

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** will take place from 11-19 September 2017. It will be led by Bishop William Kenney, accompanied by Canon Mervyn Tower, and will include visits to all the major Holy Places and Mass every day in one of the Shrines. It is all-inclusive so although it seems expensive it contains no hidden extras. Five nights in Bethlehem and 3 nights in Galilee. Flights from Heathrow. Full price: £1740.00 per person. For more details please contact Gill at Tangney Tours - tel: 01732 886666: email: Gill@tangney-tours.com.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** prayers will be held at St. Mary's and St. Benedict Church 52A, Raglan Street CV1 5QF starting from 2:00pm. You are all very welcome.

**Celebrate, the Catholic Family** Conference team, are running a weekend conference for families at St Mary's College, Oscott on 1-2 July. The theme is "Seek First His Kingdom". Celebrate weekends are run at venues all around the UK and are faith-filled, fun events for all ages, providing good Christian teaching from inspirational speakers with lively praise and worship. Speakers include Charles Whitehead (Celebrate Chairman), Fr Paul Keane (Oscott College) and Maria Rodrigues (Premier Radio). Teenagers and children have their own streams with age-appropriate input and activities. A poster available via the diocesan intranet to download and display has the basic information. The website [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) has full details of the programme and how to book places.

**Elections of Councillors** to Local authorities and the election of a Mayor for West Midlands Combined Authority 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017: obliges you to use the power of your vote in these elections. The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) consists of the seven West Midlands' Councils, with 'non-constituent' but interested Local Authorities on the Region's borders, who are collaborating to accelerate the region's growth. The 'priorities' of Economic Policy, Skills, Transport and Housing have been identified. 'Thrive West Midlands', an action plan from its Mental Health Commission, to enhance mental health and wellbeing has already been launched. The Government is devolving some £8 billion over thirty years. The Mayor (a new role) will be a strong local voice and ambassador, who will chair and lead the Authority and be the point of contact with Whitehall. Further information may be found at [www.westmidlandscombinedauthority.org.uk](http://www.westmidlandscombinedauthority.org.uk), where one can register to receive news updates.

**Special collection for the Ukraine** Via the Secretariat of State we received the following message: The Holy Father wishes to acknowledge the offering of £58,705.81 for the special collection for Ukraine, which you sent to him through the Apostolic Nunciature in London on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. His Holiness is grateful for this donation and for the devoted sentiments that inspired it. He very much appreciates your solidarity with the Ukrainian people. Please be assured of the Holy Father's prayers for your intentions. Invoking upon you and the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese, grace and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, he cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing.



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St. Osburg

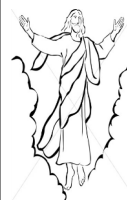


St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter—Palm Sunday Year A - 16th 30th April 2017**



**I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY**

This Easter Vigil at St. Mary's and Benedict Church, we shall witness something extraordinary, 10 members of the parish who have been doing RCIA program will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Unlike most of us who were born and brought up in catholic families, these 10 candidates are joining the Catholic church after a long soul-searching journey. We cannot explain in human language whatever happened in their life or in our life that has made them to make this decision. They too do not have a reason that can be proved either in a scientific laboratory or before the court of Law as to why they want to follow Jesus Christ and his teaching as lived and proclaimed by the Catholic Church.

In his teaching, Jesus told the people not to go for things beyond what they saw and heard, because whatever they were seeing and hearing were proofs that the Kingdom of God was already among them Lk.11:20. In the same way, whenever there is a baptism even if it is a baby, or of mature men and women being baptised or received into full communion with the Catholic Church, it is a sure proof that the reign of God is among us.

The 10 candidates will make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. The Law of the church Canon 380 demands that before taking canonical possession of an ecclesiastical office, he who is promoted to this office makes public profession of faith and takes the oath of fidelity. To be a Christian means **taking the office of "being a witness to Christ"** in the world. Christianity is not a "private", "personal" or "individual" faith, it is meant for all and to be exercised in communion with others. One of the disheartening experiences that we priests have these days is to visit a sick and housebound member of the parish or to be called out to see the dying and then upon arrival the rest of the family vanishes into the rooms upstairs as if to say: 'we do not want to pray for our sick relative.' Praying together before the sick is a public show that we believe in God's power to save.

The mystery of Easter is not in the death of the man Jesus BUT in the willingness of Jesus to die for me. It shows how much He **loves me**.

We the priests of the Religious Missionary Order of the Apostles of Jesus ministering to you here at St. Mary's, St. Osburg and St. Elizabeth take the chance to wish you all a holy and blessed Easter. We thank you for the support you give to each other and to us your priests. Together let us continue to witness to the resurrection of Jesus. Let the mysteries we have meditated upon during Lent and which we celebrate at Easter find a home in our life.

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

### Parish development

Gift aid..... £ 75.00 Loose.....£333.29 Total..... £408.29

Sat. lunches....£ Restoration.£38.79. Heating.....£61.01 Thank you.

**EASTER COLLECTION:** Please note that the Easter and Christmas collections are taken as your personal gift to your priests. It is from this that many priests can plan a holiday or pay for their annual retreat expenses. Some envelopes are also available today. Thank you for your generosity

300 Club April Draw winners:

First prize	No 257	C. Silver
Second prize	No 009	B. Fitzimmons
Third prize	No 559	R. Wilson
Fourth prize	No 467	R. Welsh

Congratulations to the winners. A blessed Easter to everyone.

### PROGRAMME FOR EASTER 2017

	St. Mary's Church	St. Osburg Church
<b>Sat Vigil Mass:</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	————
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
<b>Easter Monday: (St. Osburg)</b>	————	<b>10:00am.</b>

**THIS NEWSLETTER WILL SERVE NEXT WEEK AS WELL**

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

### Easter Sunday

#### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 16th to 30th Apr 2017

Sun	16	11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	17	10.00am	Sue Stanley (Thanksgiving), Elizabeth Nolan (Spl int) John Cristie Byrne (RIP)
Tues	18	12.10pm	Miley Nolan (RIP), John Demello (Anni)
Wed	19	12.10pm	Brigid Tubritt (spl int), Molly Fenton (B'day)
Thurs	20	12.10pm	Sr. Teresa (spl int)
Fri	21	12.10pm	Requiem Mass - John Christopher Byrne
Sat	22	11.45am	Marie Dixon (Thanks), Kathleen Dignan (Getwell)
		5.30pm	Bridgit Carey , Tress Clarke (Spl int)
Sun	23	11.30am	Mary Agnes Carey, Michael Inaughton (RIP), Patricia Kirkwood(Thanksgiving)

#### \*\*\*\*\* WEEK FROM 24th—30th APRIL 2017\*\*\*\*\*

Mon	24	12.10pm	Edmund Douglas (Spl int), John Christie Byrne (RIP)
Tues	25	12.10pm	Hugh Cormac (RIP)
Wed	26	12.10pm	Joseph Formora (RIP)
Thurs	27	12.10pm	Anne Moran
Fri	28	12.10pm	John O'Leary (Anni)
Sat	29	11.45am	Alan Goodwin (RIP)
		5.30pm	John Bradley (RIP)
Sun	30	11.30am	Francis Galloghly ((RIP), Kath Fielding (Get well)

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>22nd/23rd Apr 2017</u>	<u>29th/30th April</u>
5.30pm	Ann F., Maggie (R) Zen (E)	Bernadette, Ann E. (R) Bernadette (E)
10.30am	Janet, Charles (R) June, Catherine (E)	June, Maggie (R) Patsy, Charles (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 Corvisgandis 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 :** Malone William Joseph, O'Sullivan Christina Mary, Kelly Alice Alberta, Byrne John, Lewis Thomas Anthony, Casey Peter David, James Mary Esther, Hainey Richard John, Hood Eunice nn, O'Connor Philomena Mary, Hannah, Morrissey Margaret Rose, Brady James, Claire Daphne Mary, Jones Eileen Teresa, Sullivan Sheila, Thompson Patrick.