

## Matters of Importance

**RCIA session of 30th Oct** which takes place at St. Mary's is postponed to 6th Nov due to the Confession which will be taking place in the church at that time. Those members of our community who are taking this program are informed.

**Coventry Winter Night Shelter:** St. Osburg parish will again open its doors to the homeless people of our city every Wednesday night starting on 1st December until March. Ms Janet Wiltshire has accepted to represent the parish in matters concerning the night shelter when it takes place at St. Osburg church hall.

**Keep our Church warm during winter:** the door at the back of the church is damaged. Please remember to keep the doors closed every time you come or go out of the church. For two years we have managed to keep St. Osburg church warm. Thanks for your generosity. I wish to bring to your attention the box at the back of the church in which we put some donations towards keeping the church warm.

**Welcoming University students** the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Jimmy Lutwama who is also our parish priest invites the parishioners of St. Marys and St. Osburg to recognise on this Sunday the presence of students who have joined our parishes during this academic year at Coventry University. A holy Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am today at St. Mary & Benedict Church followed with light refreshments in the parish hall for the students both new and old.

**Masses for the Holy Souls:** Last year the Masses which were requested for Holy Souls were sent to the missions in Cuba. This year the Masses which will be requested for Holy Souls will be sent to the priests establishing a new parish at Katovu along Mbarara Masaka Highway in Uganda. It is a very needy community with a strong Christian presence living in extreme poverty. I visited the priests during my recent holidays, I mentioned that they were literary sleeping rough and I took a shower almost in the open (I waited for night fall). I'm sure they will join with their Christians to celebrate the Masses we shall present to God for our dear ones who we pray for in November.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** will be celebrated by Bishop William Kenney on Friday November 3rd 2017 at St. Marys church at 7:00pm. There are 22 children from the school and 15 adults from the parish. Please pray for children and the adult members of our parish as they prepare themselves to receive this Saving Sign of God.

**Deceased Priests of the Coventry Deanery:** Every year the deanery remembers those priests who served in Coventry parishes. This year the Mass will be at **Sacred Heart on Tuesday Nov 14th at 7.00pm** All the Catholics of Coventry are invited. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Hall. Please make a special effort to come.

**Job Vacancy:** The Catholic church of Birmingham wishes to appoint a Chief Operating Officer working closely with Archbishop, Area Bishops and Vicar General. He will be responsible for all lay personnel, the financial and property resource management of the Arch Diocese. We are seeking a pragmatic and strategic leader, able to develop and implement effective strategies and policies. For further details visit [www.gatenbysanderson.com/job/GSe36009](http://www.gatenbysanderson.com/job/GSe36009) or contact Juliet Brown or Katy Giddens on 01132056089. details are on the notice board.

**Cyreneans in Coventry** will host a free Christmas dinner and festivities for anyone who is homeless, lonely and vulnerable over Christmas at the Methodist Central Hall. Activities start at 11:00am-3:00pm. Dinner 12:30—2:30pm. Details for this event are on the noticeboard.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### Parish Newsletter - 30th Sunday -Year A – 29th Oct 5th November 2017

#### **THIS IS A VERY BAD EXAMPLE!**

Childhood memories end up shaping our behaviour and developing our character as we grow up. Holding a baby in my arms last week, a small girl standing by asked me: *"Father how do children learn to talk? I answered her that children learn to talk because they have **heard** us speak.. A Language develops because someone has **spoken** it, the other person has **listened** and the listener tries to **speak** what he/she had **heard**.* The action of speaking, the action of listening and the action of the listener to speak what he /she has heard brings about the development of a language. If a language is wrongly spoken, it will be wrongly learned!

The other day I returned to my childhood memory as I recalled the days when I attended Sunday school. My teacher taught me how to behave in church; how to stand, how to sit, the position of my hands and so on. I can see in my mind the good example she showed us by her own composure when we were at prayer. All of us have had people who have left lasting memory because of what they did or said.

Persons who deal with children must act carefully and behave properly. I appreciate the work done by Sunday school teachers to teach the children how to pray and how to behave in church. However I whole heartedly denounce the actions of some parents who accompany their children to the Lady's chapel and instead of praying with the children some of these parents are fully engaged in conversations! While the leader of the children is helping them to say their prayers and to follow the Mass, some parents are so busy chatting, telling how their holiday went. What a despicable bad example they give to the children! What will the child think of the Mass or of prayer when instead of the parent being attentive to the homily or to the prayers of the Mass, she or he is busy talking, laughing etc. This behaviour is not right. Please note that I'm not talking about parents who do their best to pacify a child but about those who come to church thinking that the Lady's chapel is the best place to catch up on news. How will children value the Mass if they see parents who pay no attention to it?

These days people are united in condemning child abuse but they look at it only from some particular angles physical or mental; we rarely hear of them speaking about the "spiritual abuse" of children. Jesus talked about spiritual abuse of children in terms of those who scandalize them, then he added *"it would be better to be drowned in the sea with a great millstone round his neck"* Matthew 18:1-10. A warning to us not damage the spiritual dispositions of the little children.

I greatly thank the parents who bring the children to Sunday Mass and those who sit with them in the main body of the church leading them to a full appreciation of the Mass. What you do as an adult is copied by the young, that is why I encourage you to do the right thing before children because actions speak louder than words"

### The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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### Parish development

**Gift aid....** £64.00    **Loose.....**£ 364.94    **Total.....**£ 428.94

**Sat. lunches....**£ 68.67    **Restoration.**£ 66.55    **Heating.....**£ 33.99

Thank you for your generosity.

**Second collection** : £ 200.60    (World Mission Sunday)

**St Osburgs Christmas Bazaar** will be taking place on Saturday 25th November, 11am - 2pm. We appeal for items (in good condition) for the stalls including unwanted gifts, toys, bric-a-brac, groceries, tombola prizes, bottles, etc. please either bring to the Sacristy or the Priory. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please see Janet Wiltshire.

**The agent for Father Christmas** would welcome financial contributions towards providing the contents of his sack - the packing elves are standing ready! Please put any contributions in an envelope and hand it in, clearly marked, "*Father Christmas sack*" at the sacristy or the priory. Children visiting him should not go away empty handed.

### 300 CLUB – OCTOBER DRAW WINNERS

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	493	M. Riddell
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	18	M. Cassidy
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	736	B. McDonnell
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	791	J. Cox

Well done to the winners.

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

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from – 29th Oct to 5th Nov 2017

Sat	28	11.45am 5.30pm	Maureen Middleton (RIP) Fermin Florig Araneta (RIP) Margaret Ryan (RIP)
Sun	29	11.30am	People of the Parish, Basil Morley (RIP)
Mon	30	12.10pm	Betty Aston (Sp Int) , Michael Heavey (RIP)
Tues	31	12.10pm	Carol Clarke (Sp Int) Elizabeth Daly & Hugen Shields(RIP)
Wed	01	12.10pm	Anna Williams (Get Well) Anna Williams (RIP) Mary Cunnane (Anniversary RIP)
		<b>6.30pm</b>	People of the parish
Thurs	02	12.10pm	Alan Goodwin (RIP)
		<b>6.30pm</b>	People of the parish
Fri	03	12.10pm	Vincent & Mariqinha Pereira, Alex & Adelaide Demello, John Marcel de Fatima Demello (RIP)
Sat	04	11.45am 5.30pm	Christine Knox (80 <sup>th</sup> B'day Maurice, Margaret & Patrick Laughlin (Anni)
Sun	05	11.30am	Parishioners of Roscommon Parish Ireland

**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** : Hartnen John, McCafferty Teresa, Dany Mary, Flynn Charles, Leggate Margaret, Hastings Michael, Sheerin Kathleen, Oxenford Elizabeth, Lynch Jame,

**The Solemnity of All Saints 1st Nov** is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be TWO MASSES at 12:10pm and at 6:30pm respectively.

**All Souls day is on 2nd November** (Thursday) we shall pray for all those who have died. There will be TWO MASSES 12:10pm and 6:30pm please let us come and pray for our dear ones who have gone before us.

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

	<u>TEAM 1</u>		<u>TEAM 2</u>
Luci	4 <sup>th</sup> November	James	11th November
Marian	18 <sup>th</sup> November	Joyce	25th November
Chris		Asia	

*Thank you for taking on this ministry*