

Matters of importance

Update on window glazing the presbytery: I'm pleased with the generosity you have showed to support the double-glazing of the priest's house. There are 53 windows. 27 windows had been pledged so far, out of these 19 have been paid for while 8 have not as yet. I have commissioned the work to start on Monday 30th November and it is expected to be completed on or before December 19th. This project is very important, it is one of the ways by which St. Osburgs will continue to carry on the mission given to her by Christ himself. I'm very pleased with the opinions that many of you have given to me concerning this work. They are sure signs that we are all interested in what is going on in the parish. In this work, I wish to thank the parishioners of SS. Mary and Benedict who have generously contributed to the purchase of the windows, thank you for your generosity.

Postponed: I wish to let all our Eucharistic ministers to know that the training and sharing of experience which was scheduled to take place on 6th December 2015 at St. Mary's has been postponed due to some unforeseen circumstances. A new date will be fixed and communicated later. I'm sorry if you are inconveniently affected.

Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015-2016 the opening of the Jubilee Door at St Mary's to begin the "Year of Mercy" will be on Sunday 13th December at 3.00pm. St Mary's is the Jubilee Church for our Deanery in this Year of Mercy and Father Jimmy would be grateful if you could mention this service in your Newsletters over the next few weeks and encourage your parishioners to attend. Father Jimmy and Father David Gnosill are working on a liturgy for the service and I will let you have details of this as soon as they are available.

Parish Christmas bazaar I thank you all for working so hard to prepare and to celebrate our annual Christmas bazaar in support of our parish. I have had particular admiration for the part that each one of you played. These are the things by which we practically show that we love the church and that we are part of the parish which is indeed our spiritual home. May you all be blessed. Just to say that if you took raffle tickets and you had not brought in the money it is a Christian duty to bring in that money even after the draw has taken place, because as you know, the Christmas bazaar is not meant for profit-making but to support a common good.

DIY Painter: I'm looking for someone who can volunteer his/her time to help us with painting some rooms in the presbytery of St. Osburgs. You need not be a professional painter; you will be guided by one. If you can help please contact Fr. Jimmy.

Crib set up in the City Centre: Christmas Crib of the Nativity will be blessed on 29th of Nov. 2015 at 4.00pm between BHS and M&S. Stores. We are invited to be present as a sign of Christ's Presence among us during this busy season.

Parish Development St. Osburgs:

Gift aid£234.50
Loose£457.52
Total **£692.02**

Thank you for your generosity.

Date for your diary: 13th Dec. opening the Door of Mercy, St. Marys Church at 3pm.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –Feast of Christ the King- Year B 22nd to 29th Nov 2015

WHEN YOU SEE THESE THINGS HAPPEN:

The end of the Church's liturgical year brings about the need to focus on the end of time. In his teaching Jesus predicted that times of trial will come with some frightening events especially to those whose knowledge and love of God is lacking. For those who love God, they should not be afraid but instead raise their heads high because their liberation would be near at and Lk. 21:28

The events that took place in France are a reminder and wake-up call for all of us the baptized to return to our Christian life, to practice Christian faith and to live by the Ten commandments. If Christians knew the greatness of their faith in Jesus and his teaching, there would be no empty places in many churches. I recall a big church in the city where I used to live many years ago which was turned into a Sainsbury supermarket and the church not far away from the city where I live these days which was turned into residential flats! Where will people find a prophetic voice when that voice is engrossed in world affairs like the rest of mankind?

In the Sermon on the Mountain Jesus gave a teaching which is never found in any other religion: *"You have learned how it was said eye for eye, tooth for tooth but I say to you offer the wicked man no resistance.... You have learned 'you must love your neighbour and hate your enemy, but I say this to you: 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you in this way you will be sons of your Father in Heaven Mt. 5:38 – 44. Only Christ teaches this. Now let each one of us should ask himself/herself "what would the world become if we practiced the Christian faith as taught by Jesus?"*

God uses funny ways to bring us to our senses or to attract our attention. For Moses in the desert he created the burning bush, to create a nation of his own made them get lost in the desert and starved all of them nearly to death and to convert a stiff-necked Saul he created a serious accident.

When you see evil on our streets may be it is because you have not become a good Christian yet or it might be because you have not put into practice the teaching of Jesus. What goes into a man's soul influences his behaviour and makes him who he is. Ignorance of the teaching of Jesus and lack of practicing our Christian faith will not make us live in a better world instead it makes evil prevail. So when you see such things happen remember that there is still much work to do

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Parish Sisters : celebrated today their Congregational feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Srs. Philomena and Teresa who work in our Parish are members of the Presentation Sisters Order. Let us remember them in our prayers and offer them support in their work among us.

Results from bazaar raffle: Main Raffle **1st prize** Fr. Jimmy, **2nd prize** John Kavanagh, **3rd prize** owner of Tel. 76599614, **4th prize** J. Cahill, **5th prize** Lappin, **6th prize** Lewis.

Door entry raffle prize White Ticket No 109 Serial No 930619.

Food Hamper: Rose Goodwin
Hamper 2nd & 3rd prizes Bernie O'Brien.

Thank you all for supporting the bazaar. St. Mary's will have their Christmas bazaar this coming Saturday starting from 1:00pm—4:00pm please you are all very welcome to support them

St John the Baptist is holding an Advent Service, 'Darkness to Light' on Sunday 29th November, starting at 4.30pm. It is directly after the Blessing of the Crib.

In the Chapel of Unity in Coventry Cathedral, there will be a short Advent prayer service each Monday morning in Advent at 10am.

Our Parish Choir is made up of few but dedicated people, I wish to encourage you to join the choir if you can. To sing in church you need not be professional since it is all about praising God.

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

Last Sunday in Ordinary time: Parish Mass Book pg. 93.

TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 22nd Nov to 29th Nov 2015

Sat	21st	11.45am	Mary Kelly (RIP)
		5.30pm	Johnny Jordan (Anni), Srs. Philomena & Teresa (Spl. Int)
Sun	22nd	11.30am	Catherine Mitten (RIP)
Mon	23rd	12.10pm	Mary Kelly (RIP)
Tues	24th	12.10pm	Deceased of Byrne Family Deceased of Legion of Mary
Wed	25th	12.10pm	Bridie Dudgeon (RIP)
Thurs	26th	09:10am	School Mass
		12.10pm	Gerry Sheely (RIP), Holy souls
Fri	27th	12.10pm	Deceased members & Benefactors of SVP
Sat	28th	11.45am	Irean Lally (RIP)
		5.30pm	Deceased members & Benefactors of SVP
Sun	29th	11.30am	Maria Conway (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 21st/22nd Nov 2015

Weekend 28th/29th Nov 2015

5:30 pm	Bernadette (E)	Maggie (E)
	Ann F, Raquel (R)	Bernadette, Ann E. (R)
11.30am	Mary, Bill (E)	Janet, Catherine (E)
	June, Charles (R)	Agnes, Charles (R)

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, 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

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

Anniversaries of the Week: Jordan John Francis, O'Brien Helen, Squire Humphray, Feawhey Isobel, Bride James Patrick, Owen Winifred Josephine, Browne Joseph Rete, Farrell Brigid, Clarke Rosella, Mayne Mathew Houghney, Sihhivan Florence M. Gaunt Adan.