

## Parish News & Notices

**Annual St Patricks Mass:** The Annual Mass in honour of St Patrick will be on Thursday 14th March in St Mary's & St Benedict's Church, at 8pm.

**The Blessing of Shamrock** for Coventry City on Sunday 17th March 2019 after 11:30am Mass in our Parish Hall. The Coventry Irish Society Prize draw will also take place at this event. There are excellent prizes.

**Fr Pontius and Fr Sunday** thank all Christians of the parish for their prayers and support for their journey to Africa. May God bless you all.

**Family Fast Day:** This Lent, Family Fast Day will be on Friday 15th March. The Cafod envelopes will be given out at masses this weekend.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** Saturday 11th May 2019. Led by Bishop David McGough. Further details please contact your Parish Priest. We are encouraged as St. Osburg's Parish to join. We request the Pilgrimage committee of the parish to organise.

**Vespers and Benediction:** The next Vespers and Benediction will be on Sunday 31st March at 6pm. All are welcome.

**Piety Stall Update:** The Piety Stall is opened at Mass times at the weekend. We have a selection of Mass Cards for different occasions as well as devotional items for sale. Please note, we also have a selection of cards for **St Patricks Day**, (as well as candles), **Easter Cards & Mothers Day Cards**.

**The Church Choir:** You are invited to join the Choir. If you would like to join, please come up to the choir loft after mass. There is great joy in singing, please come and have this joy with the Lord.

**St. Osburg's Parish Youth Ministry:** This is to inform the Parish community that the parish youth ministry is again active and we request that it should be encouraged and supported. We encourage the young people to join altar service, choir, bring gifts and take readings at the Church liturgy.

**St Osburg's School:** There will be a vacancy for a Foundation Governor in the near future. We are looking for a practising Catholic who ideally has experience in Health & Safety or Finance. The post involves commitment to give time for the good of our school. If you would like more information, please contact the school or Chair of Governors on 02476 227165.

**Rite of Election of Catechumens** will be at 3pm this Sunday, 10th March, at St Chad's Cathedral. Some of our parishioners will be there so please pray for them as they take this important step on their journey of faith.

**The Romero Catholic Academy,** Coventry is offering a wonderful opportunity for a Senior Leader to join our vibrant, thriving Multi-Academy Company of eight schools. See notice board for details.

**Applications are required for the Post of Senior Administrative Assistance/** Personal Assistance to the Vicar General. Full time 35 hours per week. Closing date 22nd March 2019. See notice board for details.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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### THE LENTEN SEASON

Most often in life, we need to plan and organise our activities if we are to live meaningfully in this world. The material development of the corporate world depends on the commitment, accountability and availability of its members. Above all the human endeavours, the spiritual renewal is paramount for emotional and relational stability. Human society can live in harmony when there is spiritual or emotional balance based on authentic religious and moral norms. The incidences of violence, terrorism, torture and exploitation could be minimised if our relationships are stable and favourable. In modern times relationship conflicts are indisputably increasing in all spheres of life; some families, communities, nations and unfortunately among faith groups.

On Ash Wednesday, Prophet Joel in the First reading stated 'Let your hearts be broken not your garments torn' (Joel 2:12ff). It was a call to change of attitude and to reflect on how we relate to each other and to our Heavenly Father. Do we still have good relationships among ourselves and with God? What has gone wrong if we have failed? Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, the greatest love of God expressed in the redemption of creation through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. As Christians can we still stand with clear conscience to celebrate the coming EASTER? Do we meet the target of our commitment and are we accountable in so far as our relationship with God and fellow human beings is concerned? Our Lord Jesus remained firm amidst the various temptations in the wilderness. How many times have we been tempted to go against God's love in the wilderness of life? Can we trust in God to face the temptations of our emotions, feelings, attitudes and challenges of life? Today we have been invited to follow the religious principles of the Lenten season by; praying at all times, admitting our failures by sincere repentance and lastly by being generous in almsgiving. The sincere practices will certainly gain us spiritual insight this season.

May the Lenten season renew our attitudes and faith to love God and all peoples without reservations.

*Fr. Pontius*

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

**Parish Income**

**Sunday Collection - Gift aid: £102.00 Loose: £308.51 Total: £410.51**

**Candles: £104.78 Second Collection: £140.39**

Thank you for your generosity

**The Second Collection**

**300 Club February Draw Winners**

First prize: 376 P Keogh Third prize: 420 P Kelly

Second Prize: 691 A Healion Fourth Prize: 145 J McGrogan

In the event of any queries, contact Ann Fenton on tel 024 7659 9544

**The Senior Citizens Rendezvous:** Every Wednesday there will be get-together for all senior citizens after Midday Mass at the Foyer. The Parish is looking for suitable Volunteers to help organise tea for them, please contact the Parish Priest.

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

**MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 9th - 17th March 2019**

Sat	9	11:45 am	Sue Stanley (Birthday) Holy Souls
		5.30pm	Mary Doherty (Sp Int) Augustine Hallinan (RIP)
Sun	10	11.30am	People of the Parish Denis Doherty (Sp Int) Joanita Figueira (RIP)
Mon	11	12:10pm	Bridie Considine (RIP) Thomas Cannon (Sp Int) Ellen Elliot (Birthday)
Tues	12	12:10pm	Antonio Martin Ucar (Sp Int) Brigid Tubutt (Birthday) Robert Elliot (Birthday)
Weds	13	12.10pm	Joao Antonio Demello (RIP) Isabol & James Gillen (RIP) Patsy Keogh (Birthday)
Thurs	14	12.10pm	Eileen Nolan (Birthday) For sick lady
Fri	15	12:10pm	Lorraine Conroy (Birthday) Bridie Mullally (RIP)
Sat	16	11:45 am	Catherine Malone (RIP) Elizabeth Harte (Sp Int)
		5.30pm	Margaret, Patrick + Gussie Stapleton (RIP Anni) People of the Parish
Sun	17	11.30am	John Rynne (RIP Anni) Charles Wilson (RIP)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday 9th March**

**Sunday 10th March**

**5.30pm:** Bernadette & Maria (R)

**11.30am:** June & Maggie (R)

Zen (E)

Patsy & Catherine (E)

**Cleaners:** This week's team is Team 1

**Please pray for those who are sick in the parish:** We pray for all the sick in the parish, asking God to be with them in their need.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:**

Bill O'Sullivan, James Dunphy, William Horan, Molly Gorrell, Francis O'Reilly, Gill Harris, Sam McCooey, Mary McConville, Dermot Daly, Annie McLeneghan, Angela Gaffney, John Rynne, Noel Stephen Cross.

