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Times of Mass & Services

10th/11th Sept. 2016

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (C)

Saturday	5.30 pm Grace Scarpellini RIP
Sunday	11.00 am People of the Parish
Monday	10.00 am Janet & Andrew Hopkins RIP
Tuesday	NO MASS TODAY
Wednesday	10.00 am George Allen RIP
Thursday	6.15 pm Private Intention
Friday	9.00 am Alan Branagh RIP
Saturday	5.30 pm Jackie Buckley Int
Sunday	11.00 am People of the Parish

Confessions Saturday evening after Mass.

EDUCATION SUNDAY Ever since Emancipation in the early 1800's, the Catholic Community in England & Wales has been committed to providing good schools for our children. We continue this generosity in our teacher training and selection, volunteer governors and parental support. The Catholic Education Service acts on behalf of our community in relating to the Government of the day, advising Bishops and all involved in Catholic Education. Our schools are rightly held in high esteem and are helping all children to be fulfilled and achieve their potential. The Second Collection today is to provide the Catholic Education Service.

1,000 YEARS SINCE ST OSBURG St. Osburg was a Benedictine Abbess, sent from the North of England by King Canute at the beginning of the 11th Century to found a monastery in the Midlands. It developed into what is now Coventry. There was a strong cult to St Osburg in the City in the Middle Ages, her Feast Day being a public holiday. The Catholic Community in Coventry are marking the 1,000th anniversary of the death of St Osburg. Archbishop Bernard will be the Main Celebrant at Mass at St Osburg's Church this Sunday and I have been invited. Fr Zbigniew Zieba, (Fr Ziggy), who is Professor of Scripture at Oscott College, has kindly accepted to supply here that morning.

ON-GOING FORMATION DAY FOR PRIESTS

All the priests of our diocese have been invited by Archbishop Bernard to an On-going Formation Day this Tuesday. We are fortunate in having Cardinal Vincent Nichols as our keynote speaker. A substantial portion of the day will be built around an open discussion of themes raised by a new book, *The Secular Priesthood in England & Wales: History, Mission and Identity*, by Dr Judith Champ, who lectures at Oscott. For this reason there will not be Mass here on Tuesday

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Robert Byrne, Cong. Orat., will be coming to our parish to give the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am Mass next Sunday 18th September. Please pray for the young people of our parish preparing to receive the Sacrament, whose pictures are shown in Church.

GIFT AID THANKS Our Bank Account has been credited with £3,272, the result of those who have Gift Aided their regular donations to the parish. Thank you for this generous and 'smart giving', which will reduce our Current Account Overdraft.

'ALL HANDS TO THE PUMPS' Are you able to add your name to the Cleaning or Coffee Rota please?

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 4th Sept..
£165.10, plus £270 per week in Standing Orders.
Thank you.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Mary Normoyle, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, John Fisher, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerard, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett, Peter Jones, Mary McInnis, Mel Roberts.