

The diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 13th May. The two pick up points for Coventry diocese are St John Fisher and Christ the King. The cost of the coach will be £15 per person. This includes the £3 levy for Walsingham expected from each Diocesan Pilgrim. The coaches will leave at 8am from both St John Fisher and Christ the King. This departure time will allow arrival around 11.30am for the Pilgrimage. The coaches will have toilets and there will be a short break on the journey. Pilgrims please bring packed lunches and rain macs / brollies. The coaches will return to Coventry for 9pm approximately. To book a place by phoning call Fiona on 024 76 591618 and state which venue you wish to depart from.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land please you are reminded of the diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land which will take place from 11-19 September 2017. It will be led by Bishop William Kenney, accompanied by Canon Mervyn Tower. Visits will take you to all the major Holy Places. Prices are all inclusive Five nights in Bethlehem and 3 nights in Galilee. Flights from Heathrow. Full price: £1740.00 per person. For more details please contact Gill at Tangney Tours - tel: 01732 886666: email: Gill@tangney-tours.com.

The 48th diocesan pilgrimage to Hednesford will take place on 2nd July 2017 in honour of Our Lady. I'm sure that some of you might be interested to make this pilgrimage in honour of the Blessed Mother.

The £1:00 pound coin is going out of circulation I wish to ask those with **Red Boxes** in their homes to bring them for counting as some may have the £1:00 pound coins inside. This applies to £5:00 pound note. If you have the old notes please make sure that you get rid of them because they too will be out of circulation in the next few months

From the Headteacher's office: a number of children are regularly collected late from school at the end of the day. Parents are responsible for their child every day from 3.15pm unless other arrangements are in place eg After School Club. Whilst we understand that one-off emergencies may arise, it is not acceptable for school staff to be expected to supervise children on a regular basis because they are not being collected on time and this is a welfare issue. Therefore as a school from this term we are introducing a £5 fine for up to each 15 minutes that we have to supervise a child that has not been collected from the playground by the usual time. This already happens in many other local schools. Persistent late collectors may also risk a referral to social care as this is classed as neglect of parental responsibility and also potentially losing their child's place at school. Thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.

An invitation to Monastic experience weekend: The monks of Pluscarden Abbey offer a special opportunity to see at first hand what monastic life is about, during the weekend Friday 18 to Monday 21st August 2017. There will be no charge for the weekend. The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who practise their faith, aged 18 - 35. Anyone interested is invited to contact Fr Benedict Hardy OSB: novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org; Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, Moray IV30 8UA; 01343 890 257.

Headship of Bishop Ullathorne: as the search for the person to succeed Ms. Jane Byrne as Head of our Catholic School continues, Chris Billings will become acting Head of the School responsible for the day to day operation of our school. Emma Stonehouse will be sole Deputy Head.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—3rd Sunday of Easter- Year A - 30th April to 7th May 2017

I LEFT THE CATHEDRAL STRENGTHENED

On the Wednesday of Holy Week 12th April Archbishop Bernard Longley presided over a Chrism Mass in the presence of his brother bishops and priests. In the presence of the bishop and the people the priests renewed their promises to serve God and his people as ministers of the Word and Sacraments. 'Presence' in our Christian faith tradition is not simply the body being here or there but the involvement of the whole person in the action taking place. Thus in the presence of the bishop and the people, the priests renewed their promise to be devoted to you. The Easter event revealed the generosity of God. The Archbishop asked us to draw inspiration and courage from the words of Bl. John Henry Newman who said:

'Let us pray for each other, as well as for ourselves, that the gifts He has given us may not be squandered on ourselves, and used for our own gratification or our own reputation, but for His glory and for the good of His Church.'

He spoke of the importance of the cross: *'The cross lies at the center of everything we believe as priests and it gives meaning to everything we teach. Christ has always seen our capacity to shoulder his cross for the sake of others, lifting their burdens and lightening their hearts.'* Even though, *'we may not recognize this fully or clearly within ourselves.'*

He emphasized how it is important for all to come together for the Chrism Mass because *'It is not good for us as priests to be isolated – it jars against the nature of our calling.'* Adding that the Chrism Mass is a time when, *'the priests renew and refresh their relationship with the Lord as his priests in the midst of the Church – and where they also re-commit themselves to take care of their brothers in the priesthood.'*

The Archbishop prayed that friendships amongst priests 'may be a source of encouragement and inspiration' and called for 'understanding and acceptance of those priests who may be struggling with their health, with physical or mental frailty, with discouragement or disappointment.' He spoke of his need for our prayers in his ministry. I don't know when you last prayed for your priests. During this time of stress and cynicism towards the priesthood I encourage you to pray for your priest because it is not easy to be a priest these days. If your priest is doing well, pray for him, if he is not doing well as you would like him to, pray for him, may be it is because you do not remember him in your prayers. Get involved in his ministry by supporting him, the rest leave it to God.

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..... £ 95.00 Loose.....£346.12 Total..... £441.12

Sat. lunches....£ Restoration.£ 26.77 Heating.....£13.62 Thank you.

Second collection next week 7th May for Clergy Training Fund.

Crib Money and Masses for Holy Souls: as I mentioned to you last year, the Catholic Church in Cuba has been granted some (limited) freedom to evangelise the people. The Apostles of Jesus missionaries are among the Institutes that have started to plant the church in Cuba but they need our support following decades of communism and atheism under Fidel Castrol. The Holy Masses which you requested for, for Holy Souls have been sent to our missionaries in Cuba to support them in their work. There was £71.37 from the crib collection and £435.00 for the Holy Souls Masses. All totalling to £506.37. The names of your dear ones for whom the Masses will be celebrated have been sent to the priests in Cuba as well. At every Mass offered the priests will mention the name of the person for whom the sacrifice of the Mass will be offered and call on the people to pray for the repose of their souls. I thank you for accepting to participate in the rebuilding up of the Catholic faith in Cuba.

Thought on marriage in our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centres of living, radiant faith. For this reason the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the *Ecclesia domestica*. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are "by word and example . . . the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation.

Elections of Councillors to Local authorities is on 4th May 2017. It is our Christian duty to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 30th Apr—7th May 2017

Sat	29	11.45am	Alan Goodwin (RIP)
		5.30pm	John Bradley (RIP)
Sun	30	11.30am	Francis Galloghly ((RIP), Kath Fielding (Get well)
Mon	01	12.10pm	Ken Bunt (RIP)
Tues	02	12.10pm	Bernie Hickey (RIP)
Wed	03	12.10pm	Kathy Cunningham (RIP) Jimmy Durkan (RIP)
Thur	04	12.10pm	Maureen Preedy (RIP)
Frid	05	12.10pm	John Bradley. (RIP)
Sat	06	12.10pm	The Kirkwood Family. (Spl. Int)
		11.45am	Mary Gilmartin (B/day)
Sun	07	12.10pm	Marie Logan. (RIP). Alan Goodwin. (RIP)

Friday 12th May at 7pm there will be Mass celebrated to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Edel Quinn at St Osburg's church. Refreshments will be served in the foyer afterwards. You are all welcome.

THE GIFT Life in the Spirit Seminar: was opened at Christ the King Parish last Thursday it is a series of talks, shared reflection and praying together in order to renew our faith. Thanks to those from our parish who attended the first session. The next session will be this Thursday 4th May starting at 7:30pm at Christ the King.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>29th/30th April</u>	<u>6th/7th May</u>
5.30pm	Bernadette, Ann E. (R) Bernadette (E)	Ann F., Maggie (R) Teresa (E)
10.30am	June, Maggie (R) Patsy, Charles (E)	Janet, Charles (R) Maggie, June (E)

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Betty Buggle, 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 Rillott, 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 Sullivan Sheila, Thompson Patrick, Doherty Michael, McHayle Elizabeth Sarah, Joseph Boyle, Lungley Stephen, Cross Paul Joseph, John Patrick Mulooly, McKinney Patrick, Watson James Henry, Poviliunas Peter, Corp Joseph, Annabelle Sarah, Deegan William Joseph, McKinney Kathleen Celine.