

**Daily Prayer in the family:** may I ask the parents to teach their children to pray. The best way to do so is for the children to see you praying. There are many cases showing that children reach the age of First Holy Communion, even Confirmation without knowing how to make the Sign of the Cross! There are also increasing cases of anger and misunderstandings within our families simply because spouses do not spend time with each other in prayer. Remember the saying "A family that prays together, and eats together, lives together."

**Gift Aid Donation:** as you might notice from our newsletter bulletin, the number of the parishioners who donate to the church through Gift Aid has gone down. Gift Aid Scheme is a golden chance given to UK taxpayers to claim £0.25 pence on every pound they give to charity. Your parish being a charity gets that money back as a support by the government to your chosen charity. If you are already in the Gift Aid Scheme, thank you so much but remember to use your G.A envelope whenever you come to Church. Please note that if you happen to go to Sunday Mass to another Church in Coventry please use your envelope there since the priest in that parish will send it to your parish.

**Life in the Spirit seminar is** entering its 8th and final week. Talks were being held at Christ the King parish bringing up all parishes in Coventry towards spiritual renewal. Some members of our parish have attended them which was very good of them to do. The final meeting will be on Thursday 8th June starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

**Fr. Julian Booth has stepped** down from his role as Director of the Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage. He has for the past eleven years assisted us to coordinate this event with the parishes. Fr Christopher Miller has taken on this responsibility.

**Marriage and Family Pilgrimage** Week will be celebrated from 12th-20th August at the Catholic National Shrine Walsingham Norfolk NR22 6AL. There will be Holy Mass, Rosary, Confessions, Renewal of Marriage vows, a time to be together as families.

**The 48 Diocesan Pilgrimage** to Hednesford in honour of Our Lady will take place on Sunday 2 July 2017.

**Annual Rosary Rally** will take place this year on Sunday 27 August in the grounds of Mount St Bernard Abbey, near Whitwick in Leicestershire. Please do give this event your support. I'm sure some of us will be pleased to attend it.

**Thought on Marriage (The Domestic Church):** We must also remember the great number of *single persons* who, because of the particular circumstances in which they have to live - often not of their choosing - are especially close to Jesus' heart and therefore deserve the special affection and active solicitude of the Church, especially of pastors. Many remain *without a human family* often due to conditions of poverty. Some live their situation in the spirit of the Beatitudes, serving God and neighbour in exemplary fashion. "No one is without a family in this world: the Church is a home and a family for everyone, especially those who labour and are heavy laden.

**End Note:** With Pentecost Sunday we have come to the end of Eastertide. It has been a season of great rejoicing and blessings upon each one of us. Let us be convinced that the mystery of our religion is very deep. At the moment we see things through faith as a deem reflection in the mirror. When the time comes we shall see Him face to face. I wish you a blessed ordinary liturgical year of the Church Alleluia Alleluia.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### Parish Newsletter—Pentecost Sunday - Year A - 4th to 11th June 2017

#### THE FIRST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

When we talk about the Catholic Church some people think that it is one of the sects just like many Christian sects we have around. But it is not. The Catholic Church is Catholic because from the beginning her first members came from all over the known world excluding none. She accepted everyone who wanted to believe in Jesus men or women slaves or citizens alike. But who were the first members of the Church on Pentecost day? Where did they come from? Today's 1st Reading talks about their origins:

**Parthia** is a region in north-eastern Iran. It was the political and cultural base of the Arsacid dynasty (247 BC – 224 AD) which occupied the whole of modern Iran, Iraq and Armenia, parts of Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan Pakistan and Syria.

The **Medes** were a people who lived in Media north western Iran between 1000 BC to around 900 BC. They spoke the Median language.

**Mesopotamia** is a territory between rivers Tigris and Euphrates it corresponds to Iraq, Kuwait the eastern parts of Syria and southern Turkey. It is the site of the earliest civilization in human history including the invention of the wheel the planting of the first cereal crops, the invention of cursive script, mathematics, astronomy and agriculture.

**Judeans** were people who had come from the mountainous southern part of Canaan.

**Cappadocia** is present day Turkey it means "the country of beautiful horses"

**Pontus** is a region on the southern coast of the Black Sea located in modern eastern Turkey. **Phrygia** was a kingdom in the central part of Turkey on the Sakarya River.

**Asia**, Indians, Japanese, Koreans, Chinese were all members of the first church on Pentecost Day. There were visitors from Rome may be to represent the Europeans.

**Cyrene** is Libya. On the first day the church started, the Africans joined it. The man who helped Jesus to carry his Cross was an African from Libya. Africa not only gave sanctuary to Jesus as a refugee, it helped him also to carry his cross. As we celebrate Pentecost today it is good to know that when the Church first began, you were represented. From the very beginning she was Catholic (universal) and Catholic she must be. The Catholic Church is not a sect but a Mother. If she has lived for so long and endured so much, it means that Pentecost was not a one-off event even here and now God continues to strengthen us with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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### Parish development

Gift aid..... £89;00 Loose.....£386.83 Total..... £475.83  
Sat. lunches...£ 79.84 Restoration.£ 151.47 Heating.....£

Second Collection £168.29 Catholic Communication Thank you

**Driving Lessons for the priests:** our two priests Fr. Pontius and Sunday need to acquire UK Driving Licence so that they can do their pastoral work effectively. They know how to drive but it would be much better if they acquired the required UK road safely etiquettes. I wish to ask you if there is someone among you who can help them. Please let them know.

**First Catholic Cardinal Bangladesh** is a country of 160 million people - 360,000 of whom are Catholics. That's a mere 0.2% of the population. But the Church is vibrant and thriving despite its minority status in a majority Muslim country. Pope Francis recognised the fact by appointing Archbishop Patrick D'Rozario the country's first Catholic cardinal in November 2016. Do your best to witness to Jesus no matter how insignificant you may appear to be, just carry on.

**Thank you to the family** and friends of Marie Logan RIP who donated £175.00 to the Restoration Fund in her memory.

**WE HAVE MOVED from MCN Media to church services, if you want to follow the Mass live from St. Marys go to [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) an icon of the Camera click on the link. It will take you to live events at St. Marys.**

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

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 4th to 11th June 2017

Sat	03	11.45am	Linda Conor (B/day)
		5.30pm	Elizabeth Hancocks (B/day)
Sun	04	11.30am	Marie Logan (RIP)
Mon	29	12.10pm	Bridie Mullally (b'day memorial)
Tues	30	12.10pm	Alan Goodwin (b'day memorial)
Wed	31	12.10pm	Carmel Mulholland RIP & deceased family
Thurs	01	12.10pm	Matthew Kelly (RIP)
Fri	02	12.10pm	Annie Greene (Get well) Elizabeth Hancocks (B/day)
Sat	03	11.45am	Heather Hancocks (B/day)
		5.30pm	Matthew Kelly (RIP)
Sun	04	11.30am	Matthew Kelly (RIP) month's mind

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>3rd/4th June</u>	<u>10th/11th June</u>
5.30pm	Maria, Ann F. (R) Zen (E)	Ann E., Bernadette (R) Maggie (E)
11.30am	June, Charles (R) Janet, Teresa (E)	Maggie, Charles (R) June, Catherine (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** 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 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:** Iceton Lucy, Hayes Declan, Heavy Norah, Collins Kelly Ann, Whitehead Royston, Mamalyga Wasye, Behan Brian Francis, Easton Mary, Porrena Leslie, McNamara Mildred, Land Stuart.

**Notification of Planning application:** some of you might have received notice of planning application that has been submitted for the Aylesford site next to St. Mary's Primary School. The Former care home is earmarked to be developed into a four storey building to accommodate 189 student. I wish to ask you that you do not ignore these notices which solicit for your opinion on certain important issues in your area. This is one of them. Please make it a point to air out your views if you think it concerns you.

### **St Osburg's 300 Club Draw – May Draw**

1st prize	470	J. Kavanagh	2nd prize	577	S. Grafton
3rd prize	253	P. Porretta	4th prize	511	M. Concannon

Congratulations to the winners!