

**MASSES FROM 11th to 18th Feb 2018**

Sun	11	9.30am	Elizabeth Hughue, Mary McConville(RIP), Stephnie Osagie (B'day) Gbenga & Asipita Iroko (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Patrick Ward, & Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP) Chantel Sharp (B'day)
Mon	12	9.30am	Maureen Carr (RIP), Fredy Ferriday (Get well)
Tues	13	9.30am	Sandra (Thanksgiving), Patrick Fitzmons (RIP)
Wed	14	9.30am	Leera Lobo (Thanksgiving)
		7.00pm	People of the parish
Thurs	15	10.00am	Requiem Mass –Isabel Read.
Fri	16	9.30am	John Greeny (RIP)
Sat	17	9.30am	Ann Wilson (Thanksgiving)
Sun	18	9.30am	Sandra (Thanksgiving), Patrick Ward (RIP)
		11.30am	George Dunnion (RIP)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 11th Feb 2018**

9.30am	Polish children (R) Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	Florence E , Honorine (R) Vera, Serso (E)

**Weekend 18th Feb 2018**

Julia H & Helena Wood (R) Jaros (E)
Patrick T, Georgina (R) Loveness, Marcel (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Tony Groogan, Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulronej,, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Diana Best, Tess Pearkes, Sheila McLeany, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Mary O’Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Phyllis Mulvey, Kath Muldoon, Ann Hanley.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Teresa Langan, Harry Hone, Ellen Crawley, Jim O’Driscoll, Frank Boman , Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama, Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash, George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd.

**Marriage Banns** : Godwin Odu Obande of 26 Signet Square Coventry CV2 4NZ son of Bernard Ochiene Obande of No 1 Benard Obande Close Asokoru Abuja Nigeria would like to get married to Patience Oiwodu Igomu daughter of John Igomy & Tereza Igomu of Makodi Benue state Nigeria. If anyone knows why they should not get married to each other, kindly inform the parish priest.

**Philip Michael Hodson** of 37 Lowerford Street Hillfiels Coventry son of John Thomas Hodson and Weedy Jane Hodson, would like to marry Amanda Dawn Millerchip of 37 Lowerford Street daughter of Kevin Millerchip and Blackford Dawn.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish News letter– 6th Sunday in ordinary time 11th to 18th Feb 2018**

**“THEY OCCUPY THE CHAIR OF MOSES”**

This Wednesday we start again the Lenten Season with the call to repent. There will be two Masses celebrated in our Church that day at 9:30am and at 7:00pm in the evening. We shall have ashes poured on our heads as a sign of our readiness to repent of our sins. In the Catholic calendar we are offered 40 days to reflect on our life in a very serious way by turning our hearts to God and to our neighbour. It is important therefore that we prepare ourselves keeping in mind that this message of salvation is meant for me as an individual and for us all as a community.

Many times we tend to address the call to conversion to the laity but I wish to ask you that during this time we pray and call on God for the conversion of religious leaders of all types and colours. Just as there is ‘fake news’ there is also ‘fake religion’ in the world. Deception and false religion are perpetrated by so called preachers, to such extent that even unbelievers tend to feel justified in their disbelief. The second commandment forbids us to use the name of God in vain but as many of us know the name of Jesus never misses from the lips of preachers even when they know that all the testimonies they give are fake and fabricated to make themselves to appear as if they possess divine powers. Lenten season will remind us that Jesus though he was in the form of God He did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:6). Preachers who behave as though they are gods are committing perjury using the name of Jesus (God) in vain.

The gospel account forewarns us that Satan is not against quoting Scripture. In fact, he even had the audacity to quote scripture to the Author of scripture, Jesus Christ!

*‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone’” (Matthew 4:5–6).*

The devil was quoting Psalm 91:11-12. We should not be surprised or taken up by the frequency of some preachers saying: “the Bible says.....the Bible says, what disturbs the conscience of genuine Christians is to see how preachers use the Bible and the name of Jesus to enrich themselves, driving big cars and building great mansions

During Lent, let us remember these men and women who have chosen the path of misleading others in their preaching by twisting the message of God to achieve their own goals. I was watching an episode where someone was healing women of fibroids, casting HIV viruses from patients and healing cancer patients by a mere word. Satanism is ripe in certain churches, all for the name of fame and money. Lent will have much to do with our conversion of heart than with our attitude to chocolates, biscuits and ice-cream. Please pray for the conversion of preachers.

### **The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs**

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### **Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid:** £328.90 **Non-Gift Aid:** £391.31 **Total :** £720.21

**Counters :** 12th Feb— Agnes & Tom Ferris

**Mass Attendance :** 581

**Bonus Ball :** No. 57 M. Hogan

**Second collection :** Pro life : £221.85

**Forthcoming Second Collections for January to February 2018**

25th February **Lent Fast** (CAFOD)

### **Pious Devotions**

**Divine Mercy** prayers every last Thursday of the month 6 – 7pm.

**Prayer for priests** every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm.

**Rosa Mystica** on 13<sup>th</sup> of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

**French Mass** every 2nd Sunday of every month at 2.30pm.

**The Lady's Chapel** is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

**Church cleaning:** 8.00am to 9.30am

**Confessions :** Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

**Cake Sale:** Our lady's have organised cake sale today Sunday 11th Feb to support the project 'Train a priest'. Let us be generous in giving your support by buying them.

**Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments:** In the next three Sundays (4th March, 11th March and 18th March) we shall be praying for the candidates for Baptism and reception into full communion with the Catholic Church. As they will present themselves to us asking for our prayers for them, we shall also present ourselves to them promising them our prayers. I ask the candidates to be present on Sunday at the 9:30am Mass because of the rituals that are carried out as part of their preparation to receive the sacraments.

### **Matters of Importance**

**Rite of Election** wish to make a final reminder to those members of our parish taking RCIA lessons that we shall be meeting with the Archbishop on Sunday 18 February at 3pm in Saint Chad's Cathedral. Parish Priests from the diocese will present catechumens and candidates who are either to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church to the Archbishop and Bishops As we are nearing the end of our RCIA program I ask our catechumens to make it a point to attend our remaining lessons regularly.

**Lenten Season** There will be a Day of prayer for all the parishners on 17th March from 10.00am to 4.00pm in our parish to help us prepare for Easter. Please put this date in your diary and bring your friends along.

**Induction of the New Parish Priest:** I wish to let you know that Fr. Pontius Bandua will be inducted Parish Priest of St. Osburg on 22nd February 2018. Mass will start at 7:00pm followed by some social gathering in the parish hall to welcome our new pastor. The parishioners of St. Mary's are warmly welcome.

**Marriage preparation course:** will take place on 17th February 2017 at St. Marys Parish hall starting from 5:00pm. To qualify you must be a member of St. Mary's or of St. Osburgs Parishes. You should also be planning to get married this year 2018. Please remember 5:00pm is 5:00pm.

**Birmingham Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018** is organised from Saturday 26th May to Friday 1st June 2018. This is the largest gathering of the Diocesan family outside of the diocese and Archbishop Bernard encourages us to participate in it. The pastoral theme for this event is "Do whatever He tells you". For more information contact via email at [lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org).

**Ash Wednesday** 14th February Mass Times: 9.30am and 7.00pm

**Stations of the Cross:** are celebrated every Friday of the week during the season of Lent followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. After Mass there is choir practice at 7:30pm. Please join our choir as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter festivals.

**Coventry Tyrone Association – Annual Dance** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February at Christ the King Centre. Admission £4 – Music by "Wild Rover". Proceeds on the night will go to local charities.

**Day of Fasting and Prayer** On Sunday 4 February the Holy Father announced that Friday 23 February – the Friday of the First Week of Lent will be a Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World. The Apostolic Nuncio has asked all the Bishops to make this as widely known as possible so that all our local churches can participate in this Papal initiative. This date is also CAFOD Family Lent Fast Day and so the Holy Father's request could dovetail into this annual work, especially as CAFOD has projects in both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

**St. Thomas More Parish** is celebrating their 75th anniversary of the founding of the parish. As a part of their celebration they are organising a Parish Mission from 17th Feb to 4th March led by the Sion Community. All are welcome. Details of the programme are found on the notice board.