

MASSES FROM 1th to 18th Mar 2018

Sun	11	9.30am	Fr. David Condron (RIP) , Natacia Porter (B'day) Mr. & Mrs Tran (Good health)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)
Mon	12	12.00noon	Lisa McKernan (RIP)
Tues	13	9.30am	Holy souls
Wed	14	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy (Spl int)
Thurs	15	9.30am	Rose Hogan (Get well)
Fri	16	9.30am	Sick of our parish
		6.00pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	St. Patrick's Day
Sat	17	10.00am to 3.00pm	Parish prayer/penitential service
		3.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	18	9.30am	Francis & Cecilia (RIP), Thomas Noonan (Get well)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 11th Mar 2018

9.30am	Asipita, Elena (R) Betty O. (E)
11.30am	Wren, Ashley (R) Frank, Marcel (E)

Weekend 18th Mar 2018

Noah, Nicholas (R) Sophie (E)
Morgan, Emmanuella (R) Serso, Vera (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulrone, John Currison, 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: Edward Brennan, Fr Harkin, Nora Woods, Margaret Dunne, Ivy Elsie Lucas, Jim Crean, Rosalyn Muffitt, Margaret Ward, Micki Kijko, Patrick Flahive, Peter Doyle, Terry Fielding.

Easter Programme

Sun	25 th Mar 2018	9.30am	Palm Sunday
		11.30am	Palm Sunday
Mon	26 th	12.00noon	Mass
Tue	27 th	12.00noon	Mass
Wed	28 th Mar	9.00am	Mass
		11.30am	Mass of Holy Chrism at St. Chad's B'ham
Thur	29 th Mar	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of feet, Recommissioning of Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Adoration until 11.00pm at the Altar of Repose
Fri	30 th Mar	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		3.30pm	Celebration of the Passion of our Lord.
Sat	31 st Mar	7.00pm	Easter vigil Mass
Sun	01 April 2018	9.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11.30am	Easter Sunday Mass

Sun 8th April 2018 Divine Mercy Sunday. Prayers will begin at 2.00pm followed by Mass. Easter Monday Mass 2nd April 2018 at 10.00am – St. Osburg



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 4th Sunday of Lent 11th to 18th Mar 2018

AN ENTERTAINING HOMILY? YOU HAVE MISSED THE POINT.

As we move towards Easter, the language that Jesus will use as he speaks to the Pharisees, the Scribes and teachers of the Law will become intense. They will accuse him of breaking the Jewish Law and try to trap him to speak in terms intended to bring him into trouble with the Romans. Some people will get offended not because He had said anything wrong but because they were too proud to listen to anyone except to themselves. You know pride makes people blind.

In his teaching Jesus called people to take their relationship with God seriously, at one time he told them to try to pass through the narrow door (Lk. 13:24), on another occasion he told them to carry their crosses and follow him (Matt 16:24-26), and still on another occasion he told them that he who preferred father or mother to him was not worthy of him (Matt. 10:37). Jesus never entertained lukewarm hearts, he didn't have company with those who made outward show of religion while inwardly they were ravenous wolves. Unless the word of God penetrates us to challenge our self importance it cannot find a home in our hearts. The gospel is not meant to entertain us but to prick our hearts to challenge our attitudes and to bring the best out of our lives.

Jesus was followed by many people for different reasons. While the Twelve Apostles followed him as their teacher, the women from Galilee followed him in order to minister to the daily welfare of the group (Lk. 8:1-3) But there was another group of people who followed Jesus and listened to every word he spoke. It was not because they wanted to believe in him but because they wanted to accuse him of something (Jn. 8:6). This is very common to people who preach the gospel, some people listen to the homilies of the Pope, the bishops or of their priests not to find nourishment for their souls from their preaching but in order to find something upon which they can justify their own reasons for not doing what they are supposed to do.

I remember one priest who preached about the Seventh Commandment "*Thou shall not steal*" honest people understood the message and went away pleased about it but the dishonest people left the church grumbling accusing him of being harsh and of being disrespectful to those in his congregation especially the children who were not thieves. Of course his critics were those who were engaged in stealing.

A good teacher is that one who evokes a response from his pupils and a good homily is that one which people take away with them when they leave the church. In my ministry as a priest, I have met people who reminded me of the homily that I gave, this is not because it was entertaining but it was another way of telling me that the message was received. In these final days of Lent, I invite you to listen carefully to the words of Jesus, they call upon us to repent, to be honest in our faith. Jesus did not preach to people to entertain them but to make them to reform their lives.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 189.50 **Non-Gift Aid:** £303.10 **Total :** £492.60

Counters : 12th Mar— Vera & Phil

2nd collection : Cathedral maintenance : £126.12

Mass Attendance : 562 Bonus Ball: No. 29 T. Smith

Forthcoming Second Collections for March to April 2018

30th March— Holy places; 22nd April— Clergy training fund.

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 13th 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

Stations of the Cross: are celebrated every Friday of the week during the season of Lent at 6.30pm 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.

Missionary Appeal: We shall have Missionary Appeal conducted in our parish by Comboni Missionaries once known as Verona Fathers on Sunday 15th April 2018. A visiting priest will talk to us at both Masses.

Irish Heart, Coventry Home: Coventry Irish Society is launching a month-long exhibition, 'Irish Heart, Coventry Home' at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. The exhibition opens on 9th April is free and will stay open until April.

Matters of Importance

Parish Day of Prayer and Parish Penitential Service: This coming Saturday 17th March 2018, will be a Day of prayer for all the parishioners and Penitential Service. Starting from **10.00am to 4.00pm** to help us prepare for Easter. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Please put this date in your diary and bring your friends along. Refreshments are available in the hall.

Busy Time: Because of the busy season we are entering in, with confessions in schools the sick and housebound, Mass on Mondays will be at 12:00noon and not at 9:30am until after Easter.

GIFT AID envelopes for April 2018 - April 2019 are now available for collection from the back of the church. Thank you very much for your contributions. If you are a tax payer and would like an envelope please contact Sr. Leera.

The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will host the first National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage on Sunday 22nd April 2018 in partnership with Catholic Man UK, a new organisation established to support the revival of fraternity and authentic masculinity among Catholic men. The event is open to Catholic men, lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons. The day will start with a welcome and introduction at 10.30 am, in the Chapel of Reconciliation. It will end at approximately 5.30pm with refreshments at the Pilgrim Bureau.

Cardinal Newman Family Mass: you are all invited by the mentioned School to their School Family Mass which will take place on Wednesday 14th March at 6.00pm. This will be celebrated in the school and refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2018. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has organised a pilgrimage to the Holy Land starting from Friday 9th to Saturday 17th November 2018. The cost is £1,298.00 including flights, half board accommodation transfers and entrance fees. You can book through Pax Travel on behalf of ACN or please call 020 7485 3003 or e-mail info@paxtravel.co.uk for more details.

Death announcements I regret to announce to you the death of Mr **Patrick James Ward** of 34, Catherine Street Coventry who died at UHCW on Tuesday 27th February 2018 aged 60 years. Reception into St. Mary's RC Church on Tuesday 20th March at 8.00pm. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 21st at 10.00am, followed by interment at Canley Garden Cemetery at 11.45am.

Death is also announced of **Maureen Power** of 17 Cawthorne Close, Hillfields, Coventry, who passed away on 2nd March 2018 aged 73 years. The Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary and St Benedict RC Church on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 12.00noon followed by burial Canley Garden Cemetery at 1.30pm. Our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

Adoremus, the Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress that will be held in Liverpool 7th – 9th September 2018: Friday 7th September – at the Convention Centre. The day will begin at 10.00 a.m., and conclude with Choral Vespers at 6.15 p.m. Saturday 8th September – held at the Echo Arena Start at 10.30 a.m. with a welcome from Bishop Robert Byrne and the Apostolic Nuncio, followed by a talk by Bishop Robert Barron. Sunday 9th September – Adoremus Pilgrimage Day Centred on Liverpool Cathedral. There will be two pilgrimage Masses, followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction .