

### Matters of importance

**19th JUNE 2016 Day for Life – the day in the Church’s year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life will this year explore how the wonder of human life and God’s creation are intimately connected: [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org). There will be a mandatory second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other Church supported activities which promote and protect human life.**

**A prayer to deepen our wonder at the gift of life (From *Laudato Si'*)**

*All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe*

*and in the smallest of your creatures.*

*You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.*

*Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*We ask you this through Christ Our Lord—Amen.*

**Choir Concert is organised by the choir of St. Marys on 9th July to raise money for the training of a priest. The shortage of priests in the Church is a concern to every Catholic. I’m very pleased that young people have made every sacrifice possible to put on this concert to respond to this need by contributing to the training of a priest. Please let us support them. Tickets are on sale at £2.50 per person or £1.50 for children or £8.00 for a family of 5. Please support them in this cause.**

**Are you a young adult aged under 30? Then join with Archbishop Bernard Longley other young adults from across the Midlands at Brightlights of Mercy 17th-19th June at Alton Castle camping or inside accommodation available. With inspiring speakers including the Mizens and Mgr Tim Menezes. Join Jo Boyce at the Mercy Door in Alton. See [http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/news\\_detail.asp?n=28](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/news_detail.asp?n=28) or call to book 07860120443 or for bursary details. an that he does not want to listen to you.**

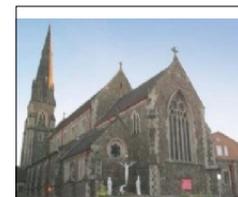
**Summer Camp: Are you wondering how you will spend summer holidays? Then Jimmy Mitchell is back! For 11-17 year olds Alton Castle is home again for our extreme summer camp. Catholic, Challenging Adventure in the Peak District. Ropes, Water and Night time activities. See the crazy fun and games with youthful prayer and celebrations of the sacraments. [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) or call Beccy to book 07725554946**

**Coventry Pioneer Regional Committee invite you to their ANNUAL PIONEER RALLY On Saturday, 18th June 2016 at The Pioneer Hall, Broad Street, Foleshill, Coventry, CV6 5AX, commencing at 6.30pm with Mass followed by Social and Dance. Refreshments provided. Entertainment by Little Jimmy.**

**Confessions at St. Osburgs. I wish to remind you that we no longer have Confessions after Saturday evening Mass. There is an opportunity for Confessions everyday Monday—Saturday after 12:10pm Mass. Can I ask you to look at the denary website for some parishes which offer confessions on Saturday evening please?**



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish Newsletter—12th SUNDAY YEAR C 19th-26th June 2016**

#### **YOU TOO ARE LIVING STONES MAKING A SPIRITUAL HOUSE**

In 2004, I went to Argos Store - Mandar Shopping Centre in Wolverhampton to buy a wrist watch. I had had enough trouble with watches as they never lasted no matter how durable they had been advertised to be. This time I wanted to buy the cheapest one I could get in store. In Argos things can get complicated; there seem not to be staff serving customers as customers are engrossed in catalogues looking for bargains. I did not want to waste time, I went straight to the help desk and I asked to be supplied with *“the cheapest watch in store”* The lady returned with a wrist watch “it is £3:99 she said. I paid the money and I went home with a watch whose service lifespan I thought would not last a week. I deceived myself because that watch has faithfully served me for 12 years.

The other day when I woke up, I noticed that the watch had stopped. I took it for repair I was showed a very tiny piece of metal which was worn out and broken That is what had made the watch to stop working. As I stood there wondering whether my 12 years old watch would get fixed, I visualised the nature of a parish and the Church in general. Our position and individual responsibility in the church might be compared to the wrist watch you are putting on your hand today. In order for it to keep good time each part, however small, must do its work and do it well. If one part stops working, it will slow the watch down or stop it altogether. Each part must do its work and its own work, however when all these separate functions are put together they make up what we call a good watch.

This simply illustrates that each member of the parish big or small, young or old native or immigrant who arrived this morning, all of us have responsibilities in the church as a whole and in the local parish to which we belong.

I have spent sometime examining and exploring the walls of St. Osburgs church and I asked myself: “were the monks who built the church tired or were they serving a sentence”? From outside the walls of St. Osburg church are made up of rocks thrown here and there such that beauty and strength are not seen at once. But take sometime and you discover that there is something special here; different stones with different shapes and sizes fit into their places and do their work well to support the building. The differences among us create beauty and strength that make a parish vibrant and dynamic. Because we are living stones, you have to play your part. The Church is like the human body, different parts different functions and same healthy body.. Now we don't expect a house to stand for very long if you start taking a brick out here and a brick out there. Each time you take a brick out, the overall structure gets weaker. If you take many bricks out, the structure will fall. We cannot expect the work of the church to go on smoothly and to be successful without you being part of it.

**The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs**

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

**Parish development**

**1st collection.....**

**gift aid..... £ 99.76**

**loose..... £581.26**

**total..... £681.02** Thanks for your generosity.

**Young Scholars Conference:** Do you know that many people these days are no longer jobseekers but job creators? What would you prefer to become an employer one day or to remain an employee even when you don't like the job? Well Catholic youth of St. Marys and Benedict parish through their choir have organised a conference for the parishioners and young people who dream of achieving the best out of their studies. This is a scholarly conference with inspirational professional entrepreneurs who wish to speak to young people on issues such as foreign exchange / Investments / wealth management, IT opportunities, opening and running a business, working with people of diverse culture, 'the importance of questions' and much more. This will hold on 16th July 2016 at 5pm. The venue is St Mary's and St Benedict Catholic church hall, CV1 5QF. You are all invited.

**Gift Aid:** On the weekend of June 25/26 Mr. Robert Welsh will speak briefly at all Masses about giving your Sunday donations to the church through Gift Aid Scheme. Gift Aid can be taken at any time of the year. Thank you everyone registered as it is a valuable source of additional income to the Parish at no extra cost to you. Anyone currently registered who change address please ensure that you amend your address with us so the church can continue to claim Gift Aid on your donation to it. For further details please contact either Fr. Jimmy or Fr. Moses.

**SVP Raffle tickets** are still available. Thanks to the volunteers who are distributing among us. Please take them bring counterfoils and money.

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

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Book pg. No. 98**  
**TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 19th to 26th June 2016**

Sat	18	11.45am	People of the parish
		5.30pm	Deceased of McGovern Family
Sun	19	11.30am	Elizabeth McManus (Anni)
Mon	20	12.10pm	James Cameron (Get well)
Tues	21	12.10pm	Sam Dixon (Spl int)
Wed	22	12.10pm	John Wright (RIP)
Thurs	23	12.10pm	
Fri	24	12.10pm	
Sat	25	11.45am	Angela Jordan (RIP)
		5.30pm	Carmel Caffney (Anni), Joe Boyle (RIP)
Sun	26	11.30am	Carmel & Deceased members of Mulholland Family

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 18th/19th June 2016**

5:30 pm Zen (E)  
Bernadette, Ann E (R)

11.30am Charles, June (R)  
Janet, Teresa (E)

**25th/26th June 2016**

Bernadette (E)  
Maria, Ann E (R)

Maggie, Charles (R)  
Catherine Zen (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 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, Vincent Burns.

**Please pray for those whose anniversary occur about this time :** Murtagh Greene, Mulholland Carmel, Brandin Agnes, Gibson Kathleen Mary, Murray Leo Dephonsus, O'Neil Derek Anthony, Cormack Edmond, Caffrey Carmel

**Parishioners in hospital:** please note that if you happen to be admitted in the hospital remember to have your name and religion registered. It is very important that a Catholic priest visits you and celebrate the sacraments with you as far as this is possible. Fr. Michael Stack the Hospital chaplain is always ready to accompany you during the hospital time without forgetting. It is not right to think that by calling upon a priest to serve you is a bother to him. It is good to let your priest know that you or someone of the parish is in hospital