

Parish News & Notices

4th Sunday of Easter: This Sunday reflects on Vocation; the Lord said, "the sheep that belong to me listen to my voice and they follow me". We pray for all people to answer the call of the Lord.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 11th May 2019. Led by Bishop David McGough. Fr. Pontius and some parishioners joined the other pilgrims for the holy journey.

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 chairs for the Parish Hall. I request the Parish Community to thank the family and pray for them.

Vespers and Benediction: The next Vespers and Benediction will be on Sunday 26th May at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

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.

First Holy Communions: our children from St. Osburg's school and others from non Catholic schools will receive first Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May 2019. We pray for them and their parents.

Pilgrimage to Stone: 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.

Fund raising resources

Parish Hall: As our Parish Hall and Kitchen have been improved, I encourage you and your friends to come and use it for your parties or ceremonies (Birthday, Anniversaries, Graduations, Weddings, Rehearsals for drama/music, Meetings and any others).

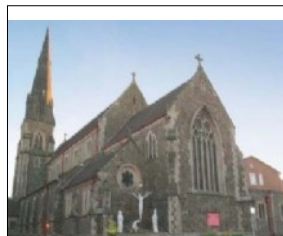
Saturday Lunches: Please, do come for the lunches and meet friends; everybody is invited, we have more room this time. Please feel free to interact with members of the parish.

Any other person with fund raising initiative is welcome; please contact me to discuss details.

Devotions: Rosary after the daily masses in the church, Eucharistic Adoration on Friday and Saturday, monthly Vespers and Benedictions on the First Thursday and Last Sunday of every month.

Marriage Week UK runs from Monday 13th to Sunday 19th May. More information can be found on the website <https://marriage-week.org.uk/> There is also more information on the Noticeboard at the back of the church.

50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford will be on Sunday 7th July 2019. The Archbishop will be the Principal Celebrant and Preacher. There will be a Youth Vigil on Saturday evening. More details on the Noticeboard.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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VOCATION AND CHRISTIAN FAITH

It is a common human belief that each and every person has something to contribute to the wellbeing of this world. In our Christian faith this is designated as "vocation". The word vocation is from Latin word "vocare" which means "to call". Vocation, therefore is a calling in people's lives to do something or to be, according to Divine design. The entire history of salvation indicates the response of different people to answer the call of God; Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Amos, Jeremiah, Hosea and many others. When Jesus comes onto the scene of salvation history, he also called the twelve disciples to follow him and become like him. In our Christian life, through Baptism and the other sacraments, we are also called to follow Christ, to be like him, to love and to be holy in life.

In Christianity, vocation means, therefore, any faithful response we make to the call of God, to commit our lives for a specific task to promote the divine plan for this world and the protection of life which includes; marriage life, priestly or religious living, social commitment, political responsibilities, economic activities, construction and industrial works and many others, provided these are done with prudence and honesty to honour God and respect human nature.

Today in the Gospel, Christ said, "the sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me" (Jn10:27). It is an invitation, or a call, made by Christ to all who believe in God: he said, "The Father and I are one" (Jn10:30). We remember to pray for all young people, that they may seek the right path in life and be able to listen to the voice of the Lord, to answer His call to become faithful members of families in marriage life, priests, religious and committed members of society to work for the development of this world focused on God's plan. We remember all those already committed to a specific task in life, that they may be renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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

Parish Income

Gift aid: £99.00 **Loose:** £333.08 **Total:** £432.08

Candles: £107.30 **Restoration:** £11.43 **Heating:** £28.14

Cafod: £84.50 **Saturday Lunches:** 85.00 **Papers:** £52.60 **Rent:** £800.00

Piety Stall: £17.00

Thank you for your generosity

Second Collection: This week's second collection will be for clergy training. Please always remember to pray for vocations.

THE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: please pick up 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: our thanks to all those who took new forms last week - please complete them and return them to the sacristy.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 11th - 19th May 2019

Sat	11	11:45am	Jonita Figueira (RIP) Elizabeth Lenagh (Sick)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	12	11.30am	Coleman O'Donoghue (RIP) Alan Goodwin (RIP)
Mon	13	12.10pm	Joao Antonio Demello (RIP)
Tues	14	12:10pm	Alfons Pietrzykowski (Bday RIP)
Weds	15	12.10pm	Ellen Barrett (RIP)
Thurs	16	9.00am	School Mass
		12.10pm	Coleman O'Donoghue (RIP)
Fri	17	12.10pm	
Sat	18	11:00am	FIRST COMMUNIONS
		5.30pm	
Sun	19	11.30am	People of the Parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4th May

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

Sunday 5th May

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

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 2

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:

Christina Boden, Nora Duddy, Margaret Pine, Edward McCarthy, Kate Edden, Patrick Sullivan, Raymond Fahey, Bernard Fay, Thomas Roache, Michael Rush, Stuart Thorpe, Michael Brady, Pearl Caldaryho, Edward Flannelly.

