

MASSES Week 16th to 23rd March 2014

Sat	15	6.00pm	Dominico Tran (RIP) William & Winifred Mooney (Anni)
Sun	16	9.30am	Jack McFeely (RIP) Kevin Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)
		11.30am	Kuwan Stephen Nyuydine & Judith Kinyuy (RIP)
Mon	17	12.30pm	Agnes Heffernan (Spl Int)
		6.30-7.30	Holy Hour
Tue	18	9.30am	Jack McFeely (RIP)
Wed	19	9.00am	Bridgie & Eamon (Get well)
Thurs	20	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Connolly Family (Spl Int)
Fri	21	6.30-7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Margaret Collins (Anni)
Sat	22	10.30am	People of the parish
11.00am to 12.00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sat	22	6.00pm	John McHugh (Anni) Kathleen Malone (RIP)
Sun	23	9.30am	Greg Osagie (Birthday) Peter Harte (Get well)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days: 17th March Feast of St Patrick-Patron of Ireland
19th March Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>Weekend 15th /16th March</u>	<u>Weekend 22nd /23rd March</u>
6.00 pm	Tom Ward, Theresa Barbara (E)	Sr Leera, Tom Ward Dr Jay (E)
9.30 am	School children School staff	Stephanie, Julia Elizabeth (E)
11.30am	Noble, Ajiri Vera, Kath (E)	Honorine, Cynthia Serso, Veronica (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: Margaret Ward, Micki Kijko, Patrick Flahive, Peter Doyle, Terry Fielding, Ludovic Carl-Wysoeski, John J Burff, John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney O.F.M Cap, Frank Keoghan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Marian Christina Hart.

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, Marie Garner.

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

Second Sunday of Lent 16th to 23rd March 2014

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I THINK BEING LATE AT MASS IS VERY SERIOUS:

You must have heard about the five girls who were locked out of the party. This party was on their minds, new dresses had been bought and hair had been carefully curled. This wedding was the talk of the village, missing it would be unthinkable. Preparations involved taking personal lanterns and in case of any eventuality some girls also took extra oil.

Things did not go according to plan, the bridegroom delayed, many dozed off while other guests decided to go about on the streets and in the shops to buy some provisions. The bridegroom turned up unnoticed and there was a loud cry "*the bridegroom is here, please go and meet him*" all those present went to meet him at the gate and the door was closed! I understand that those who were not patient enough to wait heard the cry too from a distance, they rushed back to the party but they found the gate already closed! "*Lord open the door for us*" but the bridegroom even denied that he knew them! Such is the seriousness of being late.

A good number of you have spoken to me about the distractions they get when someone is late. A latecomer is person who joins a group session, after the session has started. In some establishments latecomers may not be attended to once the session has begun which means that all participants must be accounted for before the moderator initiates the session. Take the example of persons going for job interviews or for examinations, when they turn up late, it is a sure sign that they will fail. Think too of a traveler who turns up when the aircraft is already on the run way ready to fly, once he/she has missed it, that is it!

One of the serious habits that some of us might need to work on during Lent is being late on many occasions especially at Sunday Mass. Remember again the illustration above, the five girls were late, the door was closed, the party was missed and the bridegroom denied that he knew them even though they had been invited!

Lenten season is a good opportunity to improve on our Christian spontaneity. At the Sunday Mass, Jesus prepares a party for us and makes us his special invited guests. Habitual lateness is a great show of disrespect to the Host –Jesus the Lord.

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

Pope Francis has appointed Fr Robert Byrne of the Congregation of the Oratory as Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. He will take care of the deaneries of Birmingham and Worcestershire. His episcopal ordination will take place at St Chad's Cathedral at 11am on Tuesday 13 May 2014, the Memoria of Our Lady of Fatima.

RCIA-Rite of Election last Sunday at 3:00pm the Archbishop received five catechumens of our parish community namely *Aspita Iroko, Betty Osei-Bonsu, Stella Chisom Nsiegbunam, Amaka Chika Egboh and Samuel Isowa Aikhionbare* at St. Chad's Cathedral. He elected them and has commissioned us to receive them officially into full communion with us in the Catholic Church on Easter Vigil. The First Scrutiny will be on Third Sunday of Lent 23rd March 2014 at the 9.30am Mass. The catechumens are requested to attend that Mass along with their sponsors.

A Retreat in Daily Life will be held at Christ the King Church, Coventry from Monday 24th March to Friday 28th March. Not many are the time to go away on retreat. This retreat allows you to live your daily routine with the opportunity for prayer each day. Details are on the notice board.

Stations of the Cross: are celebrated every Friday during Lent from 6:30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm.

Recollection for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion: Maryvale Institute will offer a Lenten evening of recollection for parish Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Thursday 10th April 2014 from 7.00 – 9.30 p.m. led by Fr. David Mellor. The evening will include a talk and the celebration of Mass.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £406.54 Loose 483.95 Total £890.49 Thank you.

Counters: 16th March Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 34 Rose Hogan
Saturday Draw No 5 V McCann

Second Collection: 16th March CAFOD Lent Fast
18th April Holy Places

Mass Attendance: Weekend 8th /9th March 554

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

Other Matters of Importance

Parish Website Facelift: our parish website is under reconstruction and I have appointed Sr. Leera Lobo the new Sister to build it up and to update it from time to time. Sr Leera is a very talented person with a lot of expertise which will contribute to the development of our parish.

Table Top Sale will take place this Sunday 16th March after both the Masses.

St Thomas More School: vacancies: Deputy Head teacher: Required for September 2014 ; Full time permanent position: Group 3 NOR 446: Salary: Leadership range: L9-13: Closing date: noon on Monday 24th March 2014 Interviews in week commencing 31st March 2014: **Assistant Head teacher:** Responsible for Inclusion: Required for September 2014: Full time permanent position Salary range: L5-L9: Closing date: noon on Monday 24th March 2014: Interviews in week commencing 31st March **Class teacher:** Required from September 2014: Full time temporary position: Main Pay Scale: Applications from newly qualified teachers would be welcomed. Closing date: noon on Friday 14th March 2014: Interviews in week commencing 17th March 2014

Job Opportunities! Would you like to work with parishes to support youth ministry? Coordinate events and pilgrimages; develop training opportunities and help recruit volunteers? The Birmingham Catholic Youth Service is looking for two new Development Workers to join their dynamic and creative team. For more information visit our website www.bcys.co.uk and download an information pack today. **Closing date** for applications: Thursday April 10th at 12 noon. **Date for interviews:** Monday April 14th (Time to be confirmed) **Starting Date:** To be negotiated. For more information please contact Maria Bracken on 07980 253565.

Timetable set by the Archbishop on new Mass times:

1. First Sunday of Lent (9th March) - announcement of new Mass times for the City. (delayed because the Archbishop is away in Rome)
2. 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

16 th March	Table Top Sale in the parish hall
5 th /6 th April	Cake sale
14 th April	Parish penitential service
27 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday (implementation of new Mass times)
14 th June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
23 rd Oct	Confirmation at 7.00pm
