

Matters of importance

Education Sunday: Today is 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. The second collection on Education Sunday will be for the diocese's education work, and the Catholic Education Service.

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated on 17th 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.

Coventry Intercultural Mass is on 17th September, 3.30pm at St John Fisher Church. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. 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, please see leaflets in porch or call Peter Dimambro on 01926 428399

50th anniversary of Risen Christ Church, Wyken Croft, invites everyone to their 50th Anniversary celebrations. They will be hosting a 'sports evening' (nothing too arduous!) with a fish and chip supper on Saturday, 30th September. Please bring your own drinks.

INSPIRING HOPE: A talk given by Bishop William Kenney on his experience of Sudan and South Sudan and the work of CAFOD there. Thursday 28th September at Sacred Heart Church Bilton 7.30pm-9pm. All welcome.

Funeral rites for His Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor : Reception on Tuesday 12th September at Westminster Cathedral. On Wednesday 13th September Cardinal Vincent Nicholas will celebrate the Funeral Mass and immediately after the Requiem Mass the body will be interred in the Cathedral. *Entrance is by ticket only.*

Catholic certificate of Religious studies : This is important and relevant to all. It is designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic faith, whether directly or indirectly, and is open to catechists, people involved in liturgical work and other interested adults. More about the certificate, course dates and fees, please visit www.brs-ccrs.org.uk or call 02070901 1900

Tabor House : a new project helping the homeless in Birmingham is looking for volunteers. Please contact: ChristyActon@fatherhudsons.org.uk. They are also organising a bike ride on Sunday 1st October to raise funds. Contact: mchael@stjohnrcamworth.org.uk if you would like to help.

Come & hear Marie's story: 'From 5 abortions to healing with Christ', a testimony you will never forget. '40 Days for Life' Kick-off event on Sun 24th Sept, 3pm, Upper Cloister Room, B'ham Oratory, 141 Hagley Rd, B16 8EU. All welcome. For further information contact Isabel: 07773501721.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 23rd Sunday -Year A - 10th to 17th Sept 2017

THE EFFECT CANNOT BE MORE PERFECT THAN ITS CAUSE:

Recently I heard of a bible exhibition in one part of the city which attracted my attention; I went to see what was going on. Someone welcomed me at the door who immediately entrusted me to somebody she called a bible scholar; "*this one will take you through the whole Bible*" she said. Well the explanation of the Bible started full of wrong interpretations. You see people who have little knowledge about something are the ones who act as if they know everything about it. After going through the whole bible exhibition, I wanted to ask some questions because I felt that the exhibition was based on heretical arguments which neither reason nor common sense would sustain. For example I was told that I must take whatever was written in the bible literally otherwise to say anything extra or to seek meaning other than that implied would make me a judge of the Word of God, such that it would cease to be an authoritative Word.

It is sad to note that in the Catholic Church Bible study is not very common in families or among small local communities in parishes. Because of this, you cannot tell how much distortion of the bible message is being done by the so called self styled bible teachers. In the exhibition I was told that the world was created in 6 days, That Noah took all animals in the ark and God closed their mouths until after the flood. (*The replica of the ark was there showing which animal was kept where*) It was said that Mary had other children beside Jesus because the bible says that, "His brothers and sisters came looking for him" "The Catholic priests should not be called 'Father' because the bible says 'you should not call anybody 'father'. The Pope is not Vicar of Christ or successor to Peter because he is not appointed by or approved by the Queen. It was also claimed that there was no Bible in the church until the Authorised King James Version published in 1611. All sorts of rubbish was present in the so called bible exhibition.

It is important that as Catholics, we do our best to understand the history of the church. The proliferation of Christian preachers has brought about so many churches. As you know founders of different churches apart from the Catholic Church which was started by Jesus himself sowed within those churches seeds of heresy which cannot be reconciled with the traditional faith and teaching of the church. While you might find a lot of condemnations and accusations made against the church, its liturgy, its authority and beliefs, it is natural that those who separate from the source find themselves carrying with them some heretical ideas condemned by the source. It is ridiculous to think that the result (effect) of something is more perfect than that from which it comes! To put it more simple, it will be a wishful thinking for anyone to imagine that after centuries of the existence of the Catholic Church, one has discovered errors in it, therefore he or she has decided to start a more perfect church than that founded by Jesus Christ.

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Parish development

Gift aid.... £ 90.00 Loose.....£359.97 Total..... £449.97

Sat. lunches....£ Restoration.£ 225.65 Heating.....£19.45

Second collection : 10th September— Catholic Education service

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 .

St. Osburg's feast Saturday 9th September: To celebrate the life of the Parish and school saint, on Thursday 7th Sept, Fr. Pontius and the children of our Parish school led the feast day celebration of the Mass and on Friday pupils enjoyed the ice cream to continue the celebration. May St. Osburg bless our Parish and school.

Dancing At Godiva Sisters Celebration : Sunday 10th September, as part of the city's Godiva Day event, St. Osburg's pupils have been invited to join the Civic procession through the city centre with the Lord Mayor and attend a celebration event which will be held in the Priory Gardens. The procession starts in Broadgate at 2.40pm and then moves to the Priory Gardens where Year 5 will be dancing shortly after 3pm. It would be lovely to see members of our school and parish community there.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from - 10th to 17th September 2017

Sat	09	11.45am	Alan Goodwin (RIP)
		5.30pm	Geoff Whitehead (RIP)
Sun	10	11.30am	People of the Parish
Mon	11	12.10pm	The Nolan Family (for protection) , George & Fiona (Spl Int)
Tues	12	12.10pm	Rita Jordan, George Johnson (Get well)
Wed	13	12.10pm	Betty Clarkin (RIP) Betty Davey (B'day)
Thurs	14	12.10am	Sr. Philomena Rooney (Sp Int) , Emmanuel McErlean (RIP)
Fri	15	12.10pm	Margaret Murrin (Special Intention), Jennifer White (50 th Birthday)
Sat	16	11.45am	Betty Clarkin (RIP)
		5.30pm	PJ Barrett (Special Intention)
Sun	17	11.30am	People of the Parish, Christine Dunne (50 th B'day)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 9th Sept 2017

5.30pm Ann F & Maria (R)
Bernadette (E)

Weekend 10th Sept 2017

11.30am Maggie & Charles (R)
Zen and Teresa (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 Corvevisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Clithero, Jan Caruso, 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 : Frankie Brown, Hayes Rosalen, Whiting Margaret Mary, McGurk Terence Phillips, O'Driscoll Jeremian, Reidy Gerard, Hanlon James Anthony

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

St Osburg's Christmas Bazaar: The Bazaar this year will be on Saturday 25th November. We will hold a bazaar planning meeting on Monday 25th September at 7pm in the Priory. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please put this meeting in your diary.