

Youth Ministry: I'm looking for some young people who can help me to bring young people together for their good, for the excellence of their talents in organising things and for the exercise of their potentials as true leaders of today and tomorrow. Young people have so much to offer the world. The parish has so many activities in which young people can get involved for the building of self confidence, skills and expression of faith. If you are interested in engaging in youth ministry in the parish please speak to the priest or else drop me an e-mail lutwajim@yahoo.com or WhatsApp message at 07906124756.

"The Gift" A Life in the spirit seminar: is going on these days at Christ the King parish bringing together Catholics from Coventry denary. It is meant for all of us to renew our faith and to deepen our love. Some parishioners have gone to the talks which take place every Thursday stating 7:00pm. The themes being covered are as follows:

Week 1 Thursday 27th April	The Father's Love
Week 2 Thursday 2th May	The Gift of the Holy Spirit.
Week 3 Thursday 11th May	A personal Pentecost
Week 4 Thursday 18th May	The joy of the gospel
Week 5 Thursday 25th May	Unwrapping God's Gift
Week 6 Thursday 8th June	Living in the Spirit

These talks are very important for renewal of the parish and of personal life. I encourage you to attend them if you can.

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 £1:00pound 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

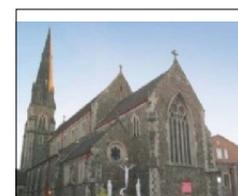
Thought on marriage: It is within the Family, that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all members of the same exercise the *priesthood of the baptized* in a privileged way "by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity." Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and "a school for human enrichment." Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life.

Novena to the Sacred Heart: Maryvale Institute annual Novena and pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. Mass sermon and prayers each evening starting at 8:00pm. Novena prayers will start from Thursday 15th to 23rd June 2017 June Feast of the Sacred Heart Sunday 25th June 2017 3.00pm PILGRIMAGE AFTERNOON Principal Celebrant: Rev. Fr. David Oakley Rector of Oscott College Birmingham. Open air Mass and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament in honour of the Sacred Heart Maryvale House, Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding, Birmingham, B44 9AG For further clarification please call 0121 360 8118

Marriages abroad: some people have fixed dates to get married abroad in their home countries. Please note that there are some requirements that you need to fulfil including some paperwork. It is not enough to turn up to the office to collect a letter of freedom, your parish priest needs to know you first. Please remember that the saying "*this is my church*" does not refer to the church within your geographical area BUT to ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—4th Sunday of Easter Year A - 7th to 14th May 2017

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

During the week, I received sad news from some members of our parish community concerning the tragic death of their family members. One incident involved a 22 year old soldier who was killed in a suicide bombing by Boko Haram along the Cameroon– Nigerian border. He had an ailing dad in hospital, when this dad received the news of his son's death, he simply decided to go. The two bodies of father and son were placed side by side in the family parlor. The other incident involved the death of a mother (59) who was nursed by her children for several years. She died and was buried leaving nine children amidst tears.

There is nothing strange about death since it comes to everyone but there is something strange about the way people react when it comes to us. I remember meeting people in my ministry who would give testimony at every occasion to tell how they loved God. Like Simon Peter they would say to Jesus "*Lord I will lay down my life for you*" however once death visited their families, they turned against God and against the church. They became angry with God questioning where he was and what he was doing when their dear one died?

The strange thing I greatly admired in the behavior of the two families that lost their dear ones was that even after receiving the news, they came to Sunday Mass, said their prayers and commended their grief to the Lord. There is a lesson we can all learn here and it is this: any meaningful bereavement cannot exclude the recognition of the presence of God. When we realize that whatever takes place in our life and whatever goes on in our innermost selves is because God has willed it, every tragedy achieves meaning and every success is seen as God's providence.

In the past people used to have prediction of what might come; they could see life coming to a close such that they prepared themselves for the worst. It is no longer the case these days, you are not sure whether your dear one will return home not until he returns. I'm not sure whether we are heading for greater surprises but the way some people react to tragedies can clearly show that their faith in God is the reason to keep calm and strong. As I get older I realize that my body is playing up here and there but I realize too that any meaningful mourning of the aches and pains we all have cannot exclude our trust that God knows it all, he will take care of us. God knows me personally, he will take care of me personally.

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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish development

Gift aid..... £ 105.00 Loose.....£345.65 Total..... £450.65

Sat. lunches....£ 59.65 Restoration.£ 265.41 Heating.....£26.38 Thank you.

Second collection 7th May for Clergy Training Fund. Today we have a second collection for the training of priests in the diocese of Birmingham. The availability of a priest to every baptised Christian is very important for our sanctification. Thank you for your generosity.

During the week St.Osburg's received a donation of £300. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. We are very grateful for this very generous donation to our church. A big thank you and may God bless you!

Reception of Marie Logan RIP - her body will be received into St.Osburg's Church on Monday 8th May at 7pm. Her funeral and Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 9th May at 12.10pm.

Funeral of Margaret Savage RIP will take place on Wednesday 10th May at 2.15pm.

Reception of Matthew Paul Kelly RIP - his body will be received into St.Osburg's Church at 6pm on Sunday 14th May. His funeral and Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 15th May at 12.10pm.

Piety Stall: as you might have noticed the piety stall has been very quiet for sometime I need someone to volunteer to help at the piety stall please talk to the priests if you can.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 7th to 14th May 2017

Sat	06	11.45am	The Kirkwood Family. (Spl. Int)
		5.30pm	Mary Gilmartin (B/day)
Sun	07	12.10pm	Marie Logan. (RIP). Alan Goodwin. (RIP)
Mon	08	12.10pm	Andrew Raffell (RIP) Ann Normoyle (B/day)
Tues	09	12.10pm	Requiem Mass Marie Logan (RIP)
Wed	10	12.10pm	Consolata (RIP)
Thurs	11	12.10pm	Margaret Murrin (Spl. Int)
Fri	12	12.10pm	Elizabeth McDonald (Spl.Int)
Sat	13	11.45am	Consolata (RIP)
		5.30pm	Katie Laird (Spl. Int)
Sun	14	11.30am	Ann Doyle (Spl. Int)

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>6th/7th May</u>	<u>13th/14th May</u>
5.30pm	Ann F., Maggie (R) Teresa (E)	Ann E , Bernadette (R) Zen (E)
10.30am	Janet, Charles (R) Maggie, June (E)	Maggie, Charles (R) Patsy, Catherine

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 : Delia McNally, Bridget Philomena McNally, Julia, Millard Edward Robert, Thomas Martin Ryan, Boden Christina, Duddy Mora Patricia, Kate Agnes Eden.