

**Change of Mass Time:** a good number of you have responded with a proposal that we go back to our previous Mass time. Therefore from the weekend of 18th/19th March 2017 the Sunday Masses will be at the following time

**St. Osburg Saturday for Sunday 5:30pm**

**Sunday 11:30am**

**St. Marys and Benedict Sunday 9:30am and 11:30am.**

I thank you all for your kind consideration of these changes which were inspired by lack of priests. Now that God has answered our prayers, let us go back to business, strengthening each other in the faith as we build the body of Christ—the Church. The return to previous Mass time will free the priests to give support to other parishes in their respective clusters.

**One of the doors entering** into the church was badly damaged last Sunday in a manner that I cannot understand. This comes along with other forms of vandalism which have taken place recently in the church with pews being scratched by people intent to leave their names written on them. Toilets have been broken several times. Not to forget money boxes being broken too. It leaves you wondering whether leaving the church open all day is a good idea! The door which was broken will cost hundreds of pounds to repair according to the carpenter who assessed the damage. I appeal to you to handle church property with care. It is your property.

**Dementia Prayer Week:** starts from 12th-19th of March. We remember especially the often forgotten pain of those who suffer from dementia and those who care for them.

#### **ST. OSBURG CHURCH ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

You are a generous parish. You gave £30,000 in offertory collections; and £20,000 in donations. You gave £4,000 in diocesan second collections, £1,500 for CAFOD fast days, and £3,200 to CAFOD through the Friday lunches. You gave to the parish £3,600 through the Saturday lunches and £4,000 through the 300 club. You raised £700 through the Piety stall. Yet we have big costs; church property maintenance cost us £13,000.00, Heating cost £13,000.00, Diocesan levies took £12,500 and Insurance £4,200. Through your generosity and careful cost management by Fr Jimmy, we have managed to reduce our bank overdraft from £529,000 to £506,000. Reducing our debt by £23,000 is great achievement; particularly as offertory collections have fallen 25% over the last four years.

#### **The Future**

The Church is in good state. The priest's house has been made liveable. The leaking gutters, the damp, the draughty windows and the rusty cast iron baths have all been addressed. Several rooms have been let to students bringing in rental income, this year of £6,000. The next challenge is the hall and club. These are great assets which we must use to the best effect. Looking forward, we have a very long way to go, but with our two new priests, Fr Sunday and Fr. Pontius, there is a palpable sense that St. Osburg's has a great future. If you have any ideas on how to improve our finances, please speak to the finance committee members, Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ, (parochial vicar) Janet Wiltshire, Anne Fenton, John Collins and Charlie Wilson. From John Collins Treasurer. *(Details are available at the back of the church)*



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

#### **Parish Newsletter—2nd Sunday of Lent Year A - 12th—19th Mar 2017**

#### **IF IT IS A BAD IDEA, IT IS MY DUTY TO LET YOU KNOW**

I would like to thank you all for the generosity you show towards the parish through your financial support. Many of you work for long hours, others switch from one job to the other so as to make ends meet. As you work hard to put food at the table and a roof over your head, the government taxes your income with which it provides us with the services we all need such as health care, education etc... The government operates a scheme called Gift Aid that allows charities to claim 0.25p for every pound donated. Take Joseph as an example; he is working and he pays tax on his income. Today he put £10.00 in the collection. Since he has not signed a Gift Aid form, his donation remains just £10.00. If Joseph had signed the Gift Aid Form, the government would have refunded to him £2.50 to benefit the church (charity) to which he made the £10.00 donation which means that the church would have received £12.50 at no extra cost to Joseph. If you are in work and tax is deducted on your income, giving your Sunday donation under Gift Aid means that so much more money can be raised by the parish with relatively little effort.

The gift aid rules require the completion and signing of a Gift Aid form which is available for you to complete today. This provides us with the information required for the parish to claim tax from the government taken on your donation. To ensure that the Gift Aid is valid, (meaning we can claim the money back), it's vitally important that all the information asked for on the Gift Aid Declaration Form is provided. In our case your full names, address and signature. Gift Aid does not deal with how much you earn or with how much you spend, all it does is for the church to appreciate the donation you give and to claim refund from the government which taxes your income.

When the parish receives a donation from a UK taxpayer, we are entitled to claim an amount of tax (calculated at the basic rate of income tax in that tax year) paid on that donation. Once you have given your permission for us to do this on your behalf (by signing the Gift Aid form), there is no need for you to do anything else. All that is required is that the amount of tax you pay in a given tax year is at least equal to the amount of tax claimed by the parish in that same year. The amount the parish claims is £0.25 pence on every pound you donate, this makes 25% of the total value of your donations in that tax year. The more you use your Gift Aid envelope on Sunday, the larger the amount the parish can claim. If your tax situation changes and your gifts no longer be eligible for the Gift Aid scheme please tell us and we will amend your record accordingly.

In the last 4 tax years, St. Osburg has been able to receive an additional income from Gift Aid of £13,616.00 and St. Marys is expecting to receive £17,096.50 in the same period. Thanks to all those who give their Sunday collection through Gift Aid Scheme. If Gift Aid Scheme was a bad idea, it would be my duty to let you know.

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### Parish development

Gift aid..... £ 698.00 Loose.....£353.50Total..... £1051.50

Sat. lunches....£110.00 Restoration.... £ 58.44 Heating.....£ 32.52 Thank you.

Second Collection Cathedral Maintenance:

Gift aid..... £ 18.00 Loose..... £ 178.40 Total..... £ 196.40

**Saturday Lunch at 1:00pm** in parish hall for church restoration.

**Friday Lunches** at 1:00pm for Cafod

**Thought on marriage—the openness to fertility:** The fruitfulness of conjugal love extends to the fruits of the moral, spiritual, and supernatural life that parents hand on to their children by education. Parents are the principal and first educators of their children. In this sense the fundamental task of marriage and family is to be at the service of life. Spouses to whom God has not granted children can nevertheless have a conjugal life full of meaning, in both human and Christian terms. Their marriage can radiate a fruitfulness of charity, of hospitality, and of sacrifice. The family is a school of love, where children after the example of their parents ought to learn those virtues acceptable in the human society.

**Bishop Ullathorne Examination Invigilators** are required on a casual basis to assist with examinations at our school mainly through the months of May to June. Rate of Pay: £8.20 per hour. Duties include preparation of the examination rooms, invigilation and collecting the exam papers at the end of the exams. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. Application forms and further details are available from Mrs Green at the school via telephone or e-mail. Leasowes Avenue, Green Lane, Coventry CV3 6BH Tel: 024 7641 4515, email: s.green@bishopullathorne.co.uk

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

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

#### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 12th to 19th Mar 2017

Sat	11	11.45am	Margaret Stapleton (RIP)
		5.30pm	Mathew Kelly (Get well), Patrick Stapleton (RIP)
Sun	12	10.30am	Gussie Stapleton (RIP)
Mon	13	12.10pm	Jimmy Leachy (RIP)
Tues	14	12.10pm	Paddy Kelly (RIP)
Wed	15	12.10pm	Charles Robinson (RIP)
Thurs	16	12.10pm	Joseph O'Connor (RIP))
Fri	17	12.10pm	Jim Hobbs (RIP)
		6:00pm	(Stations of the Cross).
Sat	18	11.45am	John Rynne (Anni)
		5.30pm	Jimmy Jordan , Joseph O'Connor (RIP)
Sun	19	11.30am	Charles Robinson (RIP)

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### 11th/12th Mar 2017

#### 18th/19th Mar 2017

5.30pm	Ann F., Maggie (R)	Bernadette, Ann E (R)
	Bernadette (E)	Teresa (E)
10.30am	June, Charles (R)	Janet, Charles (R)
	Catherine, Patsy (E)	Maggie, June (E)

### Pius devotions in the church:

**Daily Confessions** after 12:10pm Mass. (No confessions on Saturday after vigil Mass) Confessions follow Mass after Saturday Morning Mass.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** adoration and Benediction every Friday - 10am to 12noon and Saturday from 10.00am to 11.30am

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Corvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Clithero, 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 tan hose whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Moran William Martin, Spencer Florence Mary, Gorrell Molly, O'Reilly Francis, McCooey San Peter, McConville Mary Anne, Daly Dermot, McLenaghan Annie Lynch, Gaffney Angela, Rynne John, Cross M. Stephen, Michael Andrew, Jeohans Ellen Mary.