

Archbishop welcomed two priests: last Thursday 26th January 2017 Archbishop Bernard Longley welcomed officially the two resident priests for St. Osburg Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ and Fr. Sunday Bazirake AJ. A priest does not simply appear at the altar, there is a long history behind him. We have been praying for priests, now that they are here, I ask you to take care of your priests, make sure that they are warm, healthy and comfortable. The work of these two priests begins on Monday 30th January.

Information from the School Head: Last Thursday 18 of our Year 6 pupils were confirmed in St Osburg's church by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley. The children looked extremely smart and were so excited to be taking this next important step in their journey of faith. I was very impressed with their reverence and active participation as they led us through the Mass and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The church was beautifully adorned with Holy Spirit inspired art work and a special display dedicated to the Confirmandi. Special thanks to Mrs Batson, Miss Hughes and Mr Jordan for all their hard work in preparing the children and the church. We are also very grateful to Mr Bisiker and our wonderful choir of staff and children who volunteered to come and sing for helping to make the service so special. Archbishop described St Osburg's to me as a wonderful, vibrant and very welcoming school and parish community. A particular highlight for me was to witness Year 6 perform 'Joy of the Holy Spirit'. It certainly filled the whole church with joy and was the perfect end to such an uplifting service. Thank you also to Father Jimmy, Father Moses and Father Alex their support and for concelebrating the Confirmation Mass, and we extended a special welcome to Father Sunday and Father Pontius our two new resident priests.

Marriage preparation courses: are available this year. For details visit 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.

Feast of the Presentation of our Lord will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday 2nd February. It recalls the moment when Jesus as a baby was presented consecrated to the Lord by his parents Joseph and Mary. It reminds us that we too in baptism have been presented to God and consecrated to him. This Feast will be marked in a special way by our two Sisters, Theresa and Philomena who belong to the Order of the Sisters of Presentation. Let us come together to pray with them and for them on that day at our daily Mass.

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.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—4th Sunday- Year A - 29th Jan to 5th Feb 2017

IF YOU THOUGHT YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT SAY THEIR PRAYERS, THINK TWICE

These days I have had great admiration of young people in our City of Coventry. I rarely go out of the city therefore I will find it difficult to comment on what is going on in other cities. Walking the other day from the University towards the Council House, I was struck by the number of young people whose trousers were torn around the knee area. I'm sure that you too have noticed how the trousers of our youth are literally tearing to pieces around their knees. They must be praying a lot otherwise why should jeans trousers of young people get torn around the knees! I greatly admire this. If you thought young people were not saying their prayers, you have the evidence. Nevertheless if shredded jeans round the knees is just a fashion, it is a crazy idea!

The Holy Mass is the greatest prayer of the church since young people seem to be praying a lot, I wish to allude to some comments that some great saints made about the Mass:

St. John Chrysostom said "When the Mass is being celebrated the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim immolated at the altar"

St. Augustine of Hippo said: "The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass"

St. John Bosco. Said "The best time to ask and obtain favours from God is at the time of elevation. Be eager to go to Mass on weekdays also even if it cost a sacrifice. Jesus will reward you with his blessings and make you succeed in all your undertakings.

St. Thomas Aquinas said: "The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross".

St. Theresa of the child Jesus was overwhelmed with God's goodness and she asked Jesus "Lord how can I thank you"? Jesus replied "Attend one Mass".

St. John Vianney said "When we receive Holy Communion we experience something extraordinary a joy, a fragrance a wellbeing that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt. There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us."

Padre Pio said "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass".

Back at home in Uganda goats do not have fur over their knees, could it be that they too are praying a lot? It is unfortunate that crazy ideas and fashions are attractive instead of sound traditional human values such as modesty and self respect, respect of elders, service to the needy among others. While I too have embraced modern gadgets like computers and mobile phones, *Twitter*, *WhatsApp* and *Imo* I can assure you that my knees will not go public in the name of fashion. What about you?

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Parish development

Parish collection.....

Gift aid.....£ 34.00 Loose..... £344.20 Total.... £378.20 **Restoration** £10.87

Heating....£ 53.91 Sat lunches £ 51.75 Thank you for your generosity.

Winners of 300 Club January Draw: 1st prize no. 218 G. Daly, 2nd prize no. 560 B. Kennedy, 3rd prize no 305 A Joyce, 4th prize no 503 Nakawoya, 5th prize no 34 T. McGinley. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for your participation which has brought lots of smiles on someone's face this month.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (2017) will be led by His Grace the Archbishop and Bp. David McGough. Leaving by coach or plane on Saturday 27th May and returning on Friday 2nd June. If you wish to go please call Lourdes office on 0121 236 4585.

Donation to St. Osburg: I'm very grateful to some people among us who have recently put into my hands £5.00, £10.00 £20.00 as donations to St. Osburgs. These little donations make great difference in the daily running costs of the parish. I wish also to extend on your behalf our thanks to the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom Walsingham for extending to St. Osburg a donation of £1500.00. I thank Mr. Derick Williams the Guild administrator for his generosity.

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

4th Sunday in ordinary time

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 29th Jan to 5th Feb 2017

Sat	28	11.45am	Mrs. O'Callaghan (RIP)
		5.30pm	Alan Goodwin (RIP), Catherine Mangan (Spl int)
Sun	29	10.30am	Teresa White (RIP), Lena O'Connor (RIP)
Mon	30	12.10pm	Martin Curtin, Jim Hobbs (RIP)
Tues	31	12.10pm	Antony Teinery, Una Ruddy (RIP)
Wed	01	12.10pm	Peg & Alan Cranny (Spl int)
Thurs	02	12.10pm	John Deirore Hegarty (Spl int)
Fri	03	12.10pm	John & Tory Glen (Spl int)
Sat	04	11.45am	Hilda Gibson (spl int)
		5.30pm	Leon & William Gaven (Spl int)
Sun	05	10.30am	Lionora Claver, Margaret Claver (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

28th/29th Jan 2017

4th/5th Feb 2017

5.30pm	Maria, Ann F. (R) Bernadette (E)	Ann E, Bernadette (R) Zen (E)
10.30am	June, Charles (R) Janet, Teresa (E)	School Readers Charles, June (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, 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 Butler Pierce Joseph, Hainey Damian, Roache Margaret, Ward Sidney, Gregson Margaret, Chambers Eva, Sharrey Bridget, O'Brien Elizabeth, Collins Patrick Joseph, King Margaret Ann.

Helping hands are requested in the different activities of the parish. We need volunteers to help in cleaning the church in singing in the choir. We need people who can serve tea and coffee to the senior members of the community at Saturday lunches, the need is endless. By virtue of your baptism you are already empowered to do every good work in the church. If you can volunteer your time and expertise please talk to Fr. Jimmy or to anyone of the priests

Photographs of Confirmation are found

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