

The Priests at St. Osburg: now that our priests Fr. Pontius and Fr. Sunday have settled in the parish, it will be very good if you could start to initiate them into the life, customs and traditions of St. Osburg. I'm pleased to learn that some of you have already invited them into your homes to enable them to know you more closely as your priests. The Fathers are very enthusiastic to visit the sick and housebound members of our parish. If you know someone in that situation please let them know. Let us keep up the good work.

Parish Financial Committee Meeting: There will be a Parish Finance Committee meeting on Monday 6th March 2017 starting at 6:00pm. The meeting takes place in the presbytery. All financial committee members are invited to attend. I will be pleased if you the parishioners can give us suggestions about how our parish finances can better be administered. The annual Financial reports of our parish: has been presented to me. I wish to thank our parish financial secretary Mr. John Collin who worked so hard to account for the last penny.

Gift Aid Scheme: As we are soon starting a new tax year, if you are working or pay tax on your income, I wish to ask you to consider giving your Sunday collection through Gift Aid. When you give your Sunday donation through the Gift Aid you add more money to your donation without spending more. If you pay tax please remember that every pound you donate to the Church, the Tax man offers you £0.25 pence to give to your chosen charity; in this case the Church. Please if you pay tax I wish to encourage you to join Gift Aid. Thank you for your generosity as always.

As Wednesday will be marked on 1st March 2017. There will be three Masses 9:00am 12:10 pm and 6:00pm. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday of Lenten Season starting at 6:00pm. They remind us of the suffering of Jesus for our sins.

Baptism meeting: parents with children to be baptised in the near future are informed that there will be a preparation meeting on Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. Sponsors are invited to attend as well. Please take note that this announcement is extended ONLY to all the people who belong to St. Osburg Church.

Centenary of Archbishop Oscar Romero this year 2017 marks 100 years since the birth of Oscar Romero the champion of peace and justice for the El Salvadorian people. Please remember to pray for peace, to work for peace and to exercise justice in your personal life.

Refugee Crisis: According to BBC Radio 4 news last Tuesday morning, it was reported that over 26,000 South Sudanese refugees displaced by violence crossed the border into Uganda this month of February alone. BBC was quoting a United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) The official said that "Since fighting erupted on 7th July 2016, 26,468 people had crossed into Uganda's northern region, according to UN refugee agency spokesman Andreas. (data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/country.php?id=229). I feel sorry for the local people in Uganda who have to bear the brunt of this crisis. There are so many people whose response to refugee crisis goes unreported. What would we do if such great numbers were to appear at our frontiers?

Annual Mass of St. Patrick will be celebrated at St. Marys on Raglan Street on 16th starting at 7:30pm. There will be some entertainments in the hall afterwards.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—8th Sunday- Year A - 26th Feb to 5th Mar 2017

KEEP THE TRADITION TO AVOID CONFUSION:

Saul of Tarsus who became St. Paul was a fanatic observer of the traditions of his people. When he heard that a new religion had emerged moreover based on a condemned man Jesus of Nazareth, he went from place to place hunting down those who believed in him until he found himself on the frontiers of Damascus in Syria. After his conversion to Christianity, Paul tried as much as he could to observe the Traditions of Christianity as these had been passed on to him by the founding Fathers of Christianity namely the Apostles. To the Corinthians who had lost the sense of what the Eucharist meant he said "*For this is what I received from the Lord and in turn passed on to you...*" 1Cor 11:23.

At Galatia Paul had preached the gospel as he had received it from those who were Christians before him, but as soon as he left, spurious preachers emerged who distorted the Tradition. The people were misled and Paul immediately gave his warning "*let me warn you that if anyone preaches a version of the Good News different from the one we have already preached to you, be it ourselves or an angel from heaven he is to be condemned*"Gal 1:6-9.

To some Corinthians who questioned the traditional belief in the resurrection of the dead, Paul wrote "*Now if Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, Christ himself cannot have been*

raised, and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless, indeed we are witnesses who have committed perjury before God." 1Cor15:12-19

Fidelity to our Catholic practices is important. When the church jumps on the bandwagon of modernity '***because that is what people like***', the consequences can be disastrous. How can the church remain faithful to Christ if it acts and thinks worldly? How can the church be prophetic if what the world says, that is what she preaches?

Some practices in the local churches have been allowed to respond to temporal practical situations. Making them the norm has not done her any good. A good example is the Saturday for Sunday Mass. While this practice responded to a need, many people have now lost the sense of Sunday as the ***Dominica*** that is the Day of the Lord to the extent that many churches are almost empty on Sunday because Christians are busy shopping! What a bad witness to our Christian discipline! Do you see how not keeping one's tradition can be dangerous? As we are about to start Lenten Season remember our tradition of the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent. It is important to know that Good Friday Stations of the Cross are followed by the celebration of the Lord's Passion. This was the sequence of the events of the First Good Friday. Jesus did not die and buried, then he went to carry the Cross, if you keep yourself faithful to the customs and traditions of the Church, you will not be confused or misled.

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Parish development

Gift aid..... £ 204.00 Loose..... £366.32 Total..... £570.32.

Sat. lunches....£ 121.00 , Restoration..... £ 22.11 Heating.....£ 57.54 Thank you for your generosity.

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

Friday Lunches at 1:00pm for Cafod

Winners of 300 Club: congratulations to the winners of February month draw: 1st prize No. 52, A. O'Leary, 2nd prize No. 163, P. Wilson, 3rd prize No. 744, S. O'Reilly, 4th prize No. 446, M. Conway, 5th prize No. 787 C. Wilson. Thanks to everyone who contributes to this parish activity

A thief in the church: I wish to bring to your attention that there is someone who has developed the bad habit of coming to the church to steal. I understand that the person is known to the parishioners. Of late he has taken the advantage of the church left open for those who wish to visit the Blessed Sacrament for some prayer to target the little money from the candle boxes. Please mind your purses, wallets and bags when you come to church. If you light a candle please put the donations into the boxes in the walls. Security officers are aware of this man the parishioners too. It will not take long before he is exposed. What a shame that will be!

Thanks for those who responded to my request to find a roofer for me, several of them have contacted me and they have seen the work that needs to be done.

Death Announcement is made of Mr. Joseph Formosa of 68 Silkby Street Chelsmore Coventry. Funeral will take place at St. Osburg on Tuesday 7th March at 12:10pm. He was married for 58years, a great example he leaves behind.

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

8th Sunday in ordinary time

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 26th Feb to 5th Mar 2017

Sat	25	11.45am	Veronica Woodward (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Martin Shally (RIP), Lawrence & Bridget Gallen (Spl int)
Sun	26	10.30am	Ann Ward (Spl int), Tony Melody (Ann
Mon	27	12.10pm	Don Gill (RIP), Richard Lee (Anni)
Tues	28	12.10pm	Mary Moran (RIP)
Wed	01	12.10pm	Joseph Camillus (RIP)
		6:00pm	Joseph Murphy (RIP)
Thurs	02	12.10pm	Ann Ward (Spl int), Yvonne Middleton (B'day)
Fri	03	12.10pm	Eddie Kelly (RIP), John Hornby (Anni)
		6:00pm	(Stations of the Cross).
Sat	04	11.45am	Eileen Kelly (RIP)
		5.30pm	Elizabeth Buckley (RIP)
Sun	05	10.30am	Nora O'Brien (RIP), Stevan Mongo (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

25th/26th Feb 2017

4th/5th Mar 2017

5.30pm	Bernadette, Ann E (R)	Ann E, Bernadette (R)
	Zen (E)	Teresa (E)
10.30am	Maggie, Charles (R)	Maggie, Janet (R)
	June, Teresa (E)	Charles, Zen (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 : Donovan James, McGuire Ann Agnes, Stapleton Madge, Patsy Byrne, Lynch Mary, William Hornby, Hodgson Harry.