

**Parish Financial Committee Meeting:** There will be a Parish Finance Committee meeting on Monday 6th March 2017 starting at 6:00pm. The meeting takes place in the presbytery. All financial committee members are invited to attend. I will be pleased if you the parishioners can give us suggestions about how our parish finances can better be administered. The annual Financial reports of our parish: has been presented to me. I wish to thank our parish financial secretary Mr. John Collin who worked so hard to account for the last penny.

**Gift Aid Scheme:** As we are soon starting a new tax year, if you are working or pay tax on your income, I wish to ask you to consider giving your Sunday collection through Gift Aid. When you give your Sunday donation through the Gift Aid you add more money to your donation without spending more. If you pay tax please remember that every pound you donate to the Church, the Tax man offers you £0.25 pence to give to your chosen charity; in this case the Church. Please if you pay tax I wish to encourage you to join Gift Aid. Thank you for your generosity as always.

**First Holy Communion** you are advised that if you have a child who is a Catholic who has reached the age of 7 but goes to a non catholic school, you need to contact the School Head teacher in order to have the child included in the 1st Holy Communion preparation program.

**Walk with me Booklets for Lent** are available for you to take and use during your Lenten preparations for Easter. I have personally found them useful aid in Lenten preparation with good meditative prayer. To cover the cost of printing them it is suggested that you donate £1.00 to cover the cost for publication.

**Legacy Leaflet:** the diocese has made a new leaflet which is available in all 227 parishes to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the parish. At the back of the church today you will find copies of the new leaflet. Please do take one and consider whether you or someone you know, may wish to support the parish in this way. Thank you and God bless.

**Replacement of lost certificates:** I wish to remind you of the importance of the documents that are issued to you by the church (baptismal and marriage certificates) While they will not win you a job or earn you a promotion, they are important legal documents. A number of people come to the office on a weekly basis asking for replacement of these documents because *"I put them in the bin or I lost them as I moved house"* as many have told me. These are not good answers. Please be aware that no replacement certificates will be issued without a charge

**Canon Garry Byrne** our former parish priest: will baptise baby Lucas today Sunday 19th February at 1:00pm, congratulations to the family for accepting yet again the gift of life.

**Baptism meeting:** all parents with children to be baptised are informed that there will be a preparation meeting on Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. Sponsors are invited to attend as well. Please take note that this announcement is extended ONLY to all the people who belong to St. Osburg Church.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter—7th Sunday- Year A - 19th to 26th Feb 2017**

**THIS KIND OF ANXIETY IS AN OFFENCE TO GOD**

I have been Catholic Chaplain to Coventry University for the last 9 years; during that time I've come to realise the sacrifices that parents make for their children. It is the hope and desire of every parent that their child live a better life than themselves. As a consequence, every effort and sacrifices are made by the parents for the sake of their children. Education is expensive all over the world. Loans, bursaries and scholarships are offered by governments or by individuals on condition that the money will be paid back. Parents spend fortunes to give an education not because they want their money back but because they want their children to live a good life. That is how many of us got an education, that is how we have many young people among us pursuing an education.

While parents are trying their best to offer their children opportunities they never had in life, not all children are reciprocating with cooperation and gratitude. I have had several conversations with parents of both home and international students who expressed deep concern that children see them as interfering in their lives when they try to keep in touch or to know how the child is going on. Leaving a home to go to study introduces a child to new settings, new lifestyle and friends, but this should not make you to think that you have won your freedom.

At the time when colonialism was coming to an end in Africa, the biggest academic certificate that was held by the so-called

African elite was just a primary school teacher certificate. People like Julius Nyerere the founding father of Tanzania, continued to be called "*Mwalimu*" "*teacher*" even after they became presidents. You can imagine how many Africans were lucky to get an education to that level! Since many of our parents grew up during that time, they never had an education that they are offering their children today.

I would like to ask the students and all those who are under sponsorship of any kind to realise what great sacrifices other people make for your wellbeing. It is also important to live within the means of your sponsor. An expensive watch on your hand, golden earrings, an expensive mobile phone, so many pair of shoes, fancy dresses in a wardrobe all for your comfort do not do justice to the parents who labour in warehouses or under hot-day sun to make sure that you get an education.

Parental anxiety for their children is hard-wired into their hearts. Therefore when a parent tries to call you from time to time it is not because he/she is monitoring your movements but because they love you. I have been contacted by desperate parents whose calls are not picked up for several days because the child sees them as an interference to his/her life. Such behaviour has left parents spending sleepless nights wondering whether the child is alive or dead, healthy or sick, in lecture hall or in a prison cell! I think that undue anxiety children cause to their parents is an offence to God. Please avoid it always.

### The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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### St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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### Parish development

Gift aid..... £ 71.00 Loose..... £329.62 Total..... £400.62

Sat. lunches....£ 75.00, Restoration..... £ 54.05 Heating.....£ 36.97 Thank you for your generosity.

**From the Head teachers' desk:** Lent 2017: time for the Good Shepherd Appeal St Osburg's Catholic Primary School is again taking part in Father Hudson's Care's Good Shepherd Appeal. This is a tradition among Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham stretching back more than a century. Children have been given a self-assembly collecting box. Please support your child and encourage them through Lenten sacrificial giving and abstinence to put money that might otherwise have been spent on sweets and treats into the collecting box. Father Hudson's Care is the social care agency of the Archdiocese and a registered charity It helps those in need of all ages, regardless of race or religion, through the Family Support Service in schools, care for Friday 17th February 2017 disabled adults and elderly people, support for lonely, disadvantaged and vulnerable people in society and by finding foster parents for children in care. There is more information online at www.fatherhudsons.org.uk. Thank you to those families who have already returned some boxes full of coins – you are very kind.

**Do you know a good reliable local roofer?** The roof of our parish club at St. Osburg is on the verge of collapsing due to water ingress that has been going on for some time. I'm urgently looking for a local roofer who can give me an estimate. If you know of one please pass on to him Fr. Jimmy's mobile number 07906124756.

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

### 7th Sunday in ordinary time

#### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 19th to 26th Feb 2017

Sat	18	11.45am	Emrys Evans (RIP)
		5.30pm	Martin Shally (RIP), Matthew Kelly, Michael Cambell (Spl int)
Sun	19	10.30am	Berna Doran (Spl int)
Mon	20	12.10pm	Tress Clark (Spl int)
Tues	21	12.10pm	Requiem Mass - Josie Kennedy
Wed	22	12.10pm	Ann Bodkin, June & Sean Herbert (spl int)
Thurs	23	12.10pm	June Phee (Spl int)
Fri	24	12.10pm	Shirley Hartnett (Spl int)
Sat	25	11.45am	Veronica Woodward (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Martin Shally (RIP), Lawrance & Bridget Gallen (Spl int)
Sun	26	10.30am	Ann Ward (Spl int)

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### 18th/19th Feb 2017

#### 25th/26th Feb 2017

5.30pm	Bernadette, Ann E (R)	Bernadette, Ann E (R)
	Zen (E)	Zen (E)
10.30am	Maggie, Charles (R)	Maggie, Charles (R)
	June, Teresa (E)	June, Teresa (E)

### Pius devotions in the church:

Daily Confessions after 12:10pm Mass .(No confessions on Saturday after vigil Mass) Confessions follow Mass after Saturday Morning Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament adoration and Benediction every Friday - 10am to 12noon and Saturday from 10.00am to 11.30am

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, 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 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 :** Smith Bernadette, Holdcross Graham, Visgandis Anne, Bacon Claire, Kelly John, Ives Imelda, Josie Kennedy, Conway Gerald Joseph, Hanbury Rose Marie, Fr. Sean Farrell, Gibson Philomena, O'Reilly William Patrick, Delargy Alan Francis, Cawley Kevin Barry, Melody Tony, Kelly Ahea, Slater William, Osborne John, Skillen Henry, McDonnel John, Taggart Collin, McCann David John,