

**New Parish Signposts:** have been made to be put in strategic places where people can know that this church is a Catholic Church. I have come across a number of people who pass by our church may know that this is a Catholic church building. The new Mass times are indicated as well. Please be aware that the best way to bring people to church is through our exemplary life of holiness, commitment to justice, peace and love. The signpost will go up in the course of the week.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** prayers will be held at St. Mary's and St. Benedict Church 52A, Raglan Street CV1 5QF starting from 2:00pm. You are all very welcome.

**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.

**Job vacancies:** a number of jobs are being advertised by the archdiocese of Birmingham which Catholics are encouraged to take on. If you are interested please check at the noticeboard.

**Thought on Marriage the Family the domestic Church :** Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than "the family of God." From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers "together with all [their] household." "When they were converted, they desired that "their whole household" should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world.

**Aid to the Church in Need News:** during Lent remember the Suffering Church around the world. Each week of Lent CAN focuses on countries where the Aid to the Church in Need projects are helping the Faithful; and in many cases, making the difference between life and death. In Syria, Christians, living in Raqqa – a Daesh (ISIS) stronghold – Elias and Samar were forced to pay the Jizya Tax for non-Muslims. Recently injured, Elias got an exemption but the 'tax collector' wouldn't accept it, calling him a 'Kafir' – an unbeliever. The argument escalated when Elias was beaten and the 'enforcer' flung his statue of Our Lady of Fatima into a bin. Elias retaliated – for which he was dragged away to solitary confinement. Brutalised and bound to a cross, after a month he was told that his throat would be slit. Before this could happen, the building was shelled and in the confusion he managed to escape. He found his wife and both escaped to Aleppo. The Christian community in Aleppo has endured extreme suffering and continues to rely on the Church and ACN for emergency support.

**No Uninvited Guests Please!** There have been a couple of occasions recently when parents have walked into school either via Nursery or the playground at the end or beginning of the school day for various reasons. Please can I remind parents that no adults are allowed to enter the school building without permission from a staff member as we need to monitor who is in the building and coming into contact with pupils at all times. Please do not try to use the school building as a shortcut to other exits either. Keep off the school compound if you do not have sufficient reasons to do so. Make sure that you gain entry to the school through official entry points. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### Parish Newsletter—5th Sunday of Lent Year A - 2nd to 9th April 2017

#### THE PALM BRANCH IN YOUR HANDS:

Five years ago, I had the opportunity to visit the Holy Land, the place where Jesus lived. In Jerusalem we came across a man who had a cart drawn by a donkey. Poor people in Jerusalem still use donkeys as a means of transport. Most of them of course are Palestinians. What captured my interest was to see a cart drawn by the donkey with big words: **JESUS' TAXI**. This coming Sunday will be **Palm Sunday** a feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. It commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in all the four gospels. On that day nearly every Christian wishes to carry a palm in his/her hand why? Intentionally or unintentionally, the palms represent the branches that the crowd scattered in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. A palm in hand is an ancient Christian symbol of triumph and victory. The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem captured the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 *See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey*". Unlike the kings of old who would use the horse (the weapon of war in ancient times) to enter into a vanquished city, Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of a farm animal—the donkey! If Jesus was to be king according to the mentality of the people, entering the city on the back of a donkey instead of a horse could only dishearten his supporters. The Sanhedrin was angry with a man who in whichever sense was acclaimed to be king, came on such limousine!

The entry was a prayerful event as the crowds chanted Psalm 118: 25–26 – ... *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord*. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. At that moment Jesus was recognised as more than an ordinary son of a carpenter or more than a preacher. Throughout the Christian world next Sunday the people of God following the followers of Jesus will walk in their footsteps chanting the praises of Jesus. Palm branches and an olive branch are recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of a king and prophet of peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter not to torment his persecutors but to bring peace. On Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. After Mass do not throw the palms away. Take them home and place them in a place you can look at them. You may return your palms to the church if you wish. Since they are blessed, they may not be discarded as rubbish. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday observance next year. I wish you a blessed ongoing Lenten season.

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### Parish development

Gift aid..... £ 80.00 Loose.....£328.94 Total..... £408.94

Sat. lunches....£105. Restoration.... £ 36.02 Heating.....£ 26.48 Thank you.

**Thank you:** collection for Easter flowers last weekend was £204.55 thank you.

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

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

**Gif Aid** envelopes will be given out today. They are available at the back of the church.

### PROGRAMME FOR EASTER 2017

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

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

### 5th Sunday of Lent

#### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 2nd to 9th Apr 2017

Sat	01	11.45am	N. Spencer (Get well)
		5.30pm	Christine Tyler (B'day), Frank Philips (Anni)
Sun	02	11.30am	Josie Kennedy (RIP), Sr. Teresa (Get well)
Mon	03	12.10pm	Elizabeth Hughes, Frank Phillips (Anni)
Tues	04	12.10pm	Shirley Hartnett (Spl int), Maria Dixon (Get well)
Wed	05	12.10pm	Josie Kennedy (RIP)
Thurs	06	12.10pm	Jane Magumbu Mathumo (RIP)
Fri	07	12.10pm	Elarine Davis (Get well)
		6:00pm	(Stations of the Cross).
Sat	08	11.45am	Pat Higgins (Anni), Declan Moran (RIP)
		5.30pm	Kristina Clarke (Thanksgiving))
Sun	09	11.30am	People of the parish

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	01/02 April 2017	08/09 Apr 2017
5.30pm	Ann E. , Bernadette (R Teresa (E)	Bernadette (E)
10.30am	School Readers Charles, June (E)	Patsy, Teresa (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:** Ted Rodgers Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Corvevisgandis 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 those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Kelly John Francis, Carroll Mary Veronica, Hanna Amal, John Clark, Casey Mary Theresa, McCarthy Edward, Tomalin Margaret Derise, Herliny John.