

## Matters of Importance

**RCIA session** 6th November 6:00pm in Lady's chapel. Those members of our community who are taking this program are informed.

**Coventry Winter Night Shelter is looking for volunteers** For the fifth year, this initiative to welcome 20 people sleeping rough during winter months is back in Coventry. Starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, we will be serving a warm meal, a bed and some breakfast. We are now recruiting volunteers, new and veterans, to help us bring some hope to people living on the streets. If you are interested or would like more information, please visit <http://hopecoventry.org.uk/projects/coventry-winter-night-shelter/>, or contact Bernardo on [cwnscoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cwnscoordinator@gmail.com), 07450 693897. **St Osburgs** is hosting the night shelter on Wednesday evenings/Thursday breakfast - if you would like to help please contact as above or phone Louisa Hopkins 07828 739064 if you would like to find out more. We are particularly looking for people to help with the night shift 10pm - 7am at St Osburg's, working alongside experienced volunteers, but help on the evening and breakfast shifts will also be appreciated. There are training sessions on Thursday 9th and Thursday 16th November at The Welcome Centre, 47 Parkside, CV1 2HG,. Everybody is welcome, no need to register or to have applied. You will find more information on our Facebook page: Coventry Winter Night Shelter.

**Masses for the Holy Souls:** requested during November 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.

**Deceased Priests of the Coventry Deanery:** will have a Holly Mass offered for them 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.

**Theological talk:** WERNER JEANROND a distinguished Oxford University Professor of Theology, Master of Benet's Hall, speaking in Birmingham, on Saturday 11th November at Newman House, Harrison's Road, Edgbaston, B15 3QR. Arrive 10.30 for 11am start, finish at 4pm, no charge, parking available. Take some packed lunch. Topic: 'THE CHURCH STILL EVOLVING' and 'THE LAITY'S ROLE CHANGING'.

**Thanks for these donations:** I received some good furniture (office desks, a conference table with its six chairs and filing cabinets for St. Osburgs presbytery. They were donated by Murry Family in remembrance of their parents Late Ralph and Catherine Murray who lived at Hewitt Avenue. Again with great thanks on your behalf I received a donation from the family of Michael Heavey (RIP) and Mrs Michael Doherty towards the restoration of our Church I thank the two families for their great generosity.

**Pope's invitation:** The Holy Father invites all Christian people to prayer and fasting in support of the Vatican Conference for a world free from nuclear weapons and for integral disarmament. The Conference will take place in Rome on 10th-11th November 2015. In his message to the United Nations in March 2017, the Holy Father said that "we live in a time of hope and of sadness. **Hope** expressed in the support of the Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty which many countries have begun to endorse, and sadness because major nuclear weapon countries including UK, USA, Russia, France and China have not signed.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### Parish Newsletter - 31th Sunday -Year A 5th -12th November 2017

#### WE SHALL NEED THEM SOME DAY:

On November 2nd the Church celebrated the Feast of All Souls, we remembered our brothers and sisters who have died. We Catholics continue to pray for the dead, trusting them to God's mercy. If we did not hope in God's mercy it would be a waste of time to pray for the dead. For most Catholics, the idea of praying for the dead is really second nature. We have blessing prayers for the body of someone who has just died, we have wake services, funeral Masses, graveside services, and often memorial Masses on the anniversary of someone's death. Catholics entertain the thought that God listens to the prayers we offer for others including the dead..

The earliest Bible reference to prayers for the dead comes in the Second book of Maccabees which recounts the struggle of the Jewish people for freedom against the Seleucid Empire, around 100-200 BC. The books of Maccabees tell how Judas Maccabee, the Jewish leader, led his troops into war in 163 B.C. When the battle ended he directed that the bodies of those Jews who had died be buried. As soldiers prepared their slain comrades for burial, they discovered that each was wearing an amulet taken as booty from a pagan Temple at Jamnia. This violated the Law of Moses and so Judas and his soldiers prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed (II Maccabees 12:39-45).

This is the first indication in the Bible of a belief that prayers offered by the living can help free the dead from any sin that would separate them from God in the life to come. St. Paul in the New Testament offered prayer for a man named Onesiphorus who had died: "**May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day**" (2Timothy 1:18). The cave-like tombs under the city of Rome, which we call catacombs, bear evidence that members of the Roman Christian community gathered there to pray for their fellow followers of Christ who lay buried there.

The practice of praying for the dead is rooted in Christian belief in the everlasting life promised by Jesus and foreshadowed by his disciple's experience that God had raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we continue a personal existence whose life transcends death.

During this month of November let us remember to pray for those members of our families who have died. It is true that God is merciful but we have also to know that his mercy does not take away his justice. Some Christian denominations especially those who take heaven to be their birth-right think that praying for the dead is useless since we cannot change the mind of God. I think this is another way of saying that God is a brutal tyrant who will listen to none

As your priest, I wish to ask you that we join together in offering prayers for the dead. God's mercy should not be taken for granted, We pray for them now, others will pray for us tomorrow. Yes we shall need prayers some day.

### The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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### Parish development

Gift aid.... £123.00 Loose.....£ 325.15 Total.....£ 448.15

Sat. lunches....£ 95.00 Restoration.£ 61.41 Heating.....£ 11.56

Thank you for your generosity.

**Second collection : retired and infirm clergy:**

**St Osburgs Christmas Bazaar** will be taking place on Saturday 25th November, 11am - 2pm. Please come and join us in celebrating this event.

**Each year, we celebrate November** as the **Month of the Holy Souls** and remember the faithful who have gone before us. November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, is an opportunity to **share God's love** and His desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven. **You can remember friends and family**, both living and departed, by making a **Mass Offering** or by **lighting a Prayer Candle**.

### 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 – 5th –12th Nov 2017

Sat	04	11.45am	Requiem Mass
		5.30pm	Maurice, Margaret & Patrick Laughlin (Anni) Christine Knox (80 <sup>th</sup> B'day)
Sun	05	11.30am	Parishioners of Roscommon Parish Ireland
Mon	06	12.10pm	Peter Hastings (Anni)
Tues	07	12.10pm	Robert & Sarah Hancocks (B'day)
Wed	08	12.10pm	Christina (Get Well) Robert Leckenby (Sp Int)
Thurs	09	12.10pm	Niamh Goodwin (B'day), Bobby Gamble (RIP)
Fri	10	12.10pm	Christina (Get Well)
Sat	11	11.45am	Ann Doyle (60 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	12	11.30am	Michael Carr (Anni), Peter & Jim McCann (RIP)

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### Weekend 11th Nov 2017

5.30PM Ann F (R)  
Bernadette (E)

#### Weekend 12th Nov 2017

11.30am Schoolchildren (R)  
June & Charles (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 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 :** Normoyle Bridgit Agnes, Giltrap Beatrice, Hambridge Florence, Gaffney Ryal John, Breen Pauline,

**Keep our Church warm during winter:** For two years we have managed to keep St. Osburg church warm. Thanks for your generosity. Please remember to keep the doors closed every time you come in or go out of the church. Pay attention to small box at the back of the church in which we put some donations towards keeping the church warm. Thank you again for being so generous.

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

<b>TEAM 1</b>		<b>TEAM 2</b>
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*