

Matters of importance

We shall miss it this year: The Archbishop customary writes a Pastoral Letter to be read on the Feast of the Holy Family. This year, in view of the fact that he recently wrote a Pastoral Letter for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which was read on the Second Sunday of Advent, the archbishop has not issued an additional Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Understanding Islam– a course for Catholics living and working with Muslims:

This four-day course is held at Campion Hall in Oxford from 8-11 Feb 2016, aims to help Catholics understand how the worldviews of the Muslims they live and work with are shaped by their faith. Participants are encouraged to see the world through Muslim eyes, and are taken through a stimulating programme including sessions on Muhammad, Islamic beliefs, laws and prayer life. There are also opportunities to learn about Islamic perspectives on Christianity, developments in the modern Islamic world, and Islam in Britain. The course is a safe space for Catholics to discuss their attitudes and judgements, and to consider how to respond to the call of their bishops and the Pope to dialogue with Islam. A maximum of 11 participants ensures that there is plenty of opportunity for discussion. The course is presented by Fr Damian Howard SJ, who is currently a lecturer at Heythrop College with a special academic interest in the Christian theological response to Islam. It is supported by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Archbishop Bernard wrote : “the Jubilee Year of Mercy has begun well and I am grateful to the bishops and priests who have opened all the Doors of Mercy in the Jubilee Churches and Places of Pilgrimage across the Archdiocese. My thanks to all our priests and deacons for enabling our schools and communities to see the wonderful spiritual potential in this Holy Year. Please make prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood a priority during the Year of Mercy. Thank you for your support of the work of our Vocations Director, Fr Dominic Chukka, and his Vocations Team. After Christmas, over the New Year, I shall be away for a few days and I do hope that you too will take some time to rest after all your hard work. In thanking you for all that you do I wish you and those you serve every blessing for a fruitful and joyful Christmas. May the Prince of Peace bestow his peace filled blessings on you.”

FR. MOSES AND I THANK YOU FOR THE GOODWILL MESSAGES SENT TO US DURING THIS CHRISTMAS; WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016. LET US ENDEAVOUR TO DO GOD'S WILL.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –Fourth Sunday of Advent --20th Dec 15 to 3rd Jan 2016

THIS COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED AT ST. OSBURG:

I'm writing to thank you for supporting the work that has been done at St. Osburg since the Archdiocese of Birmingham handed it over to the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus. I thank you particularly for responding to the window glazing of the house, it was overdue and necessary. Because of your support I was able to commission the work to start immediately. Double-glazing is completed, but interior work is still being done. In a week or so work will start on the gutters and down pipes. Due to damaged gutters we discovered that water had penetrated into the office floor making the carpet underlay wet and rotten.

In our work we were supported by other Christians outside St. Osburgs, they heard about our appeal, some read about it in the newsletter, but the point is they supported us in the sponsor- a-window project. Some special need to be made of Catholic Students of Coventry University who donated £82:00. Christ the King £400, 1 window, St. Anne Willenhall £1184 .00 3 windows, St. Elizabeth £1172.26, 3 windows, St Marys £3438.13, 9 windows, St Osburgs £8601.13, 22 windows! Well done, thanks for your generosity. It was not out of your material abundance that you made these sacrifices but truly out of your poverty. Some pledges were made hopefully they will be honoured. While the job has been completed, the full cost of the windows has not been achieved.

There was also some negative criticism of why the windows needed to be done! Priests have lived in that house and they never complained! Another criticism came from the need to fix the gutters and down pipes. Someone asked me do you want to say that you are drowning? Well I have no answer to such questions what I know is that common sense and good management tells me that the work needs doing. Thank you for understanding this too and for giving your support.

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Confessions Saturday after Mass: I wish to let you know that for the moment we shall not have Confessions after Saturday evening Mass.

Flowers at Christmas: collection raised £271.52. I thank Ms. Veronica and her team who spent a lot of time arranging them thus making our church beautiful. Mr Derick veronica's husband made a good crib for our parish. I thank him for it.

Mercy has come to us: When Pope Francis announced the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy he as Shepherd and supreme pastor of the Church invited us to enter into the loving and compassionate relationship with Jesus. The Year of Mercy is a call to be aware that God's 'mercy endures forever', he calls us to conversion every day of our lives. As baptised people, we are literally 'soaked' in the mercy of God. Mercy is God's very nature, shared with us through Jesus. Through baptism we are given the power to be 'merciful like the Father. Being merciful starts in the home. Parents set the tone of what it means to be merciful with each other and with their children and more especially in their willingness to forgive. I'm very grateful to the pilgrims who pass through the Holy Door of Mercy at St. Mary's everyday to come to pray for God's mercy. It is a great act of faith in God's mercy which I'm sure will not pass his notice.

Parish Development

1st collection
Gift Aid..... £164.00
Loose..... £387.61
Total..... £551.61

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Epiphany of the Lord– Mass Book pg. no. 48.

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

Sat	2nd	11.45am	Mary Kelly (RIP)
		5.30pm	Peter Hastings (RIP)
Sun	3rd	11.30am	Gil Martin family (Spl int)
Mon	4th	12.10pm	Mr & Mrs. McDergott (Spl. Int), Charles O'Malley (Anni)
Tues	5th	12.10pm	Teresa Kerriga & family (Spl int.)
Wed	6th	12.10pm	Bernadette Lappin (RIP)
Thurs	7th	12.00am	Mary Kelly (RIP), Michael Campbell (Get well)
Fri	8th	11.30am	Dan, Josie. Gk Martin (Spl int)
Sat	9th	11.45am	Dave Elliott (Get well)
		5.30pm	Phil, Joe, Mc Guigan (Spl int)
Sun	10th	11.30am	Jane Moran (Anni), Jackie Buckley (Get well)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 2nd/3rd Jan 2016

9th/10th Jan. 2016

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

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Laurence Gallen, 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: Jim Lawton, Alva Saunders, Margaret Mary Ryan, Julia Byrne. Christine McDermott.

Anniversaries of the Week: Duffy Margaret Christina, Fowler James Robert, Mimnaugh Winslow Michael, McCarron Elizabeth, Kennedy Elizabeth, Lappin Bernadette, Meagher Denis, Mckee Martin, Farrelly John, Duffy Thomas Pete, Lenehan Mary, Gibson Charles, Salter Patrick Joseph, Busst Marian.