

Train a priest sponsored walk can you sponsor them? I'm pleased with some few people from St. Osburg parish who have signed a sponsorship form for some parishioners of St. Mary's who would like to walk 15 miles to raise money for the training of missionary priests. For two years now a group of parishioners 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.

The church round the world: Iraq's Nineveh Plains have been desolate since Daesh seized them in summer 2014. The people who lived there mostly Christians sought sanctuary in the Kurdish capital Erbil where they have been cared for by the Church. For almost three years they depended on the donations of other Christians round the world for food, shelter, medicine and other emergency aid. Now that Daesh has been driven out of the Nineveh Plains, Aid to the Church in Need will rebuild 13,000 Christian houses a project, which is so vital to keeping a Christian presence in Iraq. In the meantime ACN with your help, is continuing to provide displaced and refugee families with essential food parcels, as the immediate needs are still great. Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity.

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 takes place today 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. If there are some adults or children from non catholic schools who have reached the age of Confirmation please let the Parish priest know.

On the Feast of St John the Baptist 24th June 2017: seven deacons were ordained by Archbishop Bernard Longley for the dioceses of Birmingham, Brentwood, Cardiff, Hallam, Menevia and Salford. They will continue to prepare for their priestly ordination over the coming year. The Archbishop said that the Church thanked the parents, relatives and close friends for their part in helping the seven men "discern their calling" and "to recognise the mission to which the Lord has been calling them from the outset." He added "Just as the scriptures recognise how Elizabeth and Zachariah understood the calling of their son, so the Church thanks you today, parents and families, for your part in nurturing these precious vocations to the priesthood."

Broken church property: I ask you to handle church property carefully. As you know many things churches have are not repairable because of their age, once you lose them they are gone. It is also difficult to get people who can do minor repairs as all seem to be interested in big jobs. Finding a plumber to fix one broken toilet can take ages. Therefore handle church property with utmost care.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 13th Sunday - Year A - 2nd to 9th July 2017

IS IT TRUE THERE ARE NO MIRACLES IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

A young lady who was close to me told me recently that she is no longer going to the Catholic Church for Mass because no miracles happen there. At my new church she said, my pastor is like Jesus, he heals people by a mere word, the blind, the lame, those with HIV are all healed by the breath of his mouth. It is true, it is true she said. He is Jesus.

In a world of competition where businesses try to keep customers, men and women who have taken to starting churches as a way of making money, come up with new acrobatics to attract 'customers. The more acrobatics you make the more audience you attract. No wonder pastors who need to keep their businesses afloat might need to pretend to play divine or to preach the unthinkable!

The Catholic Mass has not changed in 2000 years! As early as the second century we have the witness of St. Justin Martyr who tells us how the Holy Mass was celebrated from the earliest time. This has given us the pattern of celebrating the Mass as it was from the earliest time at the Last Supper until today. St. Justin wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) around the year 155, explaining what Christians did every Sunday:

On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things (**homily**). Then we all rise together and offer prayers* for ourselves and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments (**bidding prayers**), so as to obtain eternal salvation. When the prayers are concluded we exchange the **sign of peace**. Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts (**Consecration**). When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.' When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread and wine and take them to those who are absent.

The authority of the Catholic Church is derived from the Bible and from Church Tradition. We do not invent things, or claim to make miracles or preach what the people want to hear so as to keep them entertained. We are so lucky because what we are doing today is what has been done in the last 2000 years.

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Parish development

Gift aid..... £42.00 Loose.....£387.53 Total..... £429.53

Sat. lunches....£99.55 Restoration.£ 19.79 Heating.....£28.11

Peter's Pence : 200.88

"300 Club" June Draw

1st Prize 194 N Phelan 2nd Prize 565 M Gregson

3rd Prize 248 S Grafton 4th Prize 537 M Foster

Congratulations to the winners.

Funeral announcement I regret to let you know that Maggie Green 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. Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 3rd July at Christ the King at 12:00 noon. Please let us keep Maggie in our prayers.

Death announcement: I'm sorry to announce the death of Ted Rogers which occurred on Saturday 1st July 2017 in the morning. Ted had extraordinary devotion to *Rosa Mystica*. May he see the Blessed Mother into whose hands we entrust his soul.

Thought on marriage: Does marriage and Matrimony mean the same? Technically, *matrimony* is not simply a synonym for *marriage*. However, matrimony "refers more to the physical, psychological and moral **relationship between husband and wife** than to the **ceremony or the state of marriage**." That is why, strictly speaking, the Sacrament of Marriage is the Sacrament of Matrimony.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from - 2nd to 9th July 2017

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)
Mon	03	12.10pm	Margaret Magee (birthday memorial)
			Michael Cawley (anniversary)
Tues	04	12.10pm	Laura Atkins (RIP)
			Mary Galvin (anniversary)
Wed	05	12.10pm	Betty Aston (Sp Int)
			Anne Hobbs (Sp Int)
Thurs	06	12.10am	E.O. Donnelly (RIP)
			Maria Treasa Conway (2 nd Anni)
Fri	07	12.10pm	Anne Hobbs (get well)
			Patricia Fallon (get well)
Sat	08	11.45am	Margaret & Gary Hobbs (sick)
		5.30pm	Hugh McDonnell (lately dead)
Sun	09	11.30am	Maggie Green and Family (Sp Int)
			Sheila Smith (get well)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

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 : Richards Pat, K. Patrick, O'Connor Johanna Philomena, Fletcher Sadie, Heneghan Patrick, Collins Kelly Ann.

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.

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.