

Parish News & Notices

Divine Mercy Sunday: Today we celebrate The Divine Mercy Sunday; reflecting the Infinite Mercy of God through Christ, as revealed to Faustina.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 11th May 2019. Led by Bishop David McGough. For further details please contact your Parish Priest.

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.

St Osburg's School Nursery: The school is now offering both 15 and 30 hrs/week places for 3-4 year olds from September 2019. Please contact the school to book a place on either tel 02476 227165 or email: admin@stosburgs.coventry.sch.uk.

A donation of £3019.20 has been given by a family to purchase Parish Hall Chairs. I request the Parish Community to thank and pray for the family.

Evening Prayers and Benediction: Sunday 28th and Thursday 2nd May, at 6:00 pm, please do come for the community prayers thank you.

The Church Choir: We are in need of parishioners who can play keyboard to support the music in church. There is great joy in making music for the Lord; please come and have this joy with the Lord.

The Church Spire; Please do not go through the barriers, the stones from the spire are loose and can fall at anytime. Take care to avoid the short cut.

The Gift Aid: There will a talk on gift aid promotion at our parish this weekend after the weekend Masses. Let us give some minutes to it for the support of our parish.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions at St. Mary & St. Benedict 52a Raglan Street. On Sunday 28th April 2019. Commencing at 2.00 pm.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady: The annual pilgrimage to Our Lady at Stone is on Saturday 25th May 2019

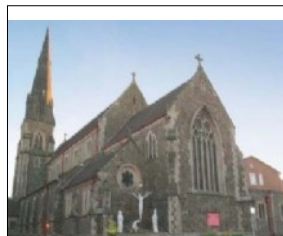
Pilgrimage to Lourdes: From Birmingham Airport flying direct to Lourdes Airport on 23rd August 2019 for 7 nights. Further details on the noticeboard.

Council Elections: The Council Elections are on 2nd May 2019 from 7:00 am to 10 pm at the Parish Hall. The hall will therefore be out of use that day.

The Easter Gifts for Parish Clergy: The two priests of the Parish Fr. Pontius and Fr. Sunday would like thank all those who supported them with spiritual and material gifts this Easter period, and may the Lord bless you.

Diocesan Vacancy: There is a vacancy for Office Administrator to the Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Committee (35 hours per week). Closing date Friday 10th May. Further details on the noticeboard.

Death announcement: **Ellen Barret** mother to Margaret Campbell School Administrator St. Osburgs' P/S died few days ago and **James Patrick Giltrap** died on 5/4/2019 funeral on 10/5/2019. We pray for them and family members.



St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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THEY RECOGNISED THE LORD AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

It is well known that, when an event takes place, different people give varying interpretations of the same event. After a while the original meaning of the event can disappear or get corrupted. Therefore, it is always important to focus on the value and meaning of events in human life. These can be family occasions of marriage celebrations, birthdays, national days of unity or world celebrations, which bring humanity together as brothers and sisters. More important than any other human event is the moment of our redemption through Christ's Passion, Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection. Most of Christ's contemporaries did not take him seriously and others even doubted his resurrection from the dead, including close associates like St. Thomas, who wanted evidence and proof of the resurrection and never trusted the information from his fellow Apostles.

Today in the Gospel, Thomas doubted the resurrection of the Lord in the first incidence when the other Apostles told him that they had seen the Lord, saying *"unless I put my fingers in the holes the nails made I refuse to believe (Jn20:25)."* On the road to Emmaus the disciples failed to recognise him until the breaking of the bread. We have just celebrated Easter, taken Easter holidays and children (of all ages) received several Easter eggs. In all these events that we have gone through recently, can we recognise the face of Christ in each of us at the breaking of the Bread at the Holy Eucharist during Sunday and daily Mass celebrations, remembering God's love and mercy amongst us? Or at times do we get too busy to attend the celebration of the event of our redemption? These events were to show us that Christ is present in all our human situations; we are called to be attentive and active to recognise him. We are also invited to go beyond our human categories of physical time and space, to recognise the risen Lord in faith. The material evidence as required by Thomas and by modern scientific approaches are not the ultimate answers to natural human aspirations - more essential is the spiritual connection to determine the right course to protect life and environment. We need to invite the risen Lord to calm our world in relationships struggles, terrorism, violence and hate through the breaking of the bread, expressing the infinite love and mercy God as we remember Divine Mercy on this Sunday.

May this 2nd Sunday of Easter deepen our love and reverence of the Holy Eucharist

Fr. Pontius

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

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

Parish Income

Gift aid: £64.50 Loose: £309.50 Total: £374.00

Candles: £93.29 Restoration: £374.17 Heating: £17.96 Rent: £375.00

Hall Hire: £175.00 Piety Stall: 76.50

Second Collection (Holy Places) Gift Aid: 15.00 Loose: 170.64 Total: £185.65

Thank you for your generosity

THE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT please pick a copy of the report at the back of the church.

300 Club April Draw Winners

First prize: 736 B McDonnell Third prize: 768 R Monnington

Second Prize: 776 P Keogh Fourth Prize: 228 M McGee

Congratulations to the winners!

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

Gift aid Envelopes for 2019 are ready; please check your number/name . Those who wish to gift aid contributions, please take a form to be filled and returned.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 27th April - 5th May 2019

Sat	27	11:45am	Pauline Byrne (Easter intention) Margaret (Special intention) Helen Doyle (Easter intention)
Sun	28	11.30am	Ian Campbell (RIP Anniv) Sister Sabina (Easter intention) Michael Naughton (21st Anniversary RIP)
Mon	29	12.10pm	Ellen & Wilson Chere (RIP Anniv) Bridie & Benny McAndrew (Get Well)
Tues	30	12:10pm	Kris Coia & Family (Easter int) The Wilson Family (Easter int) John & Catherine Glen (Easter int)
Weds	1	12.10pm	Sisters Philomena & Teresa (Easter int) Katherine MacNamara (Special int) Catherine Mangan (Easter int)
Thurs	2	9.00am 12.10pm	School Mass Jacinta Mascarenhas (RIP) Angela Kidd (Easter int) Molly Fenton (Easter int)
Fri	3	12.10pm	The Coia Family (#Easter int) Bob Horgham (RIP) Ellen Clent (RIP)
Sat	4	11:45am 5.30pm	John Murphy (RIP) Ellen Clent (RIP)
Sun	5	11.30am	People of the Parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 27th April

5.30pm: Bernadette & Ann E (R)
Zen (E)

Sunday 28th April

11.30am: Janet & Jolan (R)
Maggie & Maria (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 2

Marriage Banns: (Code of Canon Law §1066/1067)

Craig Stephen GOODBODY and **Roisin Mairead WATSON** on 24 May at 12.10pm.

Keith Andrew MCDONALD and **Maria Rebecca MCNAMARA** on 25 May at 1pm.

We ask the Christian community of St. Osburg's to pray for them and support them.

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:

James Brady, Daphne Claire, Eileen Jones, Sheila Sullivan, Patrick Thompson, Patrick Walsh, Noel Doherty, Elizabeth McHayle, Michael Kelly, Michael Lynch, Joseph Boyle, Stephen Lungley, Paul Cross, John Mullooly.

