

Our New Priests Fr. Pontius and Fr. Sunday have spent this week trying to get familiar with the faces of the people that frequent the church of St. Osburg where they are stationed. They are trying to learn the traditions and customs of the parish. I wish to thank you all for the warm welcome that you have given to them for which they are so grateful. If you give them a good first impression, this will be their enduring self confidence and happiness in serving us in the parish.

Legacy Leaflet: the diocese has made a new leaflet which is available in all 227 parishes to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the parish. At the back of the church today you will find copies of the new leaflet. Please do take one and consider whether you or someone you know, may wish to support the parish in this way. Thank you and God bless.

Pause for Hope, ecumenical service: Almost twenty years ago Professor Ray Donnelly, a Liverpool cancer surgeon, was exploring ways in which to respond to the spiritual needs of those people who are affected by cancer. A group of like-minded people came together and devised an ecumenical service, PAUSE for HOPE, which has been held annually ever since, alternating between Liverpool's two cathedrals. It has since spread to Chester, Manchester, Glasgow, the Isle of Man and various other centres throughout the country. On Sunday 19 March 2017 at 3pm we will be hold Birmingham's first PAUSE for HOPE servicemen St Chad's Cathedral. Archbishop together with the Bishop of Aston, Bishop Anne Hollinghurst, and group of local people will be leading the prayers, music and readings. All are welcome and invited to join the congregation. Further details can be obtained from either the Pause for Hope website: www.pauseforhope.org.uk or from: kenvance@jesuits.net

The Natural Family Planning Teachers' Association are offering two courses beginning in February 2017 and July 2017 for people in the Archdiocese who run the Marriage Preparation Courses and those who teach young people about their fertility to train to be NFP Teachers. The online course consists of 12 sessions requiring approximately 6 hours of home study and two written and an oral examination. The Attending Course would consist of six Saturdays at monthly intervals. The cost of each course is £500. For more information please visit www.nfpta.org.uk.

Women's World day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday March 3rd 2017. The service comes from women of the Philippines the islands that have been hit hard by devastating storms this winter. Here in Coventry the service will be held at the Methodist Central Hall at 11:00am. All are welcome men and women alike.

A bit of humility is necessary daily: as Brexit picks momentum and as President Donald Trump collects stones and sand to build the US/ Mexican boarder wall, we are challenged as Christians to be sober in mind and heart. A story is told of a woman of nobility who had immense personal fortune was once at an audience with Pope Pius X. Her entire bearing was one of absolute superiority. As she knelt at the feet of the Pope to receive his blessing she asked: "What can I do for the Church Your Holiness"? Her tone of voice and her demeanour showed clearly that she was expecting some high and mightily assignment, some task of glamour and renown befitting her dignity and wealth. The Holy Father replied "I request you go and teach catechism in your parish church!" She sprung to her feet and walked away angry because in her mind, she felt belittled.! Well without basic humility nothing that is done for God or for his church merits Divine Reward.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—5th Sunday- Year A - 29th Jan to 5th to 12th Feb 2017

THEY CALL THEM WEAK I CALL THEM BRAVE
When I was growing up, I was taught that a woman must be assisted at all times. The work of heavy lifting or being sent to shops alone was left to me. The explanation I was given by my parents was that I was a man, stronger than my sisters even though they were bigger than me. That is how society trained us to be brave and manly in character.

The Christian Bible has another opinion of women, it by no means portray them as weak or inefficient. The Old Testament has many examples of women who spoke words of courage and displayed a kind of God-confidence that is to be admired. Consider the following women in the Bible who were courageous in their Spirit-led interventions that they were used by God.

Moses was about to be put to death by God but **Zipporah** his mother wisely intervened by circumcising his sons thus saving his life so he could fulfill his mission to lead God's people out of Egypt (Ex 4:24-26).

Deborah boldly told hesitant Barak to obey God's orders reminding him of God's promise to go before Israel and the blessings that come with obedience (Jud 4:6-7).

Ruth humbly called Boaz to recognize that he was God's choice to provide that protection. Ruth became the mother of Obed, grandfather of David (Ruth 3:9).

Hannah: the Priest Eli was unable to understand the difference between a ram-

bling drunk and troubled woman seeking the LORD, but Hannah corrected him and opened his eyes to see how God was at work. God's answer to her prayer, her son Samuel, became a great prophet who would anoint David as king (1Sam 1:12-18)

The woman of Tekoa David was unwilling to forgive his son, but woman of Tekoa helped him to see that reconciliation was better than revenge (2Sam14:12-13).

The woman of Abel-Bethmaach pleaded with Joab who was prepared to destroy an entire city because of one guilty man, she helped to find a peaceful solution, saving many lives (2 Sam 20:16-21a)

Esther used her influence to change the King's deadly decree, she requested that all the Jews in Susa gather for three days of fasting, to show her belief that only God could save her people (Esther 4:15-16).

These women intervened for the good of others, some at the risk of their lives. They were bold and used their influence to rescue, to protect, and to guide. May we all embrace the quick-thinking of Zipporah, the diplomacy of Deborah, the exhortation of Ruth, the correction of Hannah, the discretion of Abigail, the clever speech of the wise women of Tekoa and Abel-Bethmaach and the courage of Esther. They knew the greatness of their God and had a boldness of speech to match. If women were to use their influence positively I can see a new Pentecost in the world.

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Parish development

Parish collection.....

Gift aid.....£ 93.00 Loose..... £335.56 Total.... £418.56 **Restoration** £20.30

Heating....£ 45.15 Sat lunches £ 105.00 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.

"300 Club" envelopes for 2017/18 are available in the Parish Hall on the weekend of 11th/ 18th. I thank the members of this group who support the parish in a unique way. Members kindly collect your envelopes after Mass. I thank Mrs Anne Fenton who has put her heart and soul into it.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination as bishop on the 24 January 2017. We congratulate him and assure him of our prayers, gratitude and affection on this significant anniversary.

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.

Reflection on Marriage: The openness to fertility "By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory." Children are the supreme gift of marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves. God himself said: "It is not good that man should be alone," and "from the beginning [He] made them male and female"; wishing to associate them in his own creative work, God blessed with the words: "Be fruitful and multiply." Hence, true married love and the whole structure of family life are directed to disposing the spouses to cooperate valiantly with the love of the Creator who through them will increase and enrich his family from day to day.

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

5th Sunday in ordinary time

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 5th 12th Feb 2017

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)
Mon	06	12.10pm	Frank Fallon & Family (Spl int), Maura Mulhall (Get well)
Tues	07	12.10pm	Val & Bandon Devine (Spl int)
Wed	08	12.10pm	Molly Fenton (spl int)
Thurs	09	12.10pm	Kircoia & Family (Spl int)
Fri	10	12.10pm	Teresa & Brian Devis (Spl int)
Sat	11	11.45am	June Phee (Spl int)
		5.30pm	George Keenan (Spl int)
Sun	12	10.30am	Pat Wood & family, Ian Keena (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

4th/5th Jan 2017

11th/12th Feb 2017

5.30pm	Ann E, Bernadette (R) Zen (E)	Ann F., Maggie (R) Bernadette (E)
10.30am	School Readers Charles, June (E)	Charles, June (R) Maggie, Patsy (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 Stephen Lesley Ann, Joyce Sally, Jones Marguerite, McWhinney Samuel Joseph, Clarr Andrew, O'Brien Joh Anthony, Worwood Sarah, McCormack John, Joyce Margaret Mora, McCooley Maureen, McCarron James, McCooley Hugh Patrick, Kirk Patrick Mary, Kennedy Elizabeth.

Jubilee Celebrations: the following priests are celebrating jubilees of their ordination **60** years Fr Bernard Anwyl, Fr Andrew Kenny, Mgr Vaughan Morgan, Canon Ted Stewart, and Fr Tom Williams. **50** years Fr Christopher Bester, Fr Edward Butler, Fr Patrick Farrelly, Canon John Gunn, Mgr Daniel McHugh, and Fr David Mead. **25** years Fr John Batthula, Fr George Bennett, Fr Patrick Brennan, Fr Dominic Chukka, Fr Philip Newbold, Fr Jonathan Veasey. Please pray for them.