

MASSES Week 14th to 21st December 2014

Sun	14	9.30am 11.30am	Sam & Antonia Aikhionbare (Wedding Anni) People of the parish
Mon	15	11.30am	Requiem-Don McCaffer
Tue	16	10.00am	Requiem-Bob McGorman
Wed	17	9.30am	Kathleen Gill (Anni) Robert Dunham (RIP)
Thurs	18	9.30am 7.00pm	Anne Dunnion (Anni) Parish Penitential Service
Fri	19	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Sheila Donoghue (RIP) Maria Cecilia & Caitano D'Souza (RIP)
Sat	20	10.30am	Lionel Roy Fernandes (RIP)
11.00am-12.00 noon exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. (No Confessions)			
Sun	21	9.30am 11.30am	Robert McGorman (Anni) Emmanuel & Betty Osagie (Wedding Anni) Leontina Leonidas (Spl Int)

Feast Days:

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 14th Dec 2014

9.30 am Nazareth, Elena
Barbara (E)
11.30am Cynthia, Victoria
Veronica, Serso (E)

Weekend 21st Dec 2014

Asipita, Julia
Betty Osagie (E)
Charles, Stella
Loveness, Sr Leera (E)

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: Jack Sheehan, John Cain, Andy McHugh, Josephine Batties, Albert Shorthouse, Patrick Meehan, Nora Herbert, Allan Leslie Randall, Michael Oliver Hickey, Cornelius John Morris, Edward Donnelly, Catherine Dunnion, Tom Heavey, Bridget Hayden, Kathleen Gill, Bridget Agnes Rafferty, Rita O'Sullivan, Ann Dunnion, James McMenus, Denis Joseph Buckley, Robert McGorman, Bridie Mooney, Jack McCullough, Frank Martin, Daniel Prosser, John Masterson, Ann Plunkett

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Maureen Patterson, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Currison, 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, James Hamill, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan.

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

Third Sunday of Advent 14th to 21st December 2014

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IT IS WINTER PLEASE WRAP UP:

For some people who have been here for a number of years, they might remember how St. Mary's Church used to be cold. If the church is freezing cold, it takes away ones concentration on prayer such that coldness becomes the focus. There is no doubt that each one of us enjoys entering into the church and you are welcomed with soothing warmth. This does not simply happen; it needs careful planning constant servicing of the boilers and radiators and above all the ability to pay gas bills. We can only use what we can afford to pay. Heating the church is very expensive just as you all find keeping your houses warm costly. I know that you take measures to keep your houses warm. I wish to ask you that you take the same measures when you come to church or when you use any rooms of the church where you need heating.

Not long ago heating our church was a very big problem and it is still a problem. At that time the easiest explanation was to condemn the boilers but thank God that they have served us for the last seven years since they were "scraped"!

I took it upon myself to make good study why the boilers were breaking down every other day and how the gas bills could be reduced. A new localized heating system was installed in the Lady's Chapel thanks to one former student Ms. Florence Osugo who substantially contributed to its purchase. That localized heating has helped us.

While keeping the church and parish hall warm is a top priority I wish to ask you to be considerate in the way how you dress. Some people who complain about the cold are often scantily dressed not because they lack cloths. You might be interested to know that we spend not less that £1000.00 every month to heat the church. This money comes from you. Nevertheless we have tried our best to keep the church and parish hall warm. As the cold spell progresses let us all cooperate to save energy wherever we may be either in our own homes, at place of work or in church.

Of late we had the parish bazaar, the aim of this annual event is to help us to raise money for the needs of our community, heating is one of those needs, unfortunately only a few understand this fact. If you need something you have to do something otherwise things do not simply happen. I wish you a Blessed Advent season. Since Advent comes to us during a cold season, please make sure that you dress warm especially when you are coming to church.

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

Decorating the Christmas Crib will be undertaken by the Polish community this year. I'm pleased that they have asked me to do so. There will be Mass for the same Community during this Advent Saturdays 6th, 13th and 20th at 7:00am in the Lady's chapel to help children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion to have that feeling of how Advent is celebrated in Poland.

Christmas Crib collection last year enabled us to buy books for the training of missionary priests who study at the Apostles of Jesus Missionary Institute in Nairobi. The books worth £600.00 were purchased through Amazon book store. They were delivered in my office and they will be dispatched in the New Year. Since the demand for books to train priests is ongoing, I will request that our Crib collection this year will go to that cause. We pray that God sends to his people holy priests not social workers.

Exciting Christmas Carols in polish language will be performed on the 4th of January 2015 after the 9:30am Mass. The concert will take about 30 minutes.

Parish Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will be on Thursday 18th December at 7:00pm. There will be a number of priests from our neighboring parishes to help you to make your confession.

Special request for the Parish choir which you all know plays a vital role in our Sunday worship. Being students many of our members have completed their studies and returned to their countries. We need more people to join the choir and come for practice. A good singing at Mass uplifts the prayerful spirit of all. Everyone is free to join us. Practice is every Friday from 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £141.60 Loose £575.28 Total £716.88

Poor Parishes £208.00 Thank you.

Counters: 14th Dec Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul

Second Collection

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 1 Cis Dunnion

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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

Gate sealed off: the gate at the far corner of the car-park has been done away with and discarded, it was last opened more than 15 years ago.

Death announcement: Bob's mortal remains will be received on Monday 15th December at 6:00pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated at that reception. Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday at 10:00am followed by burial at London Rd. Cemetery.

Is this a scam? Some letters are received in the office bearing parish address with strange names asking for settlement of overdue telephone bills. In case this is not a scam and if you know that you want to use the parish address for the delivery of your mails, please speak with the Parish Priest first.

Letters of reference: if you wish to have Fr. Jimmy as your referee please make sure that you speak with him first. A good number of companies and potential job offers come up asking for letters of reference but since I may not know who you are, I cannot write a reference letter. Please know that Fr. Jimmy will not act as your referee unless he knows you personally.

APF thanks all those parishioners who contribute through the Red Box collection. This year the total parish collection has been £305.08. So many people are unable to attend Mass regularly or to receive comfort from the Word of God. Your support via the Red Box donations will go far in providing pastoral care, proclaim the Gospel and pray for all our brothers and sisters worldwide. Your prayers and generosity will make a huge difference. So thank you.

Christmas Mass Times

24th Dec Vigil Mass for children 6.00pm

24th Dec Vigil Mass for adults 8.00pm

25th Dec Christmas Day Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am

New Year's Eve: We shall have a thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 31st Dec at 7.00pm thanking the Lord for all the blessings we have received from his bounty during the course of the 2014. We shall ask for his blessings and mercy upon us as we usher in the New Year 2015. After the Mass there will be music, dance and food in the parish hall. Entry is free. Please come and join in the celebration.

Christmas Raffle Prize-Winners (to be claimed)

First prize	No 956-960	BLUE	AB 477635
Second Prize	No 186-190	PINK	AB 454180

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 18th December Parish Penitential Service at 7:00pm

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