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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 1st/2nd Dec. 2007

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TIMES OF WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday:	Mass		12.10 pm
Tuesday:	<u>Eucharistic Service</u>		12.10 pm
Wednesday:	Mass		12.10 pm
Thursday:	Mass	9.10am	12.10 pm
Friday:	Mass		12.10 pm
Saturday:	Mass		11.30 pm

THE SEASON OF ADVENT is a time to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's First Coming is remembered; it is a time when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming in the last days; a season of devout and joyful expectation. *The Sunday Mass Lectionary Cycle is Year A. The Weekday Mass lectionary cycle in Ordinary Time is yr. 2*

MASS TO CELEBRATE THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH, the renewal of Catholic life in Coventry This Friday 7th December at **6pm** His Grace, the Archbishop, will be the main celebrant at Mass here in St.Osburg's to celebrate the **Bicentenary of this Parish**. 200 years ago, on 8th December 1807, the Church of St Mary & St Laurence was consecrated on this site. This was the first Catholic Church in Coventry after the Reformation. The parish was first served from Downside Abbey and the present Abbot, Dom Aidan Bellinger, has been invited. In the early twentieth century Douai Abbey took over and the present Abbot, Dom Geoffrey Scott, will also be here, together with many of the priests who have ministered here over the years. Don't miss this historic and memorable event. Please take part in the Mass and the buffet meal in the parish hall afterwards.

CHOIR PRACTICE There will be a choir practice for this Mass this Sunday evening at 6.30pm and on Thursday evening at 7.30pm. If you can sing please come along.

TODAY – THE BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB and Carol Service takes place in Smithford Way at 4pm. Please come and join the children of our Catholic Schools in this joyful public proclamation of Our Saviour's coming.

“WALK WITH ME” THIS ADVENT The weeks of Advent are a spiritual preparation for the Coming of Jesus. Please begin to use the “Walk with Me” booklets today by reading the introduction to this first week of Advent and then use the thoughts given for each day as a help to prayer.

THIS SUNDAY-NORTON HOUSE This Sunday, 2nd Dec. it is the turn of St.Osburg's Parish to provide food for the homeless at Norton House. The makings of sandwiches, ham, cheese, bread and butter, are always popular and can be brought to the Foyer of the Parish Hall from where they will be taken after the 10.30am Mass. Our thanks to those who prepare them.

DAY OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST.OSBURG'S FOR VOCATIONS THIS THURSDAY 6th Dec.

On each day of the year there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a different parish of our diocese. The parish prays on behalf of the whole diocese, especially for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. It is the turn of our parish this Thursday. There will be Exposition from after the 9.10am Mass until 6.00pm in the evening. Please make a visit during that time. ***This week there will not be Exposition on Friday.*** Would those who clean the Church please come on Friday this week, if you can. There will be Exposition as usual on Saturday.

BAZAAR THANKS A sincere thank you to everyone who helped with St.Osburg's Bazaar last Saturday in any way, especially Father Christmas, the children who sang and their parents and teachers, and all those who organised and served on the various stalls. A special thank you to Mrs A.Harris for providing the vegetable stall in memory of her husband John, RIP. It was a real parish effort with a lovely atmosphere. The Bazaar and Draw made a combined total of **£4,005!** Congratulations! Such generosity and goodwill is a great moral support as we seek to renovate our Parish Church.

DONATION THANKS Our joy at the success of the Bazaar was multiplied by an anonymous gift of £5,000 towards the restoration of the Church, for which many thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese. When I was parish priest at St.Philip's, Smethwick, we used to receive £1,000 each year as a result of this collection, and it was a real help.

"300 CLUB" *December Draw on Sat. 15th after the 5.30pm Mass DOUBLE DRAW.*
If you have any queries, please contact Ann Fenton on 76 599544.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend: Gift Aid: £109.00, Loose: £565.57 Total: £674.57 Thank You.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: £315.45
Thank you.

Please pray for ALL THE SICK of the parish especially Bill Malone, Laurence Gallen, Dave Peadon, Philip Kierans, Tom Mulrennan, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Madeline Philips, Carol Sparks, George Dickin, Frank Tierney, Mary Kelly,

Please pray for those who have died recently Nellie Larkin, Sean Davey, Bernard Davies, Pamela Hill, Attilio Pannocchia.

Please pray for all those whose ANNIVERSARIES are about now, Rosemary and Justin Perera, James Tobin, Frances Jones, Anthony Roache, Thomas McKenna, Elizabeth Mannion, Kathleen McCarthy, Lucy Mooney, Joseph Hanbury, George McCullagh, Patrick Dolan, Kenneth Townshend, Jimmy Kennedy.

SUNDAY MASSES	Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.15pm
SUNG VESPERS	Sunday 6.00pm
CONFESSIONS	Saturday: After 11.30am Mass until 1.00pm Saturday Evening: 6.15pm to 6.45pm Weekdays: After the 12.10pm Mass