

Matters of importance

Thank you a million times: I'm very grateful to let you know that one of our parishioners who died some time back bequeathed to our parish of St. Osburgs £5000.00 in her will towards reduction of the parish debt. Thanks to the family and to the solicitors who executed her will. I wish to encourage you to include the parish as much as possible in your Wills. The parish is our spiritual home, therefore including it in your last testament is very good indeed in appreciation of what you have been to it.

The Rite of Election will take place on Sunday 14th February at 3pm in Saint Chad's Cathedral. At that ceremony, parish priests will present candidates who are doing RCIA programme to the Archbishop who will authorise them to be baptised or received into full communion with the Catholic Church when their course is finished.

Faith in Politics: Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales provides recently graduated Catholics with an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. This year they are looking to offer up to eight internships, including placements with Christian MPs at Westminster; a parliamentary support role within the Bishops' Conference Secretariat; with the Catholic Agencies CAFOD and CSAN in social action and public policy roles, and a media and communications internship in Archbishop's House Westminster. Our mailing address is: Catholic Trust for England and Wales 39 Ecclestone Square London, London SW1V 1BX United Kingdom There's still time to apply so if you fit the bill or know someone who does, please apply now.

Sacrament of Confirmation Bishop William Kenney will Confirm in the faith 22 of our year 6 pupils on Thursday 21st Jan at 7pm. At St. Osburgs Church. May I ask parents with children in other classes other than Yr.6 to come along with their children. I'm sure the Confirmand will be pleased with their presence and support.

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

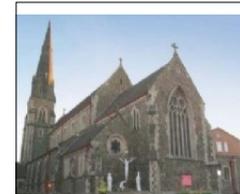
This four-day course is held at Campion Hall in Oxford from 8-11 Feb 2016, aims to help Catholics understand how the worldviews of the Muslims they live and work with are shaped by their faith. Participants are encouraged to see the world through Muslim eyes, and are taken through a stimulating programme 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 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.

Cardinal Newman School: we welcome the students of Cardinal Newman Secondary School who are leading us in the singing this Sunday. We thank you for making yourselves involved to advance the Catholic ethos of the school. I wish to ask the parents always to consider sending their children to Catholic schools before searching elsewhere.

St. Vincent De Paul: as you know there is an annual collection for St. Vincent De Paul in our parish around September/October. Last year it was missed due to the changes that took place. Please note that we shall have that collection in the near future to support the vital work they do. For details contact Mrs. Ann Fenton.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –2nd Sunday in ordinary time --17 to 24th Jan 2016

THE MATERIAL THINGS OF THE CHURCH:

Priests and religious are trained to do daily meditation on the word of God. Meditation brings about an examination of conscience and finding a direction in one's life and ministry. If a priest has some responsibilities in the church as most of them do, the mind might wander away or go astray to think about things in his administration other than the word of God. Some thoughts came to me the other day: *Why do some people not value the property of the church? For example why do some people not care to close the doors to keep heat in but at their own homes it comes spontaneously? Why do some people switch on electricity lights even when the room is brightly lit by natural light? Why do some people use 4 gallons of water to wash a cup? Why are some people not bothered to spit chewing gum in the church floor but they would never think of doing so in their houses?*

These and other thoughts lingered in my mind. As my mind rambled on I remembered the teaching of Jesus about the Good Shepherd the owner of the sheep and a hired man when the wolf attacks the sheep. According to the teaching of the Lord, the hired man would run away and abandon the sheep, he would not care whether the sheep are safe or not; what would matter to him would be his personal safety (Jn. 10:11-13).

The church to which you and I belong is ONE and UNIVERSAL; it is one family. The way I handle church's property here contributes to the welfare of the church elsewhere. I have great admiration for those Christians who raise funds for the church, by doing so they teach us that the material welfare of the church is as important as its spiritual welfare. The love of God cannot be separated from the love of the church and the love of the church cannot be separated from the love of the people and all that belongs to the church. It is good to behave as shepherds not as hired men when handling the goods of the church whatever they may be. True membership in the church imposes on us the duty to respect and to carefully use the things that the church possesses. Remember again the reaction of the true shepherd and a hired man when the wolf comes. The prosperity of a parish depends also on the feeling of belongingness that its members have.

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Sacrament of Confession get it right: I'm pleased to see so many people seeking the Sacrament of Confession; for some almost on a daily basis. I have seen some people after receiving Holy Communion who go for confession. By the fact that you examined your conscience and found yourself worthy to receive Holy Communion, it means that you were in a state of grace in the first place. The Law of the Church Canon 916 says

"A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or to receive the Body of the Lord without prior sacramental confession unless a grave reason is present and there is no opportunity of confessing. In this case the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible"

While I wish to encourage you to receive the sacrament of Confession as many times as necessary, I wish to remind you that scrupulosity may not necessarily reveal one's faith in God's mercy on the contrary it may be a sign of one's doubt whether God has really forgiven and forgotten! The Christian God is not a tyrant waiting to bounce us into hell but he is a Father who is anxious for the return of his lost son. If you relate with God as you would relate with a friend, you will discover why and when it is necessary to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Annual Diocesan Mass to commemorate the anniversary of the Assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero this year will take place on Tuesday 8 March at 1pm at St Chad's Cathedral. The principal celebrant will be Fr Gerry Murray the Chairman of the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission.

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

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TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 17th to 24th Jan 2016

Sat	16th	11.45am	Donohue family (RIP)
		5.30pm	Martin Moran (Spl int), Christine Anne McDermott (RIP)
Sun	17th	11.30am	Moran Parents (RIP), Jackie Buckley (Get well)
Mon	18th	12.10pm	Dillon family (RIP), Chris Kathleen Byrne (Spl int)
Tues	19th	12.10pm	Ann & Brian Fenton (Spl int), Jackie Buckley (Get well)
Wed	20th	12.10pm	Alex Harris (Spl int), Dave Reliott (Get well)
Thurs	21st	12.10pm	Mrs. Kitty Ledwith & family (Spl int)
		7:00pm	Confirmation Mass (Bp W. Kenney).
Fri	22nd	12.10pm	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Whitehouse (Spl int)
Sat	23rd	11.45am	Fr. Garry (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Eleanor Keenan (RIP)
Sun	24th	11.30am	Adrian Keenan (RIP), Jackie Buckley (Get well)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 16th/17th Jan. 2016

5:30 pm Bernadette (E)
Maria, Raquel (R)
11.30am Mary, June (E)
Charles, Janet (R)

23rd/24th Jan 2016

Zen (E)
Bernadette, Anne E (R)
Janet, Catherine (E)
June, Charles (R)

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, 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 Carruso, Nadia Faruk Hannah, Tom McDermott, Winnie McDermott, Gerald Douglas, Shirley Hartnett, Stephen Bayliss, Jackie Buckley, Angela Jordan, Dave Riliott.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Jim Lawton, Alva Saunders, Margaret Mary Ryan, Julia Byrne. Christine McDermott.

Anniversaries of the Week: Kennedy Andrew, Farrenny Bridget Celine, Davies Helen, Convey Bridget Mary, Rodger Geraldine, McEnery Anne, Briscoe Robert Francis, Reidy Mary Anne, Parker Elfriede, Griffin Patrick.