

Today Sunday January 15th is Peace Sunday: we are encouraged to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern the way how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international relationships. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of peace. May nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms. Violence is not the cure for our broken world. Countering violence with violence leads at best to forced migrations and enormous suffering, because vast amounts of resources are diverted to military ends and away from the everyday needs of people. Nonviolence is sometimes taken to mean surrender, lack of involvement and passivity, but this is not the case.

Instructions for my Funeral Mass document is being made available in many parish piety shops for £1.00 per copy. It gives dignity to this important subject and enables parishioners to obtain a copy easily and therefore plan ahead for their funeral as well as being a great help to clergy. It can be an opportunity to engage with families and those who are responsible for the care of an elderly relative but unsure of how to approach the subject. The books are not yet at our parish piety stall we hope to order for some. If you want to get your copy as soon as possible, Ordering from the Pastoral Care Project's online shop is straightforward via: www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk.

New priests for St. Osburgs: I'm pleased to announce to you that St. Osburgs parish will get two new priests on 25th January 2017 (The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul) Fr. Sunday Bazirake and Fr. Pontius Bandua are both Religious Missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus Religious Missionary Order. I wish to thank you for all the prayers you have offered for this intention. I wish to remind you of your duty to promote vocations to priesthood and religious life. It is your duty too to support those who are training for the priesthood financially or through your prayers and good will. Let us pray for their safe journey to us.

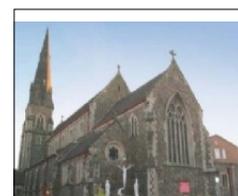
Eight days of prayer for Christian Unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908 and focused on prayer for church unity, and the unity of all Christians. The Week of Prayer will start 18th on the confession of Peter of Jesus as Son of the Living God to the 25th January – the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Let us all remain united as a family of believers in Jesus Christ s our Lord and saviour.

Liturgical colour green: a child in the school asked me why her priest was dressed in green vestments. Well the theological virtue of hope is symbolised by the colour green just as the burning fire of love is symbolised by red. Green is the colour of growing plants and hope like them is always new and fresh. Liturgically green is the colour of ordinary time the season in which we are being neither particularly penitent (in purple) nor overwhelmingly joyful (in white). If you have hope it will make you cheerful.

Church Restoration Fund. I'm extremely grateful to the people who contribute to the Restoration of the Church Fund. Every little helps , the same applies to the heating up of our church. If we cooperate to support those small fundraising efforts such as Saturday Lunches, Christmas bazaar events, and if we cooperate to save on heating and electric bills, our parish deficit will be reduced without much efforts. That is why I insist from time to time, please keep the big door shut to preserve heating in the church please!



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—2nd Sunday- year A - 15th to 22nd Jan 2017

THIS SOUNDS AWKWARD CANT YOU CHANGE IT PLEASE!

When I was a small boy we watched a military parade as soldiers were preparing for the national independence day of my country Uganda. If your country did not suffer colonial rule, you will not understand the fuss that nations make when the commemoration of their independence comes. As a number of children and I watched the soldiers and policemen marching passed, their leader shouted at them from time to time. Every shout caused a manoeuvre, it was a real command. How could they understand what he said and how could they perform so many actions in such a synchronised manner! It looked like a miracle. I'm sure you might be wondering as well at the language that military men use, if you are not part of the group, you are left lost.

Someone visiting the church over Christmas came and spoke to me . *The Mass was good he said, but I don't know why you said Happy are those called to the Lord's Supper instead of saying happy are those called to the Lord's breakfast or lunch just depending on the time Mass is celebrated.* " Don't you think the language of the church is awkward and needs to be changed to fit with time?

Just as the military men have their language, the church too has its own language, that language will not change because by doing so, it will change the concept. During Mass the priest elevating the sacred chalice and host will say "**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world , blessed are those called to the SUPPER of the Lord**" Jesus does not become a four legged animal.

There are two reasons why the priest uses the word "**Supper**" irrespective of the time Mass is celebrated. First of all the Mass recalls the Last Supper when Jesus reclined with his apostles to eat the Passover meal, he instituted the Eucharist and ministerial priesthood. Secondary the Mass also anticipates the **Heavenly Banquet** where the faithful are called at the end of time. The Holy Mass is a fore taste of that heavenly supper when God will be all in all. Therefore the language that the Church uses to celebrate the mysteries of our faith may sound awkward and meaningless just as the language of the soldier commanding a parade will sound meaningless the onlooker. For those who belong to the group, everything is clear that is why the soldiers do not crush into each other.

I'm sure that one of the reasons for the decline of Christianity is partly due to the fact that many people do not try their best to understand the language either of the church or of their faith. Try your best during this year 2017 to deepen and to understand your faith. If the visitor knew the language of the church, there would be no reason to think that Mass could either be called "Breakfast", "Lunch" or "Supper" of the Lord

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Parish development

Parish collection.....

Gift aid.....£187.00 loose.....£340.66 **total.....** £527.66

Heating..... £26.05

2nd collection for SVP total.....**£270.83** Thank you so much for your generosity.

Crackley Hall School and Little Crackers Nursery in Kenilworth are holding an Open Day on Tuesday 17 January from 10.00am to 3.00pm. For further information please contact the school office on 01926 514444.

Diocesan Levies on St. Osburg parish in 2017 will be **£10,180.28**. This figure is calculated from the total amount of offertory donations you have given to the church. Thank you so much for your generosity. Quarterly contribution of £2,545.07 will be collected on 27th January, 28th April, 28th July and 30th October 2017. This money which is paid by every parish is levied on the offertory; One third will go to the running of the Curia and the other Two thirds to the running of our Catholic Schools. Catholics who do not go to Church for Sunday Mass or practice the faith but are enthusiastic to take their children to Catholic Schools, need to know that those who go to church make great sacrifices to support our Catholic Schools. Your support is very important.

Confirmation at St. Osburg: Archbishop Bernard will celebrate the Sacrament here at St. Osburg on dThursday 26th January 2017 by confirming children from the school in the faith. The celebration of this sacrament is meant for all of us as members of this parish therefore it is good for everyone to turn up. The Mass will start at 7:00pm

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

2nd Sunday in ordinary time

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 15th to 22nd Jan 2017

Sat	14	11.45am	Joseph Green (RIP)
		5.30pm	Martin Curtin (RIP)
Sun	15	10.30am	Elisabeth McDonald (Spl int)
Mon	16	12.10pm	Margaret Murrian (Spl int), Ted Rogers (Get well)
Tues	17	12.10pm	Bridie Farrell (RIP), Tom Shally (Anni)
Wed	18	12.10pm	Mary & Fergus Bales (Spl int)
Thurs	19	12.10pm	Srs. Philomena & Teresa (Spl int)
Fri	20	12.10pm	James Ward (Ani)
Sat	21	11.45am	Bridie Farrell (RIP)
		5.30pm	Grianne Sean & family (Spl int)
Sun	22	10.30am	Nancy & family (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

14th/15th Jan 2017

21st/22nd Jan 2017

5.30pm	Ann F., Maggie (R) Bernadette (E)	Bernadette, Ann E (R) Teresa (E)
10.30am	Charles, June (R) Maggie, Patsy (E)	Janet, Charles (R) Catherine, Zen (E)

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Josie Kennedy, 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 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 Doherty Anthony, Jenkins Annette, Kennedy Andrew, Farrenny Bridget Celine, Davies Helen, Convey Bridget Mary, Rodger Geraldine, McEnery Anne, Briscoe Robert Francis.

Thought on Marriage: The marriage consent by which the spouses mutually give and receive each other is sealed by God himself. From their covenant arises "an institution, confirmed by the divine law, . . . even in the eyes of society. The covenant between the spouses is integrated into God's covenant with man: "Marital love is caught up into divine love. Thus the marriage bond has been established by God himself in such a way that a marriage concluded and consummated between baptized persons can never be dissolved. This bond, which results from the free human act of the spouses and their consummation of the marriage, is a reality, henceforth irrevocable, and gives rise to a covenant guaranteed by God's fidelity. The Church does not have the power to contravene this disposition of divine wisdom.