

Advent Penitential Services: **St. Mary'** on Monday December 19th at 7:00pm
St Osburg Friday 16th December after 12:10pm Mass
St. Elizabeth Thursday 22nd December at 7:00pm.

Please note that there will not be daily individual confessions at St. Osburg's after the 16th of December 2016. This is to enable the priests to go to assist with confessions in other parishes and to visit the sick and the house bound who need confessions too. If you do not turn up on that day you will need to check other parish programmes where confessions will be available.

Mass intention: I wish to thank all those who ask the priest to celebrate Mass for their intentions. May I suggest that you leave it to the discretion of the priest to fix a date when the Mass is celebrated. There are cases when different people ask for a Mass to be celebrated for their intention on the same day. This causes a problem. The priest will make sure that the Mass is celebrated either on the preferred date or as close as possible to the preferred date. I hope you will understand this situation with sympathy.

Closing Ceremony for the "Year of Mercy" takes place today **Sunday November 20th at 4.00pm** at **St Marys** with an Evening Prayer (Not Mass). This will be the last time people can walk through the "Door of Mercy" the next time we walk through the Door of Mercy will be when we come into the presence of God in heaven. Priests will be available from 3:00pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession for just one ONE HOUR.

Thank you for the donations so far contributed for Christmas bazaar, however I have been informed that we are severely short of all kinds of bottles which make up the bottle stall. I ask you to help if you can. Thank you again for your generosity.

Blessing the Crib: will take place in the city centre near Marks and Spenser on 27th November 2016, the First Sunday of Advent at 4:00pm. You are requested to turn up for this public witness to Christian presence in our city.

Priests for St. Osburgs: I'm pleased to let you know that the Superior General of the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus has appointed two priests to St. Osburg: Fr. Sunday Bazirake AJ and Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ. The two priests have been involved in intensive study of English language which they passed with flying colours; it means that they have completed the final huddle before submitting their visa applications to the Home Office. I'm delighted with the appointment, these are men that I have known for many years of their seminary formation and who have held offices of trust in the Order as both were rectors of different junior seminaries for many years. St. Osburg is very lucky to have them. Once they will come, St. Osburg will have three resident priests including Fr. Moses who will reside at St. Osburg but he will be responsible for St. Elizabeth. Please continue to pray for them.

Catholic Youth Ministry: the feast of Christ the King is National Youth Sunday in England and Wales. It is a day where young people and their contribution to the Church is celebrated; a day where the commitment of volunteers in parishes and residential centres is held up in gratitude; and an important chance for parishes to contribute financially to the diverse provision for youth ministry in our diocese. Today there is a second collection in every parish for the important work of the Kenelm Youth Trust, the agency that provides for youth ministry for the Archdiocese of Birmingham.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—Solemnity of Christ the King—YEAR C 20th to 27th Nov. 2016

IT IS THE FINAL GIFT WE SHALL DEPART THIS LIFE ASKING GOD FOR

Mercy is one of the attributes of God that we might never understand in this life. It is not a natural human inclination to be merciful but it is Divine. Recently I took keen interest in following the American politics. I was frustrated when I could hear accusations and counter accusations between the two main political rivals Mr. Donald Trump and Mrs. Hilary Clinton. What upset me most was to hear Mr. Trump and his supporters demanding for Hilary Clinton to be **locked up in jail**. Locking H. Clinton up was a campaign promise that most of us wait to happen. I don't think that credible democratic systems operate by putting their opponents in jails. Thanks to the media, it is exposing the hypocrisy in societies which were taken to be sacrosanct models of democracy.

"Lock her up" tells the human story, **Mercy** tells the divine story. Being merciful basically means that, when we deserve punishment, we are not punished. Mercy is the withholding of a just condemnation and the Bible gives many illustrations of God not "locking up" people but blessing them and letting them go free.

In the gospel of Matthew 18:23–27 Jesus describes a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. They brought him a man who owed £10,000.00 but had no means to pay, so the king decided that the man be sold, his wife and children auctioned and all his possessions to recover the money! The debtor begged for mercy. The king felt sorry for the man, he cancelled the debt and set him free to return to his family. Interestingly, after he had been showed mercy, the man met his fellow servant on his way home who was in debt to him of about £10.00 he grabbed him by the throat and wanted to have his cash then and there! We all know what became of the unforgiving servant. Thousands of people have passed through the Door of Mercy at St. Marys asking for mercy from God. I pray that together we may one day pass through the Door of Mercy Jesus Christ.

If you passed through the Door of Mercy, the real work begins, God has been merciful to you; **GO! BE MERCIFUL AND FORGIVING TO OTHERS** for "if you do not forgive others, your Heavenly Father will not forgive your failings either (Matthew 6:15). Mercy is an ongoing Christian activity without end. The Holy Door of Mercy has closed go and open the door mercy in your life. *The call to Mercy continues and it is the final gift that we shall depart this life asking God for.* Mercy is the only gift we give to others to receive it back for "Blessed are the merciful they shall be showed mercy" Matt 5:7

November is a month to pray for those who have died, unlike Mr. Trump and his supporters, we do not plead that God locks up our brothers and sisters but that he grants them his mercy. Thanks to God for being merciful.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs

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

Parish development

1st collection.....

Gift aid.....£130.18

Loose.....£367.65

Total..... £497.83

Heating our Church: **£54.95** Thank you for generosity.

2nd Collection Kenelm Youth Trust, (Catholic Youth Service)

Christmas choir concert: I'm to learn that the Parish Choir of St. Mary's and Benedict has once again organised a concert to usher in the season of Advent. This will take place at St. Mary's Church on 3rd December 2016 starting from 3:00pm– 4:30pm. Come and see talented Catholic young people as they sing to usher-in the Christmas season. Entrance is free, please keep the time, it will be an evening of amusement, entertainment and prayer.

Walk with Me booklets for Advent are available for us to take and use them for our daily prayers during this season. Over the years I have found them to be very useful with good short reflections to help me to begin the day and to keep me focussed. £1.00 is suggested per copy towards their printing which will be appreciated. Whatever the case please take your copy today.

Masses for the Holy Souls will be sent to the Apostles of Jesus missionaries working in Cuba. The Cuban Communist leaders Fidel and Laul Castro have allowed the Church to evangelise the Cuban people emerging from communist rule.

The missionaries are starting from zero. They have asked for Masses, therefore the names of the deceased and the donations will be sent to them.

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

Solemnity of Christ the King - Mass Book pg. No. 99 MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK from 20th to 27th Nov 2016

Sat	19	11.45am	Deceased members of Lloyd & Grant family, John Glen (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Johnny Jordan (RIP)
Sun	20	10.30am	Aaron Coen (RIP), M.A. (Spl int)
Mon	21	12.10pm	Cassidy Family (RIP), Srs. Philomena & Teresa (Thanksgiving)
Tues	22	12.10pm	Margaret McGee (RIP)
Wed	23	12.10pm	William Daly (RIP)
Thurs	24	12.10pm	Deceased members of Legion of Mary
Fri	25	12.10pm	Mrs. Julia Rakus (Get well)
Sat	26	11.45am	Cameron family (Spl int)
		5.30pm	Margaret & Garry Hobbs (Get well)
Sun	27	10.30am	Bridgit McGrath & Brendon Keene (Get well)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 19th/20th Nov 2016

Weekend 26th/27th Nov 2016

5:30 pm	Maria, Maggie (R) Bernadette (E)	Bernadette, Ann F. (R) Maggie (E)
10.30am	Janet, Charles (R) Catherine, Zen (E)	June, Charles (R) Janet, Teresa (E)

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Josie Kennedy, Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Josie Kennedy, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Glithero, 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 anniversary occur about this time Ryan Eileen, Walker Cathleen, Jordan John Francis, O'Brien Helen, Squire Humphrey, Frawley Isabel, Bride James Patrick, Brone Joseph Peter, Owen Winifred Josephine, Farrell Brigid, Clarke Rosella, Mayne Mathew Loughrey.

Fr. Clement who resides at St. Osburg while doing his doctoral studies in peace and reconciliation lost his dad Mr. Pius Anaedevha at the University Hospital Beni State Nigeria on Friday 11th November 2016. He was 89. We extend our condolences to Fr. Clement and to his family.