

### Matters of importance

**Confirmation for St Osburg's** school children will be on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7 pm. If you are not confirmed or if you have children who go to non-Catholic school and has reached the age of Confirmation please contact Fr. Moses or Fr. Jimmy as soon as possible so as to be included among those who will receive the Sacrament.

**Annual Retreat for the diocesan priests 4th—8th July 2016:** This year's Retreat will be led by Canon John Udris STL, a priest of the Diocese of Northampton and a Spiritual Director at St Mary's College, Oscott. The Retreat will be held at Oscott College beginning at supper on Monday 4 July and will end at lunchtime on Friday 8 July.

**New employees for the diocese** Deacon Paul O'Connor, a Chartered Town Planner, currently Development Services Manager at Worcester City Council, will commence as Head of Planning from 1 July 2016. Based at Worcester, Deacon Paul will be responsible for all aspects of development planning which will also include shaping and implementing diocesan strategy in the light of the changing social environment and demographics. He will be liaising closely with the Diocesan Property Department, the Area Bishops and the Vicar General to identify how best to organise our resources to help Catholics meet the spiritual, educational and social needs of themselves and their local communities.

**Clare O'Brien, a Qualified Solicitor**, currently working for a major firm who specialises in property advice for religious charities, will commence as Diocesan Solicitor from 31 August 2016. Based at Cathedral House, Clare will take over responsibility for all our relationships with regard to legal services – especially property transactions, the legal arrangements with existing and new Academy schools and legacy receipts as well as being an in-house source of advice on legal matters. She will work closely with the Diocesan Property Department and with the Diocesan Education Service on ensuring that we process transactions effectively and efficiently, and gain best value for money when we need to seek advice externally.

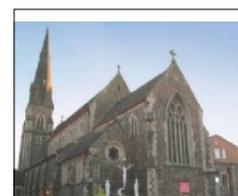
Both Clare and Deacon Paul will be part of the Treasurer's Department reporting to Deacon David Palmer. Please keep them in your prayers. As Catholics it is good to use our gifts and expertise for the building up of the church.

**St Osburgs 1000 Years celebrations.** There will be a series of events to mark the 1000 Years of St Osburg. On Friday 9th September there will be a Civic Celebration involving the schools walking from Broadgate to the Cathedral. On the Sunday 11th September, the Archbishop has agreed to say Mass at 11.30am. Each parish will have 10 representatives and the schools will have banners to commemorate the event. The school hall will be used as an overflow with an exhibition and tapestry produced by the schools on show in St Osburgs Parish hall. There will also be a Prayer Card of St Osburg to distribute to each parish and school.

**Joint Deanery initiatives: "Sowing the Seeds" Course:** Are you interested in broadening the knowledge of your faith? There will be a 12 week Catechetical Course, for Parish catechists, those who would like to be catechists and those who would like to teach. The course is run under the auspices of Maryvale and Sister Gillian will head it up. It will rely heavily on the priests and the deacons of the deanery to input and lead the course on some of the topics. Participants are required to do at least 10 of the 12 weeks to complete the course which will begin in September and be hosted by All Souls parish every Monday evening starting at 7:00pm.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### Parish Newsletter—14th SUNDAY YEAR C 3rd to 10th July 2016

#### IS VOX POPULI VOX DEI APPLICABLE ALL THE TIME?

There is an old Latin saying "*Vox Populi, Vox Dei*" meaning the voice of the people is the voice of God. It refers to the idea that when many people express an opinion and uphold it as true, the king or the government ought to pay attention to what the people say. Democracy is normally seen in this context.

Two years ago, I had an a discussion with Rev. Christopher the Bishop of Coventry when we were at Oscott College on priest training day. He had been invited by Archbishop Bernard to speak to the Catholic Clergy. The matter at stake was how we can work together. Recalling the fact that we live in a democratic society where "*Vox Populi*" works with what percentage goes into the ballot box, I reminded the bishop how damaging adopting secular behaviour to church's discipline and doctrine can be very dangerous to Christian cause. Of course if you normally follow the debates in parliament, the majority always have it. This principle cannot and will not always work in the church. Do we believe what we believe as Christians because that is what the majority believe or we believe because that is what it is? The resurrection of Jesus was believed by a tiny group of people, while the majority opposed it.

Twenty one centuries ago two men were stood on a balcony; between them was a governor who wield great authority, his word would bring life or death. Below the balcony was a large crowd of people. They were pushing each other because they wanted to have a glimpse of the two men. Above all they wanted their voice to be heard. Every person in the crowd knew the truth about the men who stood chained there. One man had given them life, the other man had robbed them and murdered some. About the man who had given them life and showed them love the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, cried out all at once, "Crucify him, crucify him!" The governor was at loss, the voice of the people grew louder and louder. The governor with all the best intentions to do something for one of the condemned man could not make headway, the people had spoken

*Vox Populi vox Dei* principle cannot be applicable all the time. There are many cases where the voice of the people can be misled especially when what they are giving their say upon is not well explained or when much deception is at play. There will always be people who manipulate the voice of the masses, often time leading to miseries. Mob justice as we know claims many lives all over the world, in the end it is not justice at all.

At one time Jesus was presented with a victim of voice of the people, she was allegedly caught in adultery. While the voice of the people demanded her condemnation to death by stoning, Jesus refused to listen to *Vox Populi* principle and instead made the people to realise the injustice of ill informed voice of the people.

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**Parish development**

1st collection.

Gift aid..... £639.50  
Loose ..... £352.71  
Total ..... £992.21

2nd collection...£223. 92 Peter's Pence Thanks for your generosity.

**Choir Concert Songs of Praise comes to St. Mary's Church** on 9th July to raise money for the training of a priest. The shortage of priests in the Church is a concern to every Catholic. Tickets are on sale at £2.50 per person or £1.50 for children or £8.00 for a family of 5. Come and enjoy home grown choristers while you support the training of someone to become a missionary priest

**World Youth Day** More than a hundred of our young people are travelling to Krakow with the BCYS Team, some volunteers and a number of our clergy. Bishop William will accompany them from 17 to 24 July and I am looking forward to joining them from 25 to 31 July.

**Sea Sunday:** is celebrated on Sunday 10th July 2016. Apostleship of the sea is the official maritime welfare and mission agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. More than one million seafarers arriving its ports each year are supported. There will be a second collection next week end to support the work. It is vitally important that we support this mission because everything that is done for the seafarers is done on behalf of Great Britain's Catholic community.

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

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Book pg. No. 105**

TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 3rd to 10th July 2016

Sat	02	11.45am	Angela Jordan (RIP)
		5.30pm	Anthony Tierney (RIP)
Sun	03	11.30am	Patrick & Elizabeth Buckley (RIP)
Mon	04	12.10pm	Dr. Funke Jibowu (RIP)
Tues	05	12.10pm	Maria Conway (Anni)
Wed	06	12.10pm	James Ward (Spl int)
Thurs	07	12.10pm	Anne & Brian Fenton (Wed. Anni)
Fri	08	12.10pm	Angela Jordan (RIP)
Sat	09	11.45am	Elizabeth Charlie Kennedy (Anni)
			Gerry McGrath (Anni)
		5.30pm	Anthony Tierney (RIP)
Sun	10	11.30am	Fr. Paul Lloyd (Ord. Anni), Thomas Tiquinn (RIP)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 2nd/3rd July 2016**

**9th/10th July 2016**

5:30 pm	Bernadette, Ann E (R)	Ann F., Maggie (R)
	Zen (E)	Bernadette (E)
11.30am	School Readers	June, Charles (R)
	Catherine, June (E)	Maggie, Patsy (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** Liam Campling 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, Vincent Burns.

**Please pray for those whose anniversary occur about this time :** Mary Bridget Dooley, KilMartin Patrick, O'Connor Johanna Philomena, Fletcher Sadie Heneghan Patrick, Collins Kelly Ann, Radonjic M Vukisic, Ryan Thomas Joseph, O'Gorman Ann, Maguire Alphonses Anthony, Moran Francis Edward.

**300 Club June Draw winners 1st** prize No. 400 **P. Boyle**, 2nd prize No 389 **S. Cox**, 3rd prize No 430 **P. Murray**, 4th prize 568. **C Sexton**, 5th prize 275 **Mrs Lloyd**.

**SVP Summer draw 2016 winners:** Ticket no 4696 **M. Ryan**, 2nd prize ticket no. 2237 **M. Fenton**, 3rd prize ticket no 0256 **R. McCamphill**. Well done to the winners, very many thanks to all the supporters.