

Matters of importance

“Secret Santa” I’m grateful to some good people who leave things or write some messages to the priest and pass them through the letter box at the presbytery. Thanks for the thought that accompany these messages. I wish to suggest that when you decide to do this, remember to give your name and contact. Some of the thoughts raised might need a follow up others might not. Beside, the priest being a member of the community would be very pleased to turn to someone and say “thank you”. Without a name, address or telephone number, there is nothing much he can do.

Talk to the priest: I wish to encourage you to develop the habit of talking to the priest not as a final resort but as a friend, a confidant and a part of your life journey. He will not have all the answers to your questions, he might simply sit or stand there and listen. What I know is that the ear of the priest will always aim at connecting you or your concerns with the salvation of your soul. If he is not able to listen to you, it does not mean that he does not want to listen to you.

Consecration of Sacred Heart Church: takes place today Sunday 5th June 2016. We are all invited by Fr. Tony Norton and with all his parishioners. Consecration of a church is a very serious business. Once a building has been consecrated as a church it may not be used again for a secular purpose. This is what happens: before construction of a new building as a church, the bishop must blessed the endeavour. Before construction began, he laid a foundation stone that may or may not have contained the relics of a saint. After construction of the new church and when all its debts have been paid off then the building can be consecrated. The consecration is usually performed by the bishop, but if he is unable to perform the consecration he may ask another bishop or possibly a senior priest to perform the service on his behalf. The consecration encompasses the whole church, although the ceremony centres around the holy altar in particular. The consecration of a church is, in effect, the baptism ceremony of that church. It is a moving ceremony that one should not miss.

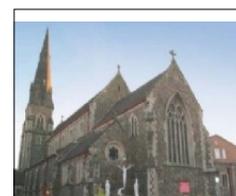
Caritas Birmingham Living with dementia: you are invited to an event which will be focusing on groups that are led by volunteers, serving those in great need, including the elderly, carers of those who have dementia, those who are bereaved, those who are isolated (sometimes with mental health issues), and asylum seekers and refugees. If you would like to know how these groups started and the challenges and joys of running them, talking to and listening to the volunteers themselves, in an informal setting at St Thomas Mores, 130 Horse Shoes Lane, Sheldon, B26 3HU on Saturday 2nd July 2016, 10 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. please ring Bev Smith (01675) 434005 or email admin@caritas-aob.org.uk to book a place. Cost – small donation.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages Airport Transport and 7 nights Apartment B&B £205. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com Call for flight info.

Muhammad Ali: I’m sure most of us will be saddened to hear about the death of such a great sportsman of our time. He entertained the world through his bodily endurance. St. Paul writing to the Corinthians (1Cor. 9:24-27) reminded them that while fighters at the games went into strict training, they did this to win a wreath that would wither, like them we Christians we make the good fight of faith to win a wreath that would never wither. We should never be disqualified. May he Rest in peace.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—10th SUNDAY YEAR C 5th –12th June 2016

ONCE IT IS GONE IT IS GONE

Some years ago while I was living at Mt. Carmel Parish in Redditch, I came to learn that Longbridge car factory where MG Rover cars were manufactured was not far from where I lived. I felt the desire to go there to see the factory because when I was a boy a man in our little village owned an old car which bore the name MG Rover. One day I visited the factory. The men at the gate did not let me in, I had to have a special clearance they said instead they directed me to the show room to see the finished products. Surprising enough every person who entered the show room was not seen as a tourist but a potential buyer of a MG Rover car! Pointing at one of the cars the man who received me pressed me to buy it at a price which he considered as so good then he said “*Once it is gone it is gone*”. True indeed, the following week the company that manufactured that iconic car went into administration and that was the end of it.

“*Once it is gone it is gone*” Last week in this column, I briefly aired out my concern for my parishioners living with partners in civil unions but whose marriages are not blessed in the church. This might be the reason why some do not receive Holy Communion in spite of their goodness and participation in the activities that build the church. I wish to pick that up again this week. It is very important and necessary for every Catholic to receive Holy Communion.

In this Year of Mercy Pope Francis has asked all people and Christians in particular all over the world, to create within them the image of God as a “Merciful Father” this means that while there is no trivial sin that need not to seek pardon for, there is also no big sin that God cannot forgive. Whatever reason that has kept you away from Holy Communion for many years and which continues to keep you away from the Lord’s Supper, this is the time to put it right. St. Paul writing to the Corinthians along similar lines said: “*At the favourable time I have listened to you, on the day of salvation I came to your help. Well now is the favourable time, this is the day of salvation*” 2Cor. 6:2.

I strongly encourage you to go to your priest and talk to him about having your marriage blessed. Do you know that when you share your difficulties with another person the burden is lessened? Sometimes the things we may consider as difficult may not be at all especially now when we are talking about the mercy of God.

I don’t know when the Jubilee Year of Mercy will be announced in the church again; it might probably not be during my life time! What a golden chance we have then to put right things that affect our relationship with God and with one another? Therefore I want to take every opportunity to embrace God’s Mercy because like the MG Rover Factory ***Once it is Gone it is Gone.***

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

Barras Lane, Coventry, CV1 4AQ. Tel 024 76220402
Fr. Jimmy Mobile. 07906124756 Home 02476258901
Fr. Moses Tel.: 024 76688536

Parish Sisters: Sr. Philomena and Sr. Theresa (PBVM)
(St. Osburgs Primary School, Upper Hill Street Coventry CV1 4AP. Tel
02476227165 Headteacher Mrs Nicola Rynott.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

52a, Raglan Street Coventry, CV1 5QF. Tel 02476258901
www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk
Parish Priest. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ
Mobile: 07906124756.
E-mail lutwajim@yahoo.com

St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church

St. Elizabeth's Road, CV6 5BX Tel.: 024 76688536
Website: www.stelizabethcoventry.co.uk
Parish priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ
E-mail: mospitya@yahoo.co.uk

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

Parish development

1st collection.....

Gift aid £ 89.00
Loose.....£371.57
Total.....£460.57

Do some voluntary work for your church: I wish to ask you again to offer voluntary service at the church. There is some work always to be done and I believe that people who can assist the parish are among us. No work is too small that someone need not render a hand. No work is too big that only experts can do it. I'm thankful to those people who support the parish by offering their precious time and energy to serve the church.

The BIG LUNCH: in Spon End will take place on Sunday 12th June from 1:00-4:00pm. You are advised to take your picnic and join in for lunch and for various activities during the afternoon. Details are on the little noticeboard.

Songs of Praise: will take place at 4:30pm after the BIG LUNCH at St. John the Baptist. Parishioners of St. Osburgs are invited to come and join in. If you will wish to vote for your favourite hymns there are sheets at the back of the church.

St Osburgs "300 Club" May Draw:

1st Prize No 36 M. Tierney 2nd Prize No. 707 A Bodkin
3rd Prize No. 596 B. Melody 4th Prize No. 320 M. Wilson
5th Prize No. 726 M. Jones.
Congratulations to all the winners.

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

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Book pg. no. 39

TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 5th to 12th June 2016

Sat	04	11.45am	People of the parish
		5.30pm	Michael & Pauline Family (Spl Int)
Sun	05	11.30am	Fr John Sullivan (Anni) Rose Goodwin (Spl Int)
Mon	06	12.10pm	Requiem-Katie Edden
Tues	07	12.10pm	Margaret Ruddy (Getwell)
Wed	08	12.10pm	Brendan Peace (Getwell)
Thurs	09	12.10pm	Margaret & Gerry Hobbs (Spl Int)
Fri	10	12.10pm	Requiem-Angela Philomena Jordan
Sat	11	11.45am	People of the parish
		5.30pm	Jenny O'Brien (10th Anni)
Sun	12	11.30am	Anne & Brian Fenton (60th Wedding Anni)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 4th/5th June 2016

5:30 pm Bernadette (E)
Maria, Ann F (R)

11.30am Janet, Charles (E)
Maggie, June (R).

11th/12th June 2016

Maggie (E)
Ann F, Raquel (R)

Janet, Charles (R)
Mary, Catherine (E)

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Liam Campling Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Josie Kennedy, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Glithero, Jan Caruso, Nadia Faruk Hannah, Tom McDermott, Winnie McDermott, Gerald Douglas, Shirley Hartnett, Stephen Bayliss, Jackie Buckley, Angela Jordan, Dave Riliott, Alan Davis, David Horley, Margaret Ghen, Bridie & Benny McAndrew, Vincent Burns.

Please pray for those whose anniversary occur about this time : Iseton Lucy, Hayes Declan, Heavey Noran, Colline Kelly Ann, Whitehead Royston Pete, Mamalyga Wasyl, Behan Brian Francis, Easton Mary, Porretta Alfred Leslie, McNamara Mildred, Land Stuart.

Parishioners in hospital: Mr. Stewart Tollen is in Warwick hospital, Thomas Ward His number is 01926 626550, or 01926495321 ext. 6061 or 6062. Please remember **Eileen McHugh** who is still poorly. Let us support one another by paying visits to those who are sick, bereaved and lonely.

Funeral announcements: Katie Edden reception Sunday 5th, 7:00pm, Angela Philomena Jordan, reception 9th June 6:00pm. These receptions will be followed by Requiem Mass to take place the following day at 12:10pm at St. Osburgs church.