

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** we are looking forward to welcoming Archbishop Bernard Longley to St Osburg's parish to confirm 18 of our Year 6 pupils on Thursday 26th January at 7pm. Year 6 have been busy preparing to receive the sacrament and this will include an inspirational, fun filled and reflective retreat day led by Cardinal Newman chaplaincy team and pupils next Friday. We would love to have some children from other year groups in attendance to support Year 6 with the singing and share in this special celebration.

**Infection Control & Medication** please can we remind all parents that no medication should be sent into school directly with your child without completing a medicine form and handing it into the office with the medication. Also at this time of year when there are all sorts of bugs, germs and viruses around, in order to minimise the spreading of illnesses we ask parents to consider whether your child is well enough to attend school. Reminder – if a child has had sickness or diarrhoea they must not attend school for at least 48 hours since the last occurrence. Thank you for your support in minimising infections for other pupils and staff.

**Sacrament of Confessions:** is available everyday Monday-Friday immediately after the 12:10pm Mass. There is no confessions either before or after the Saturday evening Mass.

**Marriage preparation courses:** are available this year. For details visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk). Please be reminded that before you get married in the Catholic Church, you will need to be explained what Catholic marriage is all about. The priest witnessing your marriage will do it only after you have produced a certificate to show that you have done it. Please visit the website and give them a call if you intend to get married in the near future.

**Parish Choir is appealing for new members,** we all know how good liturgy is enhanced by good singing. Let us make our Sunday Mass a real celebration of the resurrection of the Lord. Thanks to our faithful choristers who sacrifice their time and energy to serve the parish in that office.

**Reflecting on our energy efficiency:** I received a document from SSE the company that provides us with electricity and gas advising us as a parish on how to reduce the bills we pay for these utilities. Across the country homes and businesses waste energy worth millions of pounds. The Church can take steps to make sure that we use energy when we actually need it. Since the parish infrastructure that consume energy do not belong to the priest, it is important that everyone takes responsibility. As a church we are neither increasing in number nor becoming richer, to succeed in reducing our energy bills, we have to get involved and change behaviour.

While significant amount of energy can be saved, changing attitudes and raising awareness inefficiency is often built into the building. Poor insulation can be a major problem, resulting in heat loss through the walls and roof. Draughty windows and doors let the cold in and the heat out. Heat escapes so fast through open doors and windows minding to close them or even to draw the curtains can save you thousands of years. Remember every saving we make eventually builds up to figures you will not believe.

**January 24th is the anniversary** of the episcopal ordination of Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please keep him in your prayers.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

#### Parish Newsletter—3rd Sunday- Year A - 22nd –29th Jan 2017

##### HE IS THE FIRST AND LAST PERSON WE WOULD DESIRE TO SEE:

On Wednesday January 25th we shall welcome two Religious Missionary priests in our parish of St. Osburg. It has been a very long journey, a journey that ends well as God has given us what we asked for. All of us have had to make some sacrifices of one kind or the other, I would like to thank you for your understanding inspired by true love of the parish and hard work. We can now talk about welcoming new priests.

At every celebration of the Mass, the people of God welcome the person sent by God among them. Do you remember the Latin saying '*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini =Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*'? The two priests are coming to us NOT in their name but in the Name of the Lord. Let us always look at our priests as men chosen from among us by God and sent among us by God to act as our mediators with God.

A priest is someone that should never be taken for granted. Our life in Christ begins with the hand of that man we call the Priest. When life is at its best (as on wedding day or at baptism of a new baby) we turn to him and ask him bless our baby and our love and to witness what we are doing. When life is feeble we call him to pray with us and over us to strengthen us in sickness. When life finally comes to a close, the priest is the last person we desire to have by the side of our dear one. It is the hand of a priest that we would like to see bidding farewell and commending us to God. A priest is the first and the last person we would desire to see. Therefore, the coming of a priest among us is good news for us.

But let us remember that a priest is somebody's beloved son, is some ones brother. He is a man who has sacrificed his life for others. The priest might sleep in a good house but like Jesus, he has nowhere to call his home. He did not choose to be a priest because he could not manage to do what you are doing, he just responded to a call. It is very important to give profound respect for the priest. As long as the priest is with us, we want him to use his **mouth** to speak to us, His **eyes** to see us, his **hands** to bless us, his **legs** to walk towards us, his **ears** to listen to us, his **head** to understand us and his **heart** to love us.

Jesus was very critical he was verbally violent against the Pharisees, the Lawyers, the Scribes, and the Politicians to the extent of calling Herod a Fox but there is not a single occasion that he criticised the priests or the priesthood. The reason is that Jesus knew that in spite of the priest's personal sins, he still acted in the name of God. I have heard of people who send nasty text messages to priests, but I know that the presence of a priest indicates the presence of a hand to welcome us into the family of God at baptism; the presence of a hand that will be raised to absolve us of our sins, the presence of a hand that will unite us in matrimony, a hand that will break bread among us, a hand that will finally commend us to God. Yes I'm thankful for a priest among us. Are you?

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#### Parish development

Parish collection.....

Gift aid.....££101.00 loose.....£3405. 50 **total.....** £446.50

Heating..... £52.55. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**Diocesan Levies on St. Osburg parish in 2017** will be **£10,180.28**. This figure is calculated from the total amount of offertory donations you have given to the church. Thank you so much for your generosity. Quarterly contribution of £2,545.07 will be collected on 27th January, 28th April, 28th July and 30th October 2017. This money which is paid by every parish is levied on the offertory; One third will go to the running of the Curia and the other Two thirds to the running of our Catholic Schools. Catholics who do not go to Church for Sunday Mass or practice the faith but are enthusiastic to take their children to Catholic Schools, need to know that those who go to church make great sacrifices to support our Catholic Schools. Your support is very important.

**Head teacher required** the governing body of Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School is seeking to appoint a new headteacher with effect from 1st September 2017. He/She must be a practicing Catholic with a strong personal faith, with a vision, leadership and energy to build and develop the strength of the Institution as a performing Catholic School. They are seeking for a leader who will inspire the students, staff, parents and governors, one who will motivate the whole community to achieve outstanding status and ensure the best possible outcomes for each individual pupil.

**Close the big door:** St. Osburg Church is always very cold, heating it up runs into thousands of pounds annually. I wish to ask you to close up the doors always especially the big one as you go out. Let us develop a culture that can keep our church warm, it will not only keep us healthy but it will save us money.

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

#### 3rd Sunday in ordinary time

#### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 22nd to 29th Jan 2017

Sat	21	11.45am	Bridie Farrell (RIP)
		5.30pm	Grianne Sean & family (Spl int)
Sun	22	10.30am	Nancy & family (Spl int)
Mon	23	12.10pm	Teresa Eamon & family (spl int), Margaret & Garry Hobbs (Get well)
Tues	24	12.10pm	Margaret & Peter family (Spl int)
Wed	25	12.10pm	Ann Sean & family (spl int)
Thurs	26	12.10pm	Mary Jim & family (Spl int)
		7.00pm	Confirmation
Fri	27	12.10pm	Mrs. Gill Funeral Mass
Sat	28	11.45am	Mrs. O'Callaghan (RIP)
		5.30pm	Alan Goodwin (RIP)
Sun	29	10.30am	Teresa White (RIP), Lena O'Connor (RIP)

#### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

##### 21st/22nd Jan 2017

##### 28th/29th Jan 2017

5.30pm	Bernadette, Ann E (R) Teresa (E)	Maria, Ann F. (R) Bernadette (E)
10.30am	Janet, Charles (R) Catherine, Zen (E)	June, Charles (R) Janet, Teresa (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** Josie Kennedy, 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. Christine Strong, Hilda Gibson, Sheila Biggs,

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time** Reidy Mary Anne, Parker Elfriede, Griffin Patrick, Christine, McNaan Joan Heathe, McPhelim Mary Kate, Clarkin Michael Grady, Shanahan Jack, Miller Francis, Cross Alice Georgine, Rodger Geraldine.

**Conversion of St. Paul:** will be celebrated on 25th January. Saul the young man who tended the cloaks of the men who were stoning St. Stephen grew into a dedicated and efficient persecutor of Christians. His conversion is a result of Jesus himself appearing to him as he approached Damascus and converted him to the true faith. Please pray for the conversion of violent people round the world.