

Matters of importance

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s) is organised by the Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) in Liverpool. **Theme:** Discerning God's Call in my life **Dates:** 29th - 31st January 2016 There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr. Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org 020 7635 6602 or Sr. Maryanne FCJ maryannefcj@gmail.com

Join our CAFOD Team taking Global Justice into Schools! Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD? CAFOD Birmingham is looking for volunteers in your area to work with children and young people in Catholic schools to help them learn about the world, and to inspire them to take action on poverty and injustice with CAFOD. Full training and resources will be supplied and travel expenses covered. For further information, please contact CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722 944 or at birmingham@cafod.org.uk.

Sacrament of Confirmation we are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Kenney to St Osburgs parish to confirm 22 of our year 6 pupils on Thursday 21st Jan at 7pm. Year 6 have been busy preparing to receive the sacrament and this will include an inspirational, fun filled and reflective retreat day led by Cardinal Newman chaplaincy team and pupils next Friday. We would love to have some children from other year groups in attendance to support Year 6 with the singing and share in this special celebration. May I ask parents with children in other classes other than Yr.6 to support this request by coming along with their children too?

Understanding Islam– a course for Catholics living and working with Muslims:

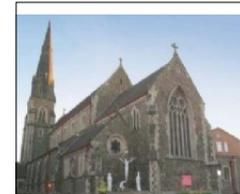
This four-day course is held at Campion Hall in Oxford from 8-11 Feb 2016, aims to help Catholics understand how the worldviews of the Muslims they live and work with are shaped by their faith. Participants are encouraged to see the world through Muslim eyes, and are taken through a stimulating programme including sessions on Muhammad, Islamic beliefs, laws and prayer life. There are also opportunities to learn about Islamic perspectives on Christianity, developments in the modern Islamic world, and Islam in Britain. The course is a safe space for Catholics to discuss their attitudes and judgements, and to consider how to respond to the call of their bishops and the Pope to dialogue with Islam. A maximum of 11 participants ensures that there is plenty of opportunity for discussion. The course is presented by Fr Damian Howard SJ, who is currently a lecturer at Heythrop College with a special academic interest in the Christian theological response to Islam. It is supported by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Old books please help yourself: there are some old books in the foyer which you might find useful. Please have a look and help yourselves if you find them useful.

Keep some heat by closing the doors: the heating of our church is a big problem I wish to request you that when you come to pray you be mindful to close the doors. Even though the boilers may be running but as long as doors are left wide open all the heat is lost! Remember that church expenses are your expenses. Let us try as much as possible to live within our means.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –The Baptism of the Lord --10th to17th Jan 2016

THIS BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BUILD A PARISH

I'm quite sure we are getting settled again after the Christmas break. We look to 2016 with great hope as a religious Order takes over our parish of St. Osburgs. It reminds us of the Benedictine Monks. As this year begins, I would like to bring to your attention a behaviour which we must fight. I faced a serious racial abuse in the sacristy by a certain lady (witnessed by two parishioners). She is probably one of those people who never read the newsletter or never listen to the announcements because they leave immediately after Holy Communion. A day after the parish Penitential service, a number of people came for confession. I politely told the lady that "*we had our penitential service the other day, last night it was at Christ the King and that evening it was going to be at All Souls and St. Patrick. "I don't have time because I'm going to visit the sick and housebound of the parish to prepare them for Christmas."* Heaven broke loose and racial abuses began. I asked the parishioners afterwards whether they knew the lady, but they seemed not to have seen her.

An experience was reported to me by some three students; two boys and one girl from Goa (India) who came to the 40th anniversary of Canon Garry's ordination some years ago. During the sign of peace someone told them to leave the church immediately because first they were not invited and second this was not their church! Someone led them to the door! They used to live on Minster Rd just few yards from this church. When they reported this to me, I dismissed it as an isolated incident. They never returned to this church.

I feel very sympathetic with the person who "marched the uninvited guests out" at an ordination anniversary and with the woman who took matters in her mouth on a priest! What I know is that such behaviour will not build a parish. Word goes around, the students were greatly upset especially the girl. I don't think they remained silent about it!

As we begin a New Year, I put this plainly before you. There are no reserved places in catholic churches. It is not a private members club.

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Mass Request: please note that if you request a Holy Mass to be celebrated for your intention, the name or the intention must be clearly written down. Some handwritings are very difficult to read. It is also good if you are present at that Mass

Sacrament of Confession get it right: I'm pleased to see so many people seeking the Sacrament of Confession; for some almost on a daily basis. I have seen some people after receiving Holy Communion who go for confession. By the fact that you examined your conscience and found yourself worthy to received Holy Communion, it means that you were in a state of grace in the first place. The Law of the Church Canon 916 says

“A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or to receive the Body of the Lord without prior sacramental confession unless a grave reason is present and there is no opportunity of confessing. In this case the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible”

While I wish to encourage you to receive the sacrament of Confession as many times as necessary, I wish to remind you that scrupulosity may not necessarily reveal one's faith in God's mercy on the contrary it may be a sign of one's doubt whether God has really forgiven and forgotten! The Christian God is not a tyrant waiting to bounce us into hell but he is a Father who is anxious for the return of his lost son. If you relate with God as you would relate with a friend, you will discover why and when it is necessary to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to ‘T’

The Baptism of the Lord- Mass Book pg. no. 50.

TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 10th to 17th Jan 2016

Sat	9th	11.45am	Dave Elliott (Get well)
		5.30pm	Phil, Joe, Mc Guigan (Spl int)
Sun	10th	11.30am	Jane Moran (Anni), Jackie Buckley (Get well)
Mon	11th	12.10pm	Jim Coward (Spl. Int), Anne Paul Moran (Spl int)
Tues	12th	12.10pm	Moran family (RIP),Chris Kathleen Byrne (Get well)
Wed	13th	12.10pm	Mary O'Shea (Spl int)
Thurs	14th	12.10pm	Martin Clarke (Spl int)
Fri	15th	12.10pm	Elizabeth McDonald (Spl int)
Sat	16th	11.45am	Donohue family (RIP)
		5.30pm	Martin Moran (Spl int), Christine Anne McDermott (RIP)
Sun	17th	11.30am	Moran Parents (RIP), Jackie Buckley (Getwell)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 9th/10th Jan. 2016

16th/17th 2016

5:30 pm	Maggie (E) Ann E., Bernadette (R)	Bernadette (E) Maria, Raquel (R)
11.30am	Zen, Charles (E) Maggie, June (R)	Mary, June (E) Charles, Janet (R)

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Josie Kennedy, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Glithero, Jan Carusso, Nadia Faruk Hannah, Tom McDermott, Winnie McDermott, Gerald Douglas, Shirley Hartnett, Stephen Bayliss

Please pray for those who have died recently: Jim Lawton, Alva Saunders, Margaret Mary Ryan, Julia Byrne. Christine McDermott.

Anniversaries of the Week: Salter Patrick Joseph, Busst Marian, McNulty Henry, O'Connor Michael Francis, Navin Margaret Jane, Gyles Dudley Constantine, Joyce Michael, Grant Michael, Carr Harry, Wright Rose Dorothy, Clancy Charles, Boden Edwin, Rollins Michael, Dennehan Margaret Mary, Doherty Anthony Francis, Jenkins Annette,