

MASSES Week 11th to 18th Jan 2015

Sun	11	9.30am 11.30am	Theresa Tran (Anni) People of the parish
Mon	12	12.30pm	Sr Ines (RIP)
Tue	13	9.30am	Sr Augusta (RIP)
Wed	14	9.30am	Hughy McQuade (RIP)
Thurs	15	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Anne Marie Irwin (Anni)
Fri	16	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Alice Fullerton (RIP)
Sat	17	10.30am	Curriston Family (Thanks giving)
11.00am-12.00Noon Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sun	18	9.30am 11.30am	Margaret Frowless (RIP) Peter Harte (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 11th Jan 2015

9.30 am Roisin, Elena
Sophie (E)
11.30am Stella, John
Veronica, Sr Leera (E)

Weekend 18th Jan 2015

Asipita, Tom Ward
Betty Osagie (E)
Honorine, Jeanette
Loveness, Veronica (E)

Saint of the Week 17th January: St. Anthony of Egypt also known as St. Antony of the desert is the founder of monasticism. His wealthy parents died when he was only about 20 years old, and he inherited every penny. But about that same time, he happened to hear a reading from the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus tells a rich young man, *"If you want to be perfect, go and sell everything you have and give the money to the poor."* Antony believed he was that rich young man and immediately did exactly as Jesus instructed. When Emperor Diocletian began persecuting Christians in 303, word reached the lonesome Antony in his desert cell. He and other monks traveled to Alexandria and ministered to the persecuted. He was so respected that even the authorities left him alone to evangelize, console, and ease the suffering of the prisoners. He offered himself as a martyr but was refused.

RIP: Bob McGorman, Don McCaffer, Vincent McKeown, Mary Kavanagh, Ellen Flaherty, Michael O'Shea, Jim Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

Anniversaries during this Week: Winifred Browne, Peter McCabe, Kathleen Kroghan, Isabel Carson, Thomas Shaughnessy, Margaret Cooke, Neil Ferry, Andrew Doyel, Patrick Doyle, Daniel Lanaghan, Linval George Morant.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Maureen Patterson, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, Joe Reynolds, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Duignan, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Michelle, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan.

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 11th to 18th Jan 2015

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LIFE IS LIKE THAT; TAKE IT SERIOUSLY IT IS NOT A REHEARSAL

Life is like taking a journey by train. At birth we boarded the train and met our parents. They were glad to see us, they told us the date of our birth, and shaped our being members of the family. We thought they would always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. It is a tearful departure always; no one can claim mastery in handling the situation. Most of the time shortly before stepping off the train they ask us to remain strong and united, to love and respect other people and to take care of each other.

As we travel on, other people board the train; and they become significant in our own life; we call them siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. The train continues to speed on passing through valleys, plains and mountain ranges. At different stations some of our known friends step down and leave a permanent vacuum; others go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. The train journey is full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Unfortunately success is not in one's power and the real end unknown. Therefore having a good relationship with all passengers on board is important by giving the best of ourselves and making positive contribution in their life.

The mystery to everyone is: *'we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down!'* Could it be that I'm stepping off the train at the next station or I have several stations to go through? The answer is I don't know. Therefore we must live positive life; love everyone on the train, forgive those who behave badly along the way and offer the best of who we are to others. It is important to do this because when the time comes to step down and leave your seat empty; you should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

One famous American singer Jim Reeves (God rest his soul) once sang *"This world is not my home I'm just passing through"* Yes he knew that this life was not a rehearsal, he took it seriously and he left us those beautiful melodies that bring peace in our nerves. It is a New Year 2015, I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Win success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey each day.

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

RCIA course for the members of this parish who are preparing to be baptized or to be received into the Catholic Church will resume on Tuesday 20th January at 6:00pm in the parish hall. I ask them to be reminded that on Sunday 22nd February they will go to St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham to be presented to the Archbishop who will receive them during a ceremony which is Ecclesiastically known as "The Rite of Election at 3pm.

Back to our timetable as Christmas holidays are now over, we return to our normal week and daily timetable. May I ask you to make use of the Parish Newsletter since it gives you all the information you need to know what will be going on in the week at the church. You are expected to take a copy of this newsletter with you.

Christmas Carols in polish language were sung here last Sunday before the crib. I had expected as announced before that it was going to be public, but I was told that it was not a concert. Singing for the baby Jesus in the manger is an important custom in Polish Catholic tradition.

A warm welcome back to all those who were away for Christmas holidays. I wish to particularly welcome students who joined their families abroad for the festive season. We missed you a lot.

Volunteer your time: a good number of parish helpers who used to volunteer their time to serve the parish have moved on. Some of this moving has been caused by the end of Saturday for Sunday Mass, and the return of students to their home countries after their studies. I'm making fresh appeal for parishioners who can volunteer their time to come and clean the church on Saturdays at 8:30am. I need too those who can assist us in forming the parish choir and those who can wash up the altar linens or read at Mass. There is service to be rendered almost by everyone. If you can be of some help in any ministry, please let me know. A big thank you to those who do this.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £240.50 Loose £629.90 Total £870.40 Thank you.

Counters: 11th Jan Sandra McAvoy, Maureen Jones

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 24 Mary Morgan

Mass Attendance Week 4th Jan 441

Pious Devotions

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.

Other Matters of importance

Vocations Weekend for young women aged between 20s and 30s is organized by the Order of Nuns, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) from 23rd to 25th January 2015. In Liverpool There will be input from the FCJ Nuns on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. The theme is: *Discerning God's Call in my life.* It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

You must become missionaries to yourselves: These words were spoken by Pope Paul VI during his historical visit to Uganda on 17th July 1969. It was the first time a Roman Pontiff visited Africa. Those words were not spoken to intellectuals but to families and catechists. If we become missionaries/ evangelizers to others, the Church will not lack shepherds. We hear that our diocese of Birmingham is lacking priests, it is true, but did you know that our archdiocese sends out its own priests to go and work as missionaries around the world? Did you know that we are called to be missionaries in our thinking and in our actions? Well as Christmas approached the following brother priests of the diocese were serving the Church by their ministry in other parts of the country and abroad:

Fr Paul Huynh Chanh - Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Lowestoft (East Anglia)

Fr Patrick Daly - COMECE, Brussels

Fr Stephen Fawcett - Further Studies, Rome

Fr Tony Joyce - Valladolid Spain

Mgr Robert Murphy - Secretariat of State, Vatican City

Fr David Standen - St Joseph's, York (Middleborough)

Fr Tom Walton - Sacred Heart & St Oswald, Peterborough (East Anglia)

Fr Michael Doyle – Allen Hall (Westminster) and supplying in Oxford South Deanery

Fr Christopher Thomas – St Patrick's, Manesfield and St Joseph's, New Ollerton (Nottingham)

Canon John Carlyle (former diocesan treasurer) who is Spiritual Director at the Pontifical Bede College, Rome.

No matter where you are, it is time you became a missionary too

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