

Matters of importance

Penitential services within the denary: each parish has organised a day for the faithful to go to Confession in preparation for Christmas. I encourage you to avail yourself to any one of these in your parish.

Christmas crib vandalised: I passed in the town the other day and I found that the crib which we put in the city was vandalised, certainly by certain yob who gave it a good kick. Bringing up children with good manners is a duty of every parent.

Christmas Timetable:

Vigil Mass for Christmas: **5:30pm**
Midnight Mass: **12:00am** preceded by Carols
Christmas day Mass: **11:30am**
New year day Mass 12.10pm

Please note that Christmas day offering is your personal gift to your priests.

Parish Development St. Osburgs:

Gift aid£126.00

Loose££395.44

Total ££521.44

Thank you for your generosity.

TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 28th Dec 2015—3rd Jan 2016

Mon	28th	12.10pm	Mary Kelly, Margaret Ryan (RIP)
Tues	29th	12.10pm	Margaret Ryan (RIP)
Wed	30th	12.10pm	John & Eileen Byrne (RIP),
Thurs	31st	12.10pm	William Black & Baby Black (RIP), Frank Green (Anni)
Fri	1st	12.10pm	New Year day Mass
Sat	2nd	11.45am	Mary Kelly (RIP)
		5.30pm	Peter Hastings (RIP)
Sun	3rd	11.30am	Gil Martin family (Spl int)

Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Moses wish you all a Merry Christmas. It is our Frist Christmas with you as Missionaries of the Apostles of Jesus.

**May the Babe of Bethlehem bless you with His Mercy and love.
We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Grace filled
New Year 2016.**



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

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

THIS PAINTING OVER OUR HEADS : THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

In the church of Ss. Mary and Benedict, the Jubilee Shrine for the Year of Mercy in Coventry, hangs a huge painting of the picture of the Return of the prodigal Son by a 17th Century Dutch artist Rembrandt. For us who are looking at this painting now and for those who will visit this Shrine of Mercy I want to use this column to serialise the reflections of Henri Nouwen from his book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. The original painting was acquired by Catherine the Great burg Russia, where it remains on the parable of Jesus given spent hours in front of this The painting represents the mankind. The sinful child is



father. Lift your eyes and look at the painting: to one side the elder brother looks on and in the background are other unknown people who, like ourselves contemplate the scene. This painting is about mercy, as you pray here consider which person you identify with most. Are you the Father receiving an errant son, or the elder brother indignant because his brother has returned? How do you feel about each character? Which one most resembles your own feelings at this time? Just in one word what do you see as you look at the prodigal son, ...as you look at the father what touches your attitude?

Let us focus on the father. This is a painting of a man in a great red cloak tenderly touching the shoulders of a dirty untidy boy kneeling before him. // // // What we see in the painting is the father and a son, God and humanity, compassion and misery, in one circle of love.... The mystery of death and life, reconciliation, forgiveness and inner healing. The Year of Mercy gives us an amnesty to seek reconciliation, to grant forgiveness, to find peace. *“I have come to set fire on earth,”* Jesus said, *‘and how I wish it was blazing already!’*

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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.

Update the new priests and on window glazing the presbytery: the double-glazing of the presbytery has been completed on time and to my satisfaction. I again thank you for your generosity. Canon Tom Farrell paid a visit last Thursday to see how the work was being done. He was very pleased. Some interior clean-up is underway involving painting and replacement of worn-out carpets. The letters inviting the priests were dispatched from the Vicar General's office on Wednesday. Let us continue to pray. On January 25th 2016, work on fixing the gutters and down pipes will begin. I'm wondering whether there is someone who can buy me a bed with mattress for the priests to sleep on. I need 5 beds and their mattresses. A good bed sometimes makes a good sleep. Each priest will need a bed to sleep on, sometimes their superiors or even the bishop will visit and stay for a while in our parish. If you consider this to be a good cause, you can help if you can.

Death is announced of Mr. Ralph Murray (Senior) who was a very good Christian. Funeral takes place at Holy Family on 24th Dec. 9:15am. Reception at Christ the King Centre 11:00-2:00pm. Aaron Coen 25 who got car accident died 3 weeks ago.

2nd Collection for flowers at Christmas: I was told that you have a tradition to do this exercise. Please we shall have this exercise this weekend. I'm grateful to Veronica and her husband for making a new crib.



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

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL SERVE THIS AND NEXT WEEK UNTIL 3rd JANUARY 2016.

TIMES OF MASSES DURING THE WEEK from 20th to 27th Dec 2015

Sat	19th	11.45am	David Elliot (Get well)
		5.30pm	Jackie Buckley (Get well)
Sun	20th	11.30am	Deceased members of Lacey family.
Mon	21st	12.10pm	Margaret Ruddy (Spl int)
Tues	22nd	12.10pm	Jackie Buckley (Get well)
Wed	23rd	12.10pm	Mr. & Mrs. John Lyons (spl. Int)
Thurs	24th	5.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
		12.00am	Christmas midnight Mass
Fri	25th	11.30am	People of the parish
Sat	26th	11.45am	O'Grady (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Margaret Ryan (RIP)
Sun	27th	11.30am	Tom Nixon (B'day), James McGlynn (Anni)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

<u>Weekend 19th/20th Dec 2015</u>	<u>26th/ 27th Dec 2015</u>	<u>2nd/3rd Jan 2016</u>
5:30 pm Agnes (E)	Bernadette (E)	Bernadette (E)
Ann E, Bernadette (R)	Maria, Bill (R)	Ann F, Raquel (R)
11.30am Mary, June (E)	Catherine, Janet (E)	Catherine, June (E)
Maggie, Charles (R)	Agnes, June (R)	Janet, Charles (R)

Please pray for the sick of the parish: 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: Catherine Mitten, Fr Terence Fitzpatrick, Josephine Kelly, Michael Alexander, Alva Saunders, Mary Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Mary Ryan, Julia Byrne. Christine McDermott.

Anniversaries of the Week: Cumbercid Gerald David, Sandbrook Victor, Sullivan Mary, Chappell Ann Catherine, Gaffney Gerard, Monaghan John, Mannion Michael, Morgan Patricia Mary, Gibson Joseph Patrick, Kerrigan M. Joseph, Atkinson William, McGlynn J. Joseph, Lynch Thomas, Lapin J. Joseph, McCarthy Bernard, Johnson Anne, Sullivan Michael, Bill Jacob, Green Frank, Smith Elizabeth, McGuire F. Joseph.