

The ministry of the priest should not be shadowed: In the parish the priest whether parish priest, assistant or just living there is an ordinary minister of the Word of God and celebration of the sacraments. By 'ordinary' I mean that he is supposed to carry out those duties as part of his office as a priest. Bishops, priests and deacons distribute Holy Communion in virtue of their office as ordinary ministers of the Body and Blood of the Lord. When the size of the congregation or the incapacity of the bishop, priest, or deacon requires it, the celebrant may be assisted by other bishops, priests, or deacons. If such ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are not present, "the priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to assist him, i.e., duly instituted faithful who have been deputed for this purpose. In case of necessity, the priest may also depute suitable faithful for this single occasion (GIRM 162)." Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are required by pastoral need but they are to function without seeking permission from the priest. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reposition of it is the ministerial duty of the priest. The faithful can do it only with explicit permission from the priest.

Divine **Mercy Sunday**: will be celebrated in the Church on 23rd April 2017. This prayer of invocation of God's Mercy will be held at St. Mary's and St. Benedict Church 52A, Raglan Street CV1 5QF starting from 2:00pm. During the denary meeting which took place last Tuesday the clergy unanimously agreed that the Feast of Divine Mercy with all its devotion will continue to be celebrated at St. Marys and St. Benedict Church as it has been over the years. You are all very welcome. A detailed timetable will be communicated later.

Easter Monday Mass: the priests and their parishioners of Coventry will gather together at St. Osburg to celebrate Easter Monday Mass. There will not be Masses in other parishes that day except at St. Osburg. Altar servers from different parishes are encouraged to come and serve at the altar. After the Mass there will be light refreshments in the parish hall.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 13th May 2017 the denary has organised two coaches one from St John Fisher and the other to depart from Christ the King. If you want to go to this pilgrimage please contact either Fr. Bob or Canon Tom as soon as possible and mention which pick-up point you intend to use.

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 12th April at 11.30am in St Chad's Cathedral. The Archbishop together with the priests will consecrate the oils and renew their priestly promises. If you have never attended a chrism Mass why don't you try it this time?

This is unacceptable: there has been sad incidences of abuse in the church of St. Osburg recently. I will not to elaborate on them however I ask each one of us to be on the look out. Not everybody who enters the church comes to pray no matter how pious he/she may appear to be. CCTV Cameras are installed in this church therefore be reminded that someone somewhere is watching our actions.

Job vacancies: a number of jobs are being advertised by the archdiocese of Birmingham. If you are interested please check at the noticeboard.



AJ Missions



St. Osburg



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—4th Sunday of Lent Year A - 26th Mar 2nd April 2017

THESE STATISTICS ARE WORTH THE COST

Some years ago I was seated in my office when I saw over my computer the face of a priest I knew. He was celebrating Mass which as the site claimed was being broadcast live. I wondered how that could be! To prove whether it was a live broadcast I took my missal and tried to follow the readings. Yes it was live. Someone not so computer literate as myself, it looked a little miracle. How did the priest do it, I wondered!

By following that Mass live, I saw the advantages there could be if such system could be installed in my parish church for the benefit of my parishioners who could not come to Mass for different reasons. I had in mind especially the sick and housebound and those who take care of them. Well the system was installed for that purpose. I did not know however that many people scattered over the world were going to use it either as a means of keeping in touch with the parish because they were once part of it, or simply because they like the manner in which we celebrate our Sunday Masses. I was interested to know how many people tuned in for Mass since the beginning of January 2017. I received encouraging figures. The following are the statistics of the people who have followed Mass on line from 1st January to 19th March 2017 from the three parishes in Coventry run by the Missionaries of the Apostles of Jesus:

At St. Osburg 2,325 people have attended Mass on line

At St. Mary's 2,270 people have attended Mass on line

At St. Elizabeth 1,245 have attended Mass on line

These people from different parts of the world have followed Mass over our internet connection. Between the three parishes **5,840** people have followed Mass broadcast live. The average Mass attendance every Sunday through the parish web-cam is **487** Christians between these three Churches.

There is some fundamental truth which we ought to draw from here as parishioners, namely we must prepare our liturgy well, readers must practice and get it right; altar servers must not play on the sanctuary, the choir must prepare good music, the priest must not preach football and the people at Mass must not behave with disrespect during Mass or turn the church into a conversation parlour. When you come to church remember that 487 people are watching you or listening to you. Our parish audience is more than what you see. Whatever we do in the church must be done with reverence. I know that there is a number of good Catholics who cannot attend Sunday Mass because of sickness or age, I encourage their families to help them have live Mass broadcasts from the church they so much love to go to for their Sunday Mass. All you need is internet connection and a computer. A small gadget is available to connect to your TV directly at cost £100.00. If you need one please let me know and I will order one for you.

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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish development

Gift aid..... £ 104.00 Loose.....£305.78 Total..... £409.78

Sat. lunches....£106.62 Restoration.... £ 24.38 Heating.....£ 35.32 Thank you.

Donation: £50.00

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

Friday Lunches at 1:00pm for CAFOD

PROGRAMME FOR EASTER 2017

	St. Mary's Church	St. Osburg Church
Penitential service 10/04/17	7.00pm	07/04/17 12.45pm
Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	7:30pm
Adoration until	9:30pm	12.00am
Good Friday:		
Stations of the Cross	3:00pm	6:00pm
Lord's Passion	3:30pm	3:00pm
Sat Vigil Mass:	7:00pm	8:00pm
Easter Sunday	9:30am	————
	11:30am	11:30am
Easter Monday: (St. Osburg)	————	10:00am

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

4th Sunday of Lent

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 26th Mar to 2nd Apr 2017

Sat	25	11.45am	Lorraine & Terry (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Betty & Alan (Spl int)
Sun	26	11.30am	Catherine Hartnett (RIP)
Mon	27	12.10pm	Josie Kennedy , Jane Magambo Matumbo (RIP)
Tues	28	12.10pm	Sr. Teresa (Get well), Violet Donoghue (RIP)
Wed	29	12.10pm	Josephine Paxton (Spl int)
Thurs	30	12.10pm	Kathy Cunningham (Get well)
Fri	31	12.10pm	Mary Ann Gillespie (Get well)
		6:00pm	(Stations of the Cross).
Sat	01	11.45am	N. Spencer (Get well)
		5.30pm	Christine Tyler (B'day)
Sun	02	11.30am	Josie Kennedy (RIP), Sr. Teresa (Get well)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>25th/26th Mar 2017</u>	<u>01/02 Apr 2017</u>
5.30pm	Maria, Ann F. (R) Zen (E)	Ann E. , Bernadette (R) Teresa (E)
10.30am	June, Charles (R) Catherine, Teresa (E)	School Readers Charles, 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

Deacon Tim Anthony from Our Lady of Lourdes Yardley Wood will speak to us and make appeal on behalf of 'Aid to the Church in Need' at St Osburg's on 10-11th June.

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 Correvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Clithero, Jan Caruso, 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 :

Davidson Patricia Aka Pat, O'Neinn Brigid, Hannah Mary, Ashby Bernard, Doherty Patrick, Walsh Ellen, Kelly Michael James, Todd Mary Helen, Muldoon Joseph Alloysius, Lynch Mary Bridgit, Crean Joseph, Cronley John.