

## Parish News & Notices



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** As part of the 24 hours' adoration requested by Archbishop Bernard in his Lent Pastoral Letter, St Osburg's will be hosting Adoration for the deanery on 9th/10th March. On Friday the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 10am to 2pm, with Mass at 12:10pm. On Saturday it will be from 10am to 2pm with Mass at 11:45am. Priests will be available to hear Confession during Adoration, but not during Mass. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come for a longer or shorter period.

**The Lenten Season** is an invitation to turn to God and also try our best to improve our human relationships in deeper spiritual manner. We are asked to pray for those preparing for the Sacraments during this season.

**Sundays in Lent** are days of prayer for candidates for the Sacraments. In our parish, we have 2 candidates - please pray especially for them and also all those attending the joint course at St Mary's.

**Stations of the Cross** are celebrated at 6pm every Friday during the season of Lent.

**Walk With Me Booklets:** The Walk With Me booklets are available at the back of church. If you haven't already, please take one and use it during Lent.

**Lenten Rosary at the statue of Our Lady of Coventry:** This annual Lenten witness of faith takes place every Friday during Lent at the Statue of Our Lady in the Priory Gardens at 1.40pm. Parishioners from across the deanery attend. Everybody is most welcome.

**Easter Flowers:** Next week we will be having a second collection towards the cost of flowers for the church at Easter.

**Mother's Day:** Next Sunday is Mother's Day. We will be including a special blessing for mothers during the 11.30 mass. All mothers and children are welcome.

**Easter Mass Cards** are now available in the sacristy.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:** run pilgrimages from €279/person. Please see the poster at the back of church for details.

**Church Heating:** Our grateful thanks to the family who donated £300 towards the church heating fund.

**Newsletter Online:** For those of you that have access to the internet, you can get our parish newsletter (and those of other parishes) on the Coventry Deanery website, <http://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/newsletters/>. This is probably the most environmentally friendly way to read our newsletter!



ON SILENT MODE PLEASE

**Mobile Phones Reminder** - Please remember to switch off your phones or put on 'silent' when in church. It is very distracting when mobiles ring while others are praying.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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#### MONEY AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIP IN REFERENCE TO FAITH

In the Gospels, our Lord mentioned that we should use money, tainted as it is, to win friends... (Lk 16:9-13), pointing to the establishment of good relationships with others. On this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, the cleansing of the Temple event seems to centre on the misuse of money based on trade in the sacred place with inappropriate attitudes. Money changers' tables were overturned and pigeon sellers were told not to turn God's temple into a robber's den (Mark 11:15-17). Later on, Judas Iscariot betrayed the Lord with thirty silver coins (Matt. 27:3-5), lured into betrayal by money, demonstrating a broken relationship with the Lord.

In these two events, the Gospels remind us of our attitude towards money and recall us to be trustworthy. In simple terms, money is something to which value is attached by society for transactions of services and goods for human material living. There is no doubt that money is central to life's activities in this world; it is difficult to live without it. Human success and material development are measured in terms of the amount of money or wealth an individual or society has in reserve. As human beings we work for it until we retire and it is never enough. However, fundamental to this is the power of God that gives us the intelligence to acquire skills, and who gives us sound health to earn money as we work for it.

The questions posed to us today are: How and where is money being raised and used? Do we get money by rightful means? Does the money we have build our relationship with God to protect His creation? ("**the earth our common home**" as presented by the Holy Father, Pope Francis in "**LAUDATO SI**") Are we destroying it by the disproportionate extraction of world's natural resources that deplete the earth and pollute the world water bodies, on the pretext of the search for more money or wealth for development? Does money bring closer unity among members of family or communities? Does the reasonable possession of wealth bring us closer to God to protect creation? Do we use what we have as human beings to give glory to God, or does it cause us to drift away from God? These questions can only be satisfactorily answered if money can be used to improve our trust in God and respect for human life. The present wars and violence in the world are clear manifestations of an inordinate search for wealth that needs serious redressing based on faith.

The contemporary problems of lack of accountability, exploitation, violence, wars, corruption, inequality, quarrels or disagreements and injustice, are tendencies to pay more attention to money than to human beings and relationship with God. We are called to overturn these tendencies during this Lenten season to build better communities.

### The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

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Parish Safeguarding Representative: Anne Collins 024 7667 0304

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Headteacher: Mrs Nicola Rynott.

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

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Parish Priest: Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

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Parish priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ

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### Parish development

**Collection - Gift aid:** £104.00 **Loose:** £363.37 **Total:** £467.37

**Restoration:** £5.80 **Heating:** £344.00 **Candles:** £90.09 **Hall Rental:** £25.00

**Saturday Lunches:** £93.47 **Cafod (second collection):** £702.72 **Rent:** £500

Thank you for your generosity.

**The Second Collection** taken this week is for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral and next week for Easter flowers.

### 300 Club February Draw

1st Prize: 676 J Skidmore

2nd Prize: 545 J McGrogan

3rd Prize: 572 A Hamilton

4th Prize: 360 L Murphy

In the event of any queries, contact Ann Fenton on tel 024 7659 9544

### School News:

- Next Friday, 9th March, the Year 3 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please continue to pray for them.
- Forthcoming school masses are on Thursdays at 9.10am on 15th March and 29th March. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK from 3rd- 11th March 2018

|       |    |         |                                   |
|-------|----|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat   | 3  | 11.45am | John Hornby (Anniversary)         |
|       |    |         | Mary & Brendan (Get well)         |
|       |    | 5.30pm  | Sean & Jim (Sp Int)               |
| Sun   | 4  | 11.30am | People of the Parish              |
| Mon   | 5  | 12.10pm | Stewart Harrison (Get well)       |
|       |    |         | Laurence Gallen (RIP)             |
| Tues  | 6  | 12.10pm | Bernadette McHugh (60th birthday) |
|       |    |         | Kyle Gaffney (RIP)                |
| Wed   | 7  | 12.10pm | Ann Hobbs (RIP)                   |
|       |    |         | Holy Souls                        |
| Thurs | 8  | 12.10pm | Rose Kilkelly (RIP)               |
|       |    |         | Holy Souls                        |
| Fri   | 9  | 12.10pm | Fr Sunday (Sp Int)                |
| Sat   | 10 | 11.45am | Eamon Mullalley (RIP)             |
|       |    | 5.30pm  | People of the Parish              |
| Sun   | 11 | 11.30am | James O'Haire (Birthday)          |

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday 3rd March

**5.30PM** Ann F & Teresa (R)

Zen (E)

#### Sunday 4th March

11.30am School Readers (R),

Charles, Patsy (E)

**Cleaners:** This week's team is Team 1.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions:** Pope Francis has asked Catholics to join him in his intentions for the month of March, which are - "**Formation in Spiritual Discernment**; that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels."

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** Eileen McHugh, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correvisgandis, Anne Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Ruth Clithero, Jan Carusso, Tom McDermott, Winnie McDermott, Gerald Douglas, Shirley Hartnett, Stephen Bayliss, Jackie Buckley, Dave Riliott, Alan Davis, Margaret Ghen, Bridie & Benny McAndrew, Christine Strong, Hilda Gibson, Sheila Biggs.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:**

Harry Hodgson, John Healey, Bridget Green, Brian Farish, Christie Byrne, Bill O'Sullivan,

