

Matters of importance

Canon Garry's Byrne our former parish priest has graciously invited us to his induction as Parish Priest of St. Joseph the worker parish Bidford-on-Avon on 13th November 2015. It would be good if we organise a coach to take us together if you wish to go. Please write down your names on the list at the back of the church to make possible the booking of the coach tomorrow.

Helpers for Saturday Lunches: Thank you for supporting the Saturday Lunches for many years. As you know the money raised goes to the church restoration fund. We need volunteers to help us in organizing and serving. Please spare your time if you can. For more explanations contact Sr. Philomena or Sr. Theresa. Thank you.

Are you interested to read the Word of God during Mass? Well there will be a meeting today after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015-2016: Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning on the Feast of the Immaculate conception on 8th Dec until 20th Nov. 2016. I'm pleased to inform you that His Grace Bernard Longley the Archbishop of Birmingham has named SS. Mary and Benedict Church to be the Jubilee parish for the Year of Mercy in Coventry. It is a great honour and a privilege to host events throughout the year as we seek God's mercy. Like King Solomon we pray "*hear the entreaty of your servant and of your people as they pray in this place, from heaven where your dwelling is hear, and as you hear, forgive*" 1Kgs. 8:30 Activities will be organised on the parish and deanery level which will be communicated to you later.

Receiving stuff for the bazaar: I would like to thank those who brought in stuff for the bazaar. I'm pleased with Mr. Brian who has been here to receive them at the time when priests were not in the house. We are running short of time and I wish to ask you for more things especially bottles of wine, whisky and soft drinks for the bottle stall. There will be someone in the presbytery every day from 9:00am– 2:00pm to receive those things which you would wish to donate for the parish bazaar. Thank you all for your generosity. **Parish Christmas bazaar** will take place on 21st Nov. 2015. **Raffle tickets:** are now available please buy them take some and sell them to friends. Remember to bring the money and stubs back.

Death is announcements:

Catherine Mitten Funeral 4th November at 12:10pm. (No reception)

Margaret Ryan: reception on Wed. 11th Nov. at 6:00pm Funeral Thurs 12th at 12:10pm

Mary Kathleen Kelly: reception Nov.12th at 5:pm Funeral Friday 13th Nov at 12:10pm.

Our sincere condolences to the bereaved families

Date for your diary:

- 21st November Parish Christmas Bazaar

Please remember to put your name on the list at the back of the church if you intend to go for Canon Garry's Induction on November 13th.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter 31st Sunday of the Year B 1st Nov to 8th Nov 2015

IF YOU WISH YOU CAN GIVE ME A WINDOW

Our parish news bulletin bears the pictures of the three parishes that are entrusted to the pastoral care of the Apostles of Jesus missionaries. The first time I heard about the plan to cut down on the number of Masses and to close parishes was in 2003. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, then our bishop spoke frankly about the shortage of priests which eventually called for the possible closing of some parishes. In the course of the discussions I took to the floor and I told the priests how horrified I was to hear that some parishes were going to close! I know that a parish does not grow over night, generations of Christians make sacrifices and some spend their entire life time to build up their parish. A parish church is so precious to be closed, I said. That was in 2003.

At the time when the shortage of priests is evident, our parish of St. Osburgs has been given the assurance that it is here to stay by being entrusted to a Religious Missionary Order. The Order will provide it with priests so that the parish will not suffer the pressure that other parishes are likely to face. Anybody who understands the meaning of a priest in a parish will greatly appreciate the providential plan of God who has not left his people without shepherds.

Many people ask me from time to time: "when are the priests coming"? Well before the priests come I would like you to do some work on the house. The presbytery looks solid but there are many things that need doing, the major one is double-glazing the 53 windows.

I tendered the job and companies brought in their quotations. With the advice of the parish financial committee we have agreed on one. Each window will cost £386.13 including purchasing and fitting. I want to appeal to your generosity not because you are rich but because you know what a good cause it is for the parish. You can join with someone to donate a window for the health and safety of the priests who will come to occupy St. Osburg to minister to us. That window will continue to serve the priest who will proclaim the gospel to others after we have finished our work and gone. I'm pleased that three persons have donated three windows already. I'm very grateful to them.

If you wish to make a contribution to that please speak to me or to Fr. Moses. I'm asking you to support this cause because of the spiritual implication it has on our parish. Double-glazing the house will not only keep the place warm but also save on the heating costs.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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The Advent Walk with Me booklet The theme of for this year is *Merciful Like the Father*. The daily and Sunday reflections are rooted in Pope Francis' vision for the Holy Year of Mercy. Advent is a season of mercy and a time for us to discover the depths of God's mercy and love in sending his Son. Walk with Me can be a tool for the new evangelization and a wonderful resource to give to relatives, friends and work colleagues who are interested in discovering the true meaning of Christmas. The Walk with Me booklet retails at £1 per copy.

November is dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed. The Bible in the Book of Maccabees 2:38-45 carries a story of men fallen in battle under whose tunics were found amulets of the idols taken from a pagan shrine of Jamnia which the Law forbade. It became clear that this was why the men had lost their lives. Judas the leader of the army took a collection from the people and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered.This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead so that they might be released from their sins. It is important to pray for the dead they need our prayers as we shall need other people's prayers too.

Caritas Birmingham: You are invited to an event which will be focusing on groups that are led by volunteers, serving those in great need, including the elderly, carers of those who have dementia, those who are bereaved, Life, those who are isolated (sometimes with mental health issues), and asylum seekers and refugees. If you would like to know how these groups started and the challenges and joys of running them, talking to and listening to the volunteers themselves, in an informal setting at Holy Cross Centre, Upper St John's Street – Lichfield on Saturday 14th November 2015, 10 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. please ring Bev Smith (01675) 434005 or email admin@caritas-aob.org.uk to book a place. Cost – small donation.

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary time: Parish Mass Book pg. 87

TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 1st Nov to 8th Nov 2015

Sat	31st	11.45am	Elizabeth Dally (RIP)
	31st	5.30pm	David Whealing (RIP)
Sun	1st	11.30am	Fr. Terence (RIP)
Mon	2nd	12.10pm	Fr. McTernan (RIP)
Tues	3rd	12.10pm	Margaret Ruddy (Get well)
Wed	4th	12.10pm	Funeral Catherine Mitten (RIP)
Thurs	5th	12.10pm	Alva Saunders (RIP)
Fri	6th	12.10pm	Joe Lyons (Get well)
Sat	7th	11.45am	Loretta Bruce (Spl int)
	7th	5.30pm	Jackie Buckley (Get well)
Sun	8th	11.30am	Dave Eliot (Get well)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 31st Oct/1st Nov 2015

5:30 pm	Agnes (E)
	Ann F, Raquel (R)
11.30am	Catherine, Maggie (E)
	Janet, Charles (R)

Weekend 7th/8th Nov 2015

Magie (E)
Ann E, Bernaette (R)
Charles, June (E)
School Reader

Feast days : 1st Nov All Saints day
2nd Nov All Souls day

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

Please pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Ryan, Catherine Mitten, Fr Terence Fitzpatrick, Josephine Kelly, Michael Alexander, Alva Saunders, Mary Kathleen Kelly.

Anniversaries of the Week: Sam Gorrell, Flynn Charles, Leggath Margaret, Sheerin Kathleen, Oxenford Elizabeth, Lynch Jame, N. Bridget Agnes, Giltrap Beatrice.