

## Matters of importance

### No soup and Rolls on this Friday:

**Baptism preparation:** If you have children to be baptised/christened please note that the preparation meeting will take place on Tues. 27th Oct. 2015 at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

**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.

**Mass for the Sick:** I wish to thank the people of this parish who enabled the elderly of the parish to come to the Mass last Sunday during which they were anointed with holy oils. It was indeed a spiritual encounter with the Lord who strengthens us all in our weakness. Thanks to the ladies who arranged the hall, those who served tea and coffee and those who took time in conversation with our sick and infirm. The coming of so many of these parishioners of ours, reminded me of the great work Sr. Philomena, Sr. Theresa and the Eucharistic Ministers do as they visit them from time to time with Holy Communion.

**Receiving stuff for the bazaar:** 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.

**Funeral is announced of James Stephen Bride** aged 56 which took place on 2nd October. Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 26th October 12:10pm. Death is also announced of **Michael Alexander Necic** his funeral will take place also on Monday 26th October at 1:45pm. Death is announced of **Kathleen Tierney** which occurred at her house funeral will take place on 4th November at 12:10pm.

### Dates for your diary:

- Eucharistic Ministers Meeting at St. Mary's 6th Dec 2015 3:30-5:30pm.
- 21st November Parish Christmas Bazaar

### **Parish Development St. Osburgs:**

1st collection	....	Gift Aid .....	£341.00
		Loose .....	£360.29
		Total .....	£701.29

Mission Sunday Collection : £254.24

Thank you all for your generosity towards the church I encourage you if you are a tax payer to consider donating your offering through Gift Aid Scheme. Someone will speak to us about it in the near future.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

## **Parish Newsletter 30th Sunday of the Year B 25th Oct to 1st Nov 2015**

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT**

Last week we had a meeting in preparation for our annual Christmas bazaar. It was very encouraging to see people present to discuss how to carry on this annual fundraising activity for the church. I was especially encouraged to hear some names of people mentioned from time to time. Some of these people were not present but having your names suggested showed me how much the community values your contribution and how much they truly believe in your ability. If you thought that you are a '*no-body*' you would get surprised to hear those present at the meeting recalling the good work you have done in the past whenever such occasions arose. Do not despise your self or underestimate your abilities.

The parish bazaar differs from other fundraising activities that we know of for the simple reason that it is inspired by the three cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. Because of Faith we know that the sacrifices we make are seen by God and he blesses them. Because we have Hope we know that we are not labouring in vain God will one day reward our sacrifices. Because we are giving out of Charity or Love of God, we try to choose the best.

You must have heard me speak to you about the truth that every baptised is necessary; he/she is important and is someone we cannot do without. There is no "less Christian" or a "more Christian" all of us belong to the Church, we are members of the family of God. We are not observers we are called to act. We should never leave the work of the Church to individual few after all the work of evangelization is given to us all. Christmas bazaar is another way of supporting the evangelization program.

I wish to request you to start bringing in stuff that you wish to donate for the bazaar. The best gift to God and to the church is NOT that which is useless to you or that one that you dislike but it is that thing which you consider useful and likable to yourself but all the same you decide to give it to someone else, for God loves a cheerful giver.

We need bottles of wine, spirits, soft drinks, prizes for tombola stall, tinned foods (make sure they are not out of date) & donations of cash for the raffle. We have come a long way, I know that each one of us is doing his/her best. Above all remember to turn up on the bazaar day with your family and friends.

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

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### **St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church**

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**Judas Iscariot did not wait for the First Mass to end:** It was celebrated by Jesus at the Last Supper. Twelve men sat there but in the middle of the Passover meal Jesus took a piece of bread he blessed it, broke it and distributed it among them. One of them Judas Iscariot after he had eaten the bread, he went out; night had fallen. We all know what became of the man! For the few Sunday Masses we have celebrated here, Fr. Moses and I have been very surprised to see some people receiving Holy Communion and straight walk out of the church. It is not our Christian practice to do so and I wouldn't like my people to behave exactly as Judas Iscariot did at the First Mass. In the Eucharist Jesus is present to you, soul and body, blood and divinity. If you do not recognise whom you have received be sure you will betray him too. Remember that the Mass ends with a final blessing and dismissal. It is not good to go out of the church soon after Holy Communion. That is what Judas Iscariot did and it was very bad!

**November is dedicated** to pray for our brothers and sisters who have died. Although they are not with us we cannot forget the times we shared in their lives it is fitting that we pray for them and the best prayer is the Holy Mass. Envelopes for Holy Souls Masses are available in the sacristy. Ask the sacristan if you need some. Please remember to ask the priest to offer Mass for the repose of their souls

**This is greatly appreciated:** As you know priests will come to form a community here at St. Osburg and to minister to you but the presbytery is in a sorry state; broken gutters and never double-glazed metallic windows of 1950's. There are 54 windows and I'm glad to inform you that some two people have donated one window each. I was greatly pleased with such generosity, this kind of action will help the parish not to sink deeper and deeper into debt. When the house will be double-glazed, it will save on the heating which is now going to waste. That is why it is important

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

### **30th Sunday in Ordinary time: Parish Mass Book pg. 85**

#### TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 25th to 1st Nov 2015

Sat.	24th	11.45am	Agnes Jones (Spl int)
	24th	5.30pm	Josie Kelly (RIP)
Sun	25th	11.30am	Tom & Michael Mulholland (RIP) David Whealing (Get well)
Mon	26th	12.10pm	James Stephen Bridie (Funeral)
		1.45pm	Michael Alexander Necic (Funeral)
Tues	27th	12.10pm	Jim Hobbs (RIP)
Wed	28th	12.10pm	Holy souls, Cyril Mduduzi Zimu (RIP)
Thurs	29th	12.10pm	Catherine Mitten (B'day)
Fri	30th	12.10pm	Frank & Norah Divine (Golden wed Anni)
Sat	31st	11.45am	Elizabeth Dally (RIP)
	31st	5.30pm	David Whealing (RIP)
Sun	1st	11.30am	Fr. Terence (RIP)

**Feast Days: 1st November Solemnity of all Saints**

**2nd November The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**

#### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

##### Weekend 24th/25th Oct. 2015

5:30 pm Bernadette (E)  
Maria, Bill (R)  
11.30am Mary, Bill (E)  
Agnes, Charles (R)

##### Weekend 31st Oct/1st Nov 2015

Agnes (E)  
Ann F, Raquel (R)  
Catherine, Maggie (E)  
Janet, Charles ®

**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, 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:** Kathleen Tierney, Fr Terence Fitzpatrick, Josephine Kelly, Michael Alexander Necic, Ron Jones. John Beston Alva Saunders.

**Anniversaries of the Week:** Dodds Elizabeth Mary, Jack Agnes Wickham, McCamphill Michelle, Stewart Walter Arthur, McGrogan Noran, David Thomas Martin, Hartnen John, McCafferty Teresa, Dany Mary.