

MASSES Week 16th to 23rd Feb 2014

Sat	15	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	16	9.30am	Anthony Braganza (Anni)
		11.30am	Catherine Lutwama (Anni) Lazarus Obalim (RIP)
Mon	17	12.30pm	Jeremiah Donavan (RIP)
		6.30-7.30	Holy Hour
Tue	18	9.30am	George Dunnion (Anni)
Wed	19	9.30am	Jack McFeeley (RIP)
Thurs	20	10.30am	Requiem-Bridget Theresa Chapman
		6.30-7.00pm	Adoration (No Mass)
Fri	21	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	SSA (Thanksgiving)
Sat	22	10.30am	Anne Heffernan (Spl Int)
		11.00am to 12.00 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sat	22	6.00pm	Elaine Callander (Get well)
Sun	23	9.30am	Peter Harte (Get well)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>Weekend 15th / 16th Feb</u>	<u>Weekend 22nd / 23rd Feb</u>
6.00 pm	Tom Ward, Theresa Sophie (E)	Sr Leena, Patrick Barbara (E)
9.30 am	Nazareth, Elena Elizabeth (E)	Sr Lydwin, Stephanie Bridie (E)
11.30am	John, Noble Vera, Kath (E)	Ajiri, Hannah Serso, Veronica (E)

RIP: Bridget Theresa Chapman, Ralf Jordan, William Stewart, Sylvia Forrest.

Anniversaries during this Week: Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama, Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash, George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd, William Mara, John Callaghan, Francis Quilter, Jimmy Allen.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Maura Marron, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrooney, Maureen Patterson, Jim Dunleavy, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Margaret Brolly, Tess Pearkes, Joe Reynolds, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Duignan, Thomas Murtagh, Peter Harte, Job Giles, Bob McGorman.

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Hearing Aid users – Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th to 23rd Feb 2014

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Some ONE Must be Responsible for all this:

It is heart breaking to watch the television these days and you see how some people in this country are devastated by the floods. To understand how it feels like to those people, you just have to imagine what it would feel like if it happened to you!

As we watched the floods, the newsmen reported the terrible drought which is devastating farms in California, the United States of America; crops are scorched to the ground and farm animals look like living skeletons. Scientists on both sides of the Atlantic are baffled as many explanations are invented.

This weather has something to do with our faith. Modern man has for so long boasted of his /her scientific genius, he has gone to the space and outer space. He has explored the depth of the oceans and his genius in medicine has enabled him to claim control over life itself; one part of the body can be transplanted onto another without any complications. Recently man discovered something which he named "God particle" and with the Hadron Collider, he is now convinced that there is no God! A top cosmologist recently said that we do not need God to explain our human existence or the existence of the world in which we live and on which we depend. Therefore believing in any power greater than Man's will be a waste on time. It sounds great; but how is it that we are helpless and powerless when nature rebels?

Christianity speaks to us about a God (cosmologists do not) and the Christian Creed gives him attributes, namely that he is "*Almighty*," "*Maker/Creator*" of heaven and earth of what we see and of what we do not see." We should not be slow to realize that Man is like a tiny grain of sand in the universe incapable of saving himself.

Cynics are not only in our time but they were common at the time of Jesus too. Do you know what; he ridiculed them: "*hypocrites*" he said you know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky how is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time (Lk 12: 56)? The inability of man to control the forces of nature should be a strong message to remind us that indeed there is a God who is responsible for all this no matter how much we try to ignore or to deny his existence. We do not need greater signs to remind us that we are not in charge. I think that the greatest achievement that man can make in life is to acknowledge his Creator and live according to his commandments.

Is any parishioner sick or in hospital? Please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital tell their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

Pastoral Issues:

Baptism preparation class for parents will be on Monday 3rd March 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

First Holy Communion preparation course will be on Monday 24th February 2014 at 6.00pm. If your child is attending a Non-Catholic School and you wish that he/she should receive Communion here at St Mary's please contact Mrs Pauline McDonald, the Head Teacher in the school.

RCIA-Rite of Election will take place on Sunday 9th March at 3:00pm at St. Chad's Cathedral. The next session will take place on Tuesday 18th February at 6.00pm.

Confirmation: On 23rd October 2014 Thursday at 7:00pm, adults who are not yet Confirmed and wish to receive this Sacrament please contact Sr. Lydwin immediately. You will need to produce your Baptism certificate and to attend preparation classes before you are admitted to the Sacrament.

At the request of Archbishop Bernard, and in celebration of his recent election as Cardinal for England & Wales, Cardinal-designate Vincent Nichols has accepted an Invitation to celebrate a Mass of Welcome and Thanksgiving on Sunday 30 March 2014 at 5pm in St Chad's Cathedral there will be a second collection for him on the Weekend of 22nd/23rd of February.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 10th May. Details are on the notice board.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 24th -30/31st May. Details are on the notice board.

Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land which is being led by Bishop William Kenney this year, with Canon Mervyn Tower as the Spiritual Leader, takes place from 2-11 September 2014. The pilgrimage includes visits to many principal Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilee and opportunities to meet with the local Christian communities. Details are on the notice board.

You might have a vocation: A religious community of Sisters would like to invite single Catholic women in their 30s, 40s or 50s to come and explore their Vocation to Religious Life. They are looking for women with enthusiasm, energy and love for God, and for whom prayer is a priority, to continue and develop the ministry of Retreats and Spirituality in our small Congregation. For more information please contact the Sister Anne Dunne on 020 8941 2313 or Email us info@christian-retreat.org

Marriage Preparation: if you are planning to get married in the church, you are invited for the meeting on Tuesday 18th February at 7:00pm in the parish hall. Come with your spouse. You will need to produce a civil and baptismal certificate before you are admitted to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Lectors Meeting will be on Sunday the 23rd February after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel.

Pious Devotion

Divine Mercy monthly prayers are every last Thursday of the month 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Prayer for priests is every first Friday of the month from 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Rosa Mystica prayers on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

The Lady's chapel is open from 9:00am to 7:00pm from Monday to Friday for anyone who wishes to come and spend some time in prayer. It is closed on Wednesday.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £485.50 Loose 475.34 Total £960.84 Thank you.

Counters: 16th Feb Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 48 Rose Hogan

Saturday Draw No 4 Mick Hogan

Second Collection: 16th February-Catholic Education Service

23rd February-Cardinal Vincent Nichols

2nd March - Cathedral Maintenance

Mass Attendance: Weekend 8th /9th Feb 428

Other Matters of Importance

Timetable set by the Archbishop on new Mass times:

1. From 24th February to 2nd March the clergy will review the preferences of their parishioners and shape a proposal to give to the Archbishop.
2. First Sunday of Lent (9th March) - announcement of new Mass times for the City.
3. 27th April 2014 implementation of new Mass times on 2 Mass policy per parish.

Warning: *no parish should automatically seek to keep times unchanged, as the provision across the Deanery is of a higher priority than the needs of any individual parish.*

Dates for your Diary

22 nd /23 rd Feb	Cake sale-after all three Masses
3 rd March	Baptism preparation class at 5.30pm in the parish hall
5 th March	Ash Wednesday
9 th March	Rite of Election at St Chad's Birmingham at 3.00pm
14 th March	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
30 th March	Celebration of Mass by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham at 5.00pm
18 th April	Good Friday
19 th April	Easter Vigil
20 th April	Easter Sunday
27 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday
14 th June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
23 rd October	Confirmation at 7.00pm