

Matters of Importance

Coventry Winter Night Shelter: As the winter season comes along St. Osburg parish will again open its doors to the homeless people of our city every Wednesday night starting on 1st December until March. This is a Coventry Catholic deanery initiative to show our kindness to those who spend cold winter nights on the city streets without a home. Every catholic should look at this initiative as a collective witness to charity. I have asked Ms Janet Wiltshire to act as a liaison between the parish administration and the leaders of the Night shelter when it takes place at St. Osburg, a task she has graciously decided to undertake.

Keep our Church warm during winter: for two years we have managed to keep St. Osburg church warm. I'm pleased to note that people rarely talk to me about cold in the church however this is due to your generosity. I wish to bring to your attention the box at the back of the church in which we put some donations towards keeping the church warm. It is my great desire to keep ourselves warm when we come to church. Thanks to those who contribute towards this good cause.

Ecumenical convention: everyone is welcome to attend and participate in an ecumenical commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday October 29th at 4 pm. The guest speakers will be Bishop William Kenney and Senior Pastor Albrecht Köstlin-Büürma. Music will be led and performed by the Choir of Beverley Minster.

The Catholic Chaplain Fr. Jimmy Lutwama who is also our parish priest invites students and staff of Coventry University to join him in welcoming new student in the parish this coming Sunday 29th October 2017. The Mass will be at St. Mary & Benedict Church starting at 11.30am. There will be some light refreshments after the Mass in the parish hall for the students both new and old.

World Mission Sunday 22nd Oct 2017 : The next Sunday, Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. This year Missio will be encouraging the faithful of England and Wales to 'help bring peace to South Sudan' and throughout the world through your prayers and financial support.

Mass for sick at St. Osburg last Sunday was well attended by the sick and housebound of our parishes round Coventry. and all who are suffering from a mental or physical problem may receive the thanks to Sisters; Philomena and Theresa who organise this event and who spend much time visiting the sick and housebound of our parish, taking Holy Communion, praying with them and spending time with them. Thanks to the good ladies who prepared coffee and tea for all our guests.

Confirmation: Adults who will be confirmed this October are reminded that preparation session will take place on Monday 23rd Oct 6.00pm at St. Mary's parish hall. You are asked to attend without fail.

Deceased Priests of the Coventry Deanery: Every year we celebrate Mass for all the deceased priests who have served in the Coventry parishes over the years, and each year we celebrate the Mass in a different parish. This year the Mass will be here in **Sacred Heart at 7.00pm on Tuesday November 14th**. All the Catholics of Coventry are invited and there will be refreshments afterwards in the Hall. Please make a special effort to come.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 29th Sunday -Year A – 22nd to 29th Oct 2017

THE SIGN OF PEACE IS NOT A "GOOD MORNING" GREETING

During my holidays an elderly lady came to me complaining because she had gone to Mass the previous Sunday and the priest did not tell the people to greet each other. *"Ooh Father I was so disappointed she said, "because I had wanted to greet my neighbour who has not greeted me for a long time, she accidentally sat by me during Mass and I thought the priest would tell us as he usually does to say hallo to one another during Mass. When he did not tell us to do so, I felt disappointed because my neighbour left without speaking a word to me."*

Well the lady might not be alone, there might be so many Christians who might look at the 'Sign of peace we exchange at Mass as an occasion to say 'halo' to the person next to us. It is not.

The spiritual symbolism of the act is found in the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24). The Sign of peace is shared just before Holy Communion. It comes at the breaking of the bread during which "the Lamb of God is implored to give us his peace." The early Christians took to heart the instructions of Jesus and incorporated the action into their celebrations of the Eucharist.

After the resurrection, Jesus greeted the disciples with the words "Peace be with you" During the Sign of Peace we invoke the peace of the risen Lord to come upon our neighbour. Christianity is about challenging our own prejudices and put others first. I find it odd that some worshippers make a big show of sociability at the Sign of peace; some pat on the shoulders, others slap, others hug and some give hot kisses in the middle of the Mass –and then completely ignore each other thereafter. None of these is liturgically correct since the Sign of Peace at Mass is not a liturgical form of "good morning," but a witness to the Christian faith that true peace is a gift of Christ himself through his death and resurrection for our salvation. **Therefore The Peace of Christ be with you'**

The Apostolic Constitutions, a document written in the 4th century, instructs that after the Prayer of the Faithful, "let the bishop salute the church, and say, The peace of God be with you all. And let the people answer, And with your spirit; and let the deacon say to all, Salute one another with the **holy** kiss." Underline the word HOLY

Next time you share the sign of peace with someone during Mass, remember that you are doing the action of Christ himself. Know what you are doing, and do it sincerely in his name. It is a solemn moment of a Christian Assembly celebrating the Mass.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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

Parish development

Gift aid.... £135 **Loose.....**£ 313.41 **Total.....**£ 448.41

Sat. lunches....£ 102.23 **Restoration.**£ 23.72 **Heating.....**£ 24.30

Thank you for your generosity.

Second collection : 22nd Oct APF (World Mission Sunday)

St Osburgs Christmas Bazaar will be taking place on Saturday 25th November, 11am - 2pm. We appeal for items (in good condition) for the stalls including unwanted gifts, toys, bric-a-brac, groceries, tombola prizes, bottles, etc. please either bring to the Sacristy or the Priory. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please see Janet Wiltshire.

The agent for Father Christmas would welcome financial contributions towards providing the contents of his sack - the packing elves are standing ready! Please put any contributions in an envelope and hand it in, clearly marked, "**Father Christmas sack**" at the sacristy or the priory. Children visiting him should not go away empty handed.

Marriage Encounter Weekends will be taking place at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby (Residential) 24th- 26th November 2017. ME weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. For further information go to www.wvme.org.uk or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from – 22nd to 29th Oct 2017

Sat	21	11.45am	People of the Parish
		5.30pm	Pete Murphy (6 th Anniv)
Sun	22	11.30am	Donald Cunningham, Michael Mulholland (RIP) John Cassidy (6 th Anniv)
Mon	23	12.10pm	Joseph Grey (RIP), Holy Souls
Tues	24	12.10pm	Teresa Davies (Sp Int) Lyndsey & David Brown (happy marriage)
Wed	25	12.10pm	Nkwayep Mpafe (Sp Int)
Thurs	26	12.10pm	Elizabeth Evans (Anni)
Fri	27	12.10pm	Leo McDermott (RIP) Andy McBrien (B'day)
Sat	28	11.45am	Maureen Middleton (RIP)
		5.30pm	Fermin Florig Araneta (RIP) Margaret Ryan (RIP)
Sun	29	11.30am	People of the Parish, Basil Morley (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

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 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 : Gough Boyd, Gill John, Igoe Michael, Murphy Patrick Joseph, Mary Kathleen Kelly, Donohue Lawrence, Kelly Sinead, Kelly Michael, Giltrap James, Dodds Elizabeth Mary, Jack Agnes Wickham, McCamphill Michelle, Stewart Walter Arthur, Daud Thomas Martin.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) those who registered to do adult catechism are reminded to attend one hour of catechism class every Monday. I ask you to take this seriously. Classes start at 6:00pm for one hour.

The Solemnity of All Saints the 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be TWO MASSES at 12:10pm and at 6:30pm respectively.

All Souls day is on 2nd November (Thursday) we shall pray for all those who have died. There will be TWO MASSES 12:10pm and 6:30pm please let us come and pray for our dear ones who have gone before us.

Coventry Pioneers Association are pleased to inform you of a meeting which will take place on Friday 27th October after the 7pm Mass in the Library at Christ the King Church. All Pioneers are welcome.