

Matters of importance

CAFOD: Today we celebrate the Harvest Fast day. Your support to this Harvest will ensure millions of people around the world enough food to survive. I'm sure that most of you took the CAFOD envelopes last Sunday. We have second collection today for the same.

Thanks for praying for Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil: Eighteen months ago the Christian world was shocked by the sad news of the killing of four Nuns of Mother Theresa in cold blood in Yemen as they served breakfast to their sick and disabled patients. The photographs of the dead bodies of the nuns with their aprons tied round their waists are still so graphic in the memories of so many of us. One priest Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil who was kidnapped in the event has been under captivity for the last 18 months. The Christian world received the good news that he has been released from his captivity. In the long interview he gave to Fr Harris Pakkam (See The New Leader: India's Leading Catholic Magazine, Archdiocese of Madras No 19, Vol 130 October 1-15 2017), he thanks each and every Christian who prayed for him. I know you prayed for him too.

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-Bürma. Music will be led and performed by the Choir of Beverley Minster.

Welcome Mass for University students at St. Mary & Benedict Church who have newly joined Coventry University, will be on Sunday 29th **October 2017** at 11.30am Mass. Please note that Fr. Jimmy Lutwama the parish priest of St. Mary's & Benedict and St. Osburgs is also the Catholic Chaplain to Coventry University assisted by Sr. Leera Lobo. The parishioners of St. Mary's are enthusiastic to welcome the students who become part of their community during the course of their studies. They will be pleased to meet with the old and new students to welcome you, to pray with you and to have light refreshments with you after the Mass in the parish hall.

Mass for the bereaved: For some years now the people of St. Mary's Church who have lost their dear ones in the course of the year come together to pray for them and to thank God for their lives. If you lost a close relative between October 2016 and October 2017, and you want him/her to be included in this solemn event please contact the Parish priest or the Sisters by giving them the deceased names. The Mass for bereaved families will take place on Sunday 22nd October at 4.00pm at St. Marys Church. There will be a get together in the hall for tea and coffee. It will be an opportunity to share in each other's loss.

Prison Sunday: Today, as a church we mark Prisoners' Sunday. The focus is "*We Press On – Together, In Hope*". It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. Prisoners Sunday offers an important opportunity to open our hearts to those members of our community who may be in crisis and who need our support. Let us offer our prayers for prisoners and their dependants.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 27th Sunday -Year A -8th to 15th Oct 2017

IT IS ANOTHER WAY TO TELL WHO WE ARE:

This week I went to the printing factory to place an order for the Christmas bazaar raffle tickets. I was convinced that possibly I was the only priest in Coventry who is interested in raising some funds for the running of the parish. I was surprised however to discover that the printer was overwhelmed by the amount of orders that have been placed by priests and vicars as each of their parishes were organising themselves to have Christmas bazaars. I immediately realised that Christmas bazaar is a very good idea otherwise not many priests and vicars would take the trouble to organise them.

For our two parishes of St. Osburgs and St. Marys, Christmas bazaars are very necessary due to the circumstances in which we find our parishes today. At St. Osburg for example, we are battling with the huge debt incurred as a result of the restoration our church; and at St. Mary's we are just recovering from the £100,000.00 debt which we paid off not long ago. Beside St. Mary's parish has again undertaken a huge project to install new heating systems in the church and in the parish hall. The heating system has run its life-time. It has been quoted to cost tens of thousands of pounds. The present heating system is very expensive to run and its carbon emissions were troubling the engineers who carried out the annual services! Any fundraising activity for our two parishes will indeed be a special moment to help us to overcome our situation.

The presence of a building which we call a church, is a sign of God's presence among the people. It tells that in it God's name is called upon. It also tells another story namely that in that area, there exist people who believe in God and call upon his name. Therefore every effort we make as a people who believe in God is worthwhile.

The organisation of a parish Christmas bazaar is a big undertaking thanks to those who volunteer year after year to make it happen. I wish to appeal to you that we join hands to celebrate together this event in which we raise funds to enable us to pay for the upkeep of our parish. We need donations of all kinds from bottles of wine, spirits and soft drinks, tinned foods (must be within consumable dates) to bric-a-brac. We shall need donations of cash, small valuables for tombola stall. Above all I request for your generous presence on the day. Bring your family and friends. I can assure you that when we get actively involved in such things that build our parish from the other aspect of its existence we tell exactly who we are and our attitude towards the church.

Please remember these dates: The Parish Christmas bazaar at St. Osburgs will take place **on Saturday 25th Nov 2017** starting at 11:00am and ending at 2:00pm. The Christmas bazaar for St Mary's will take place on **Saturday 9th December 2017** starting at 1:00pm ending at 4:00pm. Raffle tickets are available for you to buy or to take them to your friends. Remember to bring the money and the stubs for the draw before the day.

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Parish development

Gift aid.... £ 74.00 Loose.....£421.03 Total.....£ 495.03

Sat. lunches....£ 87.00 Restoration.£ 5.52 Heating.....£10.20

The SVP collection taken last weekend amounted to £269.22.

2nd Collection: 8th October—CAFOD. Thank you and God bless you all.

St Osburg's Christmas Bazaar will be taking place on Saturday 25th November, 11am - 2pm. Items (in good condition) for the stalls are always very welcome, 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.

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, at the sacristy or the priory

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.

Thought on Marriage: "We are all aware that the perfect family does not exist, nor does the perfect husband, nor the perfect wife. We exist, and we are sinners. Jesus, who knows us well, teaches us a secret: never let a day go by without asking forgiveness, or without restoring peace in your home. If we learn to apologize and forgive **each other, the marriage will last.**".....(Pope Francis Meeting with Engaged Couples at the Vatican, St. Valentine's Day 2014)

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from –8th to 15th Oct 2017

Sat	07	11.45am	Mary Evans (Sp Int), Michael Heavey (RIP)
		5.30pm	Vacis Gostautas (Anni)
Sun	08	11.30am	People of the Parish
Mon	09	12.10pm	Br Joseph Fenton, OFM Conv (solemn vow thanksgiving)
Tues	10	12.10pm	Michael Heavey (RIP)
Wed	11	12.10pm	Monica Gallen (Sp Int)
Thurs	12	12.10pm	Monica Gallen (Get well)
Fri	13	12.10pm	John Marcello de Fatima (Anni) Mariquinha Vincent Pereira (RIP)
Sat	14	11.45am	James Goodwin (b/day)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	15	11.30am	John Marcello de Fatima (1 st anni) Alex Rods (RIP) Adelaide Demello (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 7th Oct 2017

8th Oct 2017

5.30pm	Maggie & Ann F. (R)	11.30am	Charles & June (R)
	Bernadette (E)		Patsy & 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 Correvisgandis 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, Mary Maguire.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time : McCauley Gerald, Jackson Elaine, Cassidy John, Crawford James, Mary McCarthy, Clancy David, Dolan A. Elizabeth, Walsh David, Wright William, Lee Eller, Taitt John, Dawson Jane Angela. McLeod Errol Stephen, Pamela Ann, Slevin Mackneil.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an invitation for adults who are not baptised or those who were baptised in non catholic churches to explore their interests in the Christian faith as taught by the Catholic Church. The course will start on Monday 9th October at St. Mary's Church (Our Lady Chapel) at 6:00pm. I ask all those who want to become Catholics to come so that we can start the course together. If you are interested, **please** contact Fr. Jimmy, Fr. Sunday or Fr. Pontius.