to £5:00 pound note also.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—Ascension of our Lord Year A - 28th May to 4th June 2017

"GOOD MEMORIES ABOUT YOU? START NOW"

This coming Saturday 3rd June, it will be a big solemn celebration for the people of Uganda as they will celebrate their countrymen the Martyrs of Uganda who died for their faith in Jesus Christ leaving us a good example. It is the good example left by the martyrs that has made Uganda to stand firm in the midst of trouble. Good memories are rarely sustained, people tend to remember the negative of ourselves than the positive. Many times whenever I tell people that my home country is Uganda, they at once say 'oh that country of Idi Amin!' They do not remember him for the good he did of course. But I do ask the same people 'Have you heard of the Uganda Martyrs, the Ugandans who died for their faith in Jesus Christ, who chose death instead of sin? The answer is always **'No!'** It reveals to me how easy people forget the good person and carry on in their whole life the memories of a bad one.

These days you will hear people making up stories about how good and generous someone was, his dedication to the family and his commitment to the Christian faith. Some of these are made up stories. As these good things are spoken about someone, the people who knew him are left wondering whether the person spoken about is the one they knew or it is somebody else. Of course made up stories will not improve the image of a person in the mind of the listeners..

The Uganda Martyrs left to the country and to the church a high degree of moral purity. Homosexuality was introduced in Uganda at the time when foreign religions were being introduced in the country. It is said that an 18 year old King Mwanga who was unstable in character was introduced to the habit. St. Joseph Mukasa Balikuddembe one of the king's pages rebuked him for doing things which did not even have a vocabulary in Ugandan languages and cultures to describe them. (When something does not have a single word to define it, it means that it is foreign to that culture). Joseph Mukasa protected the young boys from the king's advances but the king beheaded him in November 1885.

The Martyrs of Uganda set a moral standard for the country ; their faith, their trust in God and their fidelity is acclaimed through out the Church. Today Uganda is seen as a country which denies its people the freedom to engage in gay practices. The ordinary people are not bothered but the so called ambassadors of freedom and globalisation of cultures think that this must be one of the signs that people are free and their government democratic. You can get to know the feelings and attitude of the people if you understand the values of their culture. It is good to be remembered for the good we have done. Remember that every day of your life you are building a picture of what people will speak of you when you are gone. If you have not started to build it, start now otherwise tomorrow is too late and too far even to think about it.

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

Parish development

Gift aid..... £125.00 Loose.....£459.48 Total..... £584.48

Sat. lunches...£ 84.00 Restoration.£ 563.00 Heating.....£

Thank you for your generosity.

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First Holy Communion : Today we welcome 29 children members of our parish community who speak Polish language who are making their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's. Last Saturday it was the children of St. Mary's primary school and on Sunday the children from St. Osburg primary school. I'm grateful to the parents and teachers who prepared them. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Piety Stall: I mentioned to you that I was looking for someone to volunteer your time and help Veronica at the piety stall. No one has volunteered yet!

First Catholic Cardinal Bangladesh is a country of 160 million people - 360,000 of whom are Catholics. That's a mere 0.2% of the population. But the Church is vibrant and thriving despite its minority status in a majority Muslim country. Pope Francis recognised the fact by appointing Archbishop Patrick D'Rozario the country's first Catholic cardinal in November 2016. Do your best to witness to Jesus no matter how insignificant you may appear to be, just carry on.

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 28th May to 4th June 2017

Sat	27	11.45am	Bernadette Cornish (Spl.Int)
		5.30pm	Bill Harrison (RIP)
Sun	28	11.30am	Owen O'Donnell (RIP)
Mon	29	12.10pm	Mary Dyke (RIP)
Tues	30	12.10pm	Marie Logan (RIP)
Wed	31	12.10pm	Bernadette Cornish (Spl. Int)
Thurs	01	12.10pm	Matthew Kelly (RIP)
Fri	02	12.10pm	Catherine Mangan (Spl.Int)
Sat	03	11.45am	Linda Conor (B/day)
		5.30pm	Elizabeth Hancocks (B/day)
Sun	04	11.30am	Marie Logan (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>27th/28th May</u>	<u>3rd/4th June</u>
5.30pm	Bernadette, Ann E. (R) Maggie (E)	Maria, Ann F. (R) Zen (E)
11.30am	Janet, Charles (R) Patsy, Catherine (E)	June, Charles (R) Janet, Teresa (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 Correisgandis 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: Mullally Desmond, Dunn Kasen Theresa, Logan Patrick, Sheils Nora, Clark Andrew.

Notification of Planning application: some of you might have received notice of planning application that has been submitted for the Aylesford site next to St. Mary's Primary School. The Former care home is earmarked to be developed into a four storey building to accommodate 189 student. I wish to ask you that you do not ignore these notices which solicit for your opinion on certain important issues in your area. This is one of them. Please make it a point to air out your views if you think it concerns you.

St Osburg's 300 Club Draw – May Draw

1st prize	470	J. Kavanagh	2nd prize	577	S. Grafton
3rd prize	253	P. Porretta	4th prize	511	M. Concannon

Congratulations to the winners!