

## Matters of importance

**Education Sunday:** Next Sunday, 10 September is this year's Education Sunday. The theme of this year's Education Sunday is 'Gathered in my name'. On Education Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those involved in Catholic education, including, teachers, school staff, parents, governors and volunteers, and all those who contribute in some way. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting Catholic education.

**Saturday Lunches** : After a break for the summer, Saturday Lunches in aid of the restoration fund, will commence on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Let us support this noble cause.

**Second Saturday Catholic Convention & Healing service** Saturday, 9th September, 8am – 4pm at the Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, B70 7JW. A celebration of the Catholic faith for people of all ages and backgrounds. These friendly gatherings include lively praise and worship, Holy Mass, healing service and prayer sessions. Everyone is welcome.

**Fatima News** : St Peter's, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE, is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham Diocese during the Fatima Centenary Year and a special indulgence is available on the 13th of each month if you visit on those days. For more information, call Peter Dimambro on 01926 428399

**Bishop Ullathorne GCSE Results** : A double celebration at this School as their GCSE results set a new record with 72% students achieving A\* to C in both Maths and English. Congratulations to students and staff.

**Admission to Primary Education 2018:** Parents of children who were born between 1st September 2013 & 31st August 2014 are eligible to start primary school in September 2018. Parents are able to apply online from 1st Sept 2017 & the closing date for receipt of application is 15th January 2018. For more information look up to the notice board.

**Coventry Intercultural Mass** Sunday, 17th September, 3.30pm at St John Fisher Church. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. Followed by a hot & cold buffet of food from all over the world. Everyone is welcome.

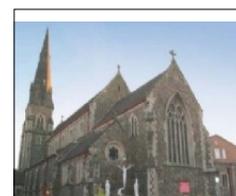
**Home mission Sunday** is celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> September. It is an opportunity to inspire the faithful and help them engage with the mission of the Church, to evangelise, whilst supporting the work of the Home Mission Office in a practical way. For more information log on to [homemission.org.uk](http://homemission.org.uk).

**Mass for the sick of the Parish** will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 3:00 PM for details please contact Sr. Teresa and Sr. Philomena.

**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 or Fr. Pontius .



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### Parish Newsletter - 22nd Sunday -Year A - 3rd to 10th Sept 2017

**THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS:** You will hear some men and women who have invented their own churches calling themselves 'bishops'. Well they use that word in a very loose and broad sense because such men do not possess apostolic succession. If you try to trace their family tree as bishops, it does not take you long before you get stuck. At once you find that a certain man (often without sacred ordination) started his church and constituted him bishop. Catholic bishops are not like that; the family tree of each of them will take you to the 12 apostles of the Lord. It means that every Catholic bishop is a direct descendant of the Twelve apostles of the Lord.

**Canon 375:** *By divine institution, bishops succeed the apostles through the Holy Spirit who is given to them. They are pastors in the church, teachers of doctrine, priests of sacred worship and ministers of governance. By their episcopal consecration the bishop receives the three offices of sanctifying, of teaching and of governing the people of God* The office of a bishop is not simply an administrative convenience established by the church, something which could be abandoned; rather it is the will of Jesus Christ for his church. Catholic bishops form a teaching and governing body of the universal church; we call it *magisterium*. They are successors of the apostles, a succession not merely a human affair but a divine institution. The bishop is a **teacher** of Christian doctrine, a **high priest** of sacred worship and a **governor** of the people of God.

**Canon 377** *The Pope and only the Pope appoints bishops or confirms those lawfully elected.* In the early church, the people elected their own bishop. Later, the election was restricted to members of the clergy of that diocese. Politicians and rich families as usual poked their claws in the affairs of the church, such that The Holy See came to reserve to itself the right to appoint bishops. As a matter of fact the majority of catholic bishops are appointed by the Pope himself.

Rome is never taken by surprise. Do you know that every three years the bishops of an ecclesiastical province draw up by common accord and in absolute secret manner a list of priests who they think are suitable for the episcopate and send it to the Apostolic See? This helps the Pope to have relevant information on possible candidates among priests who can take the episcopal office should the need arise. An individual bishop is free to suggest to the Apostolic See names of priests from his diocese who can become bishops. Unlike some politicians who never want to give up power, Catholic bishops are constantly on the look out to find suitable men who can succeed them.

The episcopal office in the Catholic Church carries great responsibility and accountability before God. The Catholic Bishop is not 'one of the men we have around, He is a Father, a Pastor, a Priest a Law giver and a Judge' Remember to pray for your bishop.

### **The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs**

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### **St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church**

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### **Parish development**

Gift aid... £58.00 Loose.....£364.61 Total.....£422.61

Sat. lunches....£ Restoration.£ 25.28 Heating.....£17.37

Thank you all.

**Second collection :**

**Feasts occur during the week :** 8th September Nativity of the BI Virgin Mary. On this blessed feast-day we celebrate the dawning of our redemption.

**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@friendsoftheholylan.d.org.uk

**Thought on marriage :** On Tuesday 29th August, we celebrated the feast of St. John the Baptist, who was martyred for rebuking king Herod Antipas (MT. 14). King Herod had taken his half-brother's wife Herodias. In defense of morality, dignity and sanctity of marriage, St. John the Baptist was beheaded at the request of Herodias, through her daughter. As we seek the intercession of St. John the Baptist, who showed the world 'The Lamb of God' we as Christians are reminded the extent to which we should go to defend marriage and family, speak out against adultery, jealousy and abuse of power in our families.

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

### **MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from—3rd to 10th Sept 2017**

Sat	02	11.45am	Ann Quigley (lately dead)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	03	11.30am	Bert Davies (Birthday)
Mon	04	12.10pm	Bernadette Burke (RIP)
Tues	05	12.10pm	Funeral (Emmanuel McErlean)
Wed	06	12.10pm	Nora Monaghan (RIP)
Thurs	07	12.10am	Davis Family (Spl Int) Ron Pickering (RIP)
Fri	08	12.10pm	Jim Cosgrove (B'day celebration)
Sat	09	11.45am	Alan Goodwin (RIP)
		5.30pm	Geoff Whitehead (RIP)
Sun	10	11.30am	People of the Parish

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **Weekend 2nd Sept 2017**

5.30pm Ann E and Bernadette (R)  
Maggie (E)

#### **Weekend 3rd Sept 2017**

11.30am June and Charles (R)  
Catherine and Patsy (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 Carrusso, 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 :** Kelly David, Morris Margaret, McWhinney Mary Monica, Byrne John, McDaid Mavis, Franklin Reginald Edward, Kiernan John, Ryan Donald, Kathleen Brady, Breen Maunice, Reid Grace, Inckle Phyllis Winifred, Earley Linda, Frankie Brown.

**Funeral announcement:** There will be Requiem Mass on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 12.10pm for Emmanuel Gerard McErlean of 24, Barker Butts Lane, Coundon, Coventry who died on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and the reception will be on 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm. Interment at Lentons Lane Cemetery. Let us come together to pray for his soul.