

Matters of importance

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Saturday 28th May—Friday 3rd June 2016 led by Archbishop Bernard. If you are interested to go to Lourdes during this Year of Mercy you can contact Ms. Fiona Bonham, Pilgrimage Office, Cathedral House, St. Chads Queensway Birmingham B4 6EU. By air the fair is from £695:00 and by Road it is £407.00. Details are on the noticeboard.

Do you want to become a monk? Well the monks of Pluscarden Abbey offer a special opportunity to see at first-hand what monastic life is about, during the weekend Friday 19th to Monday 22nd August 2016. There will be no charge for the weekend. The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who practise their faith, aged 18 - 35. Anyone interested is invited to contact Fr Benedict Hardy OSB: novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org; Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, Moray IV30 8UA; 01343 890 257.

Easter Monday Mass is traditionally held here at St. Osburg's the priests of the deanery agreed that there will be no morning Masses in their parishes on that day, but they will come together with their parishioners to celebrate that Mass at 10.00am on Easter Monday.

Mgr Pat Kilgarriff, our former parish priest who took over St. Osburgs soon after the Benedictines left is celebrating his golden jubilee in the priesthood. Others celebrating jubilees include Fr John Dewis (60th); Canon Peter Gilsean, Fr Oliver Kemp, Fr James McGloin and Fr Patrick O'Sullivan (50th); Fr Peter Conley, Mgr Mark Crisp, Fr Patrick Daly, Fr Paul Dean, Fr Paul Huynh-Chanh, Fr Peter Jones, Fr Robert Murphy and Fr Arul Samy (25th). Mgr Mark Crisp, once served our parish, while Fr Arul Sammy served St. Francis Bedworth. Please keep our jubilarians in your prayers

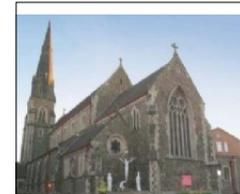
The Lenten Walk with Me booklets during this jubilee year of mercy spell out a journey of prayer and contemplation on the mercy of God. The daily reflections are rooted in the Gospel from the daily and Sunday liturgy and Pope Francis' vision for the Holy Year, outlined in *Misericordiae Vultus*. Each day, then, is an opportunity to learn more of God's mercy and love. It is a tool for evangelization and a way to encourage us to reach out to those who no longer practice their faith. The booklet is accessible and offers us a way to examine our lives, turn away from sin and be renewed and refreshed in heart and spirit. Please do take copies for your spiritual growth and for your friends. A £1:00 donation is suggested towards their printing.

Saturday Lunches thank you! for more than 20 years some parishioners started raising money for the restoration of St. Osburgs parish; they were Thereza McCaffer, Julia O'Grady, Ritah Clarkson, Berylo and Trevor Colette and Brendan. Over 20 years Saturday Lunches have raised more than £60,000 a substantial sum indeed. I'm sorry to learn that some of these gallant volunteers are retiring due to age and ill-health. I would like to thank them for their contribution. When a good work is started it will be unreasonable to stop it, therefore I turn to every member of the parish to volunteer your time to support Saturday Lunches. We cannot afford losing such a supportive legacy of the parish.

St. Patrick's Mass will take place at St. Mary's and Benedict Parish on Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 7:00pm. You are all very welcome to this Mass.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –2nd Sunday of Lent -- 21st to 28th Feb 2016

“KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING”

On the day a man is ordained to the sacred priesthood in the Catholic Church, the bishop puts into his hands a chalice with wine in it covered with a pattern with a big host of altar bread on it (a pattern is the small plate on which the host for consecration is placed). He hands them over to the newly ordained priest saying:

Receive from God's people the gifts to be offered to him, know what you are doing and model your life on the mysteries that you celebrate”

These words transform the priest into a conscientious servant and minister of the mysteries of faith. They apply to every person too who comes into the presence of God; he/she ought to know what he/she is doing.

As a priest there are some ministries that still make me tremble to the core leaving me wondering whether I'm really qualified! Some of these are acting as **God parent** or as a sponsor for baptism confirmation The reason I tremble is because of the demands of sponsorship. To be a sponsor is like standing before God and take an oath that you will do whatever it takes to bring the person you're sponsoring into his presence, to make him his saint. Well experience shows that people who choose sponsors and those who accept to be sponsors may not know what they are doing. Someone who does not practice the faith will not bring up somebody into that faith. Someone who has walked away from his family cannot be a credible witness to family life and all the sacrifices it demands. Someone who does not believe in the teaching of the Catholic church cannot be a credible sponsor to somebody who wants to live by the Catholic teaching. To act as a sponsor carries a grave responsibility before God.

In the parable of the Talents the master blamed that servant who accepted to take responsibility of one talent but did nothing to make it profitable. *“You wicked and lazy servant you should have deposited my money with the bankers and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest!”* Matt 25: 26-30. The master calls him **“wicked and lazy**. I'm sure many of us will hear that remark at the end of time. When someone asks you to be a sponsor think twice, pray about it; if you accept to do it, remember that it is more than a ceremony with cameras clicking but a great responsibility on your shoulders. God will ask you why you accepted to support someone to become a holy person yet you did not do it. Just as a priest at ordination is challenged by the bishop always to know what he is doing, so are you when you stand in as a sponsor to someone.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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This Sunday is designated as Jubilee Year of Mercy Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees. Please pray for them by use of the prayer below:

Merciful Father, God of all nations, We come before you as the people you have chosen as your own. You led your people from slavery to freedom and accompanied them throughout the traumatic journey. Your Son, Jesus, was born far from his family's home and they sought safety in another place soon after his birth. Hear our pleas for the people who have left their homeland amid tragedy, war and circumstances not of their making. You know each one by name and the secrets of their hearts, the pride in their heritage, the richness of their story. We ask your blessing on those who show hospitality to migrants and refugees on our behalf. Open our hearts that we never suffer indifference. May our prayers and words be accompanied by deeds that make a difference. Change the hearts of those who make dangerous journeys necessary, and those who exploit the desperate. As we cherish life, so may we be Christ like in our efforts to welcome the stranger, to love our neighbour, so that when we reach our longed for homeland, we may find in you then the welcome that we have offered others now. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

An opportunity to get fit: join Mrs. Nina every Friday after 12.10 pm Mass in the parish hall for gentle keep fit sessions. Increase your mobility and independence, improve your strength coordination and balance, enhance your quality of life for a fee of £2.50.

Death is announced of Martin Shally 75 of 29, Riverside Close Whitley which occurred on 16th Feb. 2016. Funeral Mass will take place on 3rd March at 12:10pm.

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

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TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 21st to 28th Feb 2016

Sat	20th	11.45am	Mrs. Maureen Barrett (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Jin Bride (RIP)
Sun	21st	11.30am	Gleen O'Sullivan (RIP)
Mon	22nd	12.10pm	Michael McGrane (Anni)
Tues	23rd	12.10pm	Jin Bride (RIP), Dorothy & family (Spl int)
Wed	24th	12.10pm	John Fahy (RIP), James Bride (RIP)
Thurs	25th	12.10pm	Elizabth & John O'Sullivan (RIP)
Fri	26th	12.10pm	Jim Hobbs (RIP), Edward Harten (RIP)
Sat	27th	11.45am	Patrick & Mary Ann Bride (RIP)
		5.30pm	Garry & Margaret Hobbs (Get well)
Sun	28th	11.30am	Hobbs Family (RIP), Val Keane (Anni)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 20th/21st Feb 2016

27th/28th Feb 2016

5:30 pm	Maggie (E)	Zen (E)
	Ann E, Bernadette (R)	Maria, Ann F (R)
11.30am	June, Zen (E)	Janet, Teresa (E)
	Maggie, Charles (R)	June, Charles (R)

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Mary Cassidy, Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Josie Kennedy, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipper-son, 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, Angela Jordan, Dave Riliott.

Please pray for those whose anniversary occur about this time: Conway Gerald Joseph, Hanbury Rose Marie, Fr. Sean Farrell, Gibson Philomena, O'Reilly William Patrick, Delargy Francis, Cawley Kevin Barry, Melody Tony, Slater William, Osborne John, Skillen Henry, McDonnell John, Taggart Colin, McCann Daiv John, Donouan James, McGuire Anne Agnes.