

MASSES Week 21st Dec 2014 to 4th Jan 2015

Sun	21	9.30am	Robert McGorman (Anni) Emmanuel & Betty Osagie (Wedding Anni)
		11.30am	Leontina Leonidas (Spl Int)
Mon	22	9.30am	Nora Curristan & Family (Spl Int)
Tue	23	9.30am	Sr Anne Marie (Spl Int)
Wed	24	6.00pm	Vigil Mass –Children & families
		8.00pm	Vigil Mass- Adults
Thurs	25	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Fr Jimmy's Intention
Fri	26	9.30am	Brian Ferris (Anni)
Sat	27	9.30am	Sr Leena (Spl Int)
Sun	28	9.30am	Fr Jimmy's Intention
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 21st Dec 2014

9.30 am Asipita, Julia
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Charles, Stella
Loveness, Sr Leera (E)

28th Dec 2014

Elena, Roisin
Jean Hoey (E)
Honorine
Serso, Veronica (E)

4th Jan 2015

Keyna, Asipita
Bridie (E)
Jeanette, Charles
Loveness, Serso

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: Josephine & Tom Boylan, Ann Martin, Thomas Fox, Agnes Stanford, Rose & Jim Hogan, Mary McCullough, Hughie Gill, James Donald, Gerald McGoran, James McEnery, Len McCoy, Joe Dunleavy, Patrick Lynn, John Allen, Paul Allen, Thomas Travers, Teresa Mawn, Denis McGrath, Pat Kinsella, Mary McClean, Patrick Joseph Wright, John Ferry, Patrick McLaughlin, Margaret Moore, D Stafford, Michael Murphy, Eddie Branfield, Myra Scott, Larry Mawn, Mary Woollett, Sammy Dowling, Carmel Ward, Tom Griffith, Francis Jack Beaufoy, Dennis George, Josephine Armstrong, Vittoria Giampaglia, Carmel Ryan.

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, James Hamill, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent 21st Dec 2014 to 4th Jan 2015

Mass Book Yr. B Part 1 pg. 90 onwards

WRITTEN FROM BACK TO FRONT:

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year 2015 full of God's blessings. Looking back at all the events which take place in 365 days that make a year, there is no doubt that Christmas evokes a lot of excitement not only among the followers of Jesus but in every human person; after all we are all his creatures.

The gospel narratives these days are speaking to us about the family of Nazareth and the infancy of a helpless baby born at Bethlehem whose name was given before his birth as Jesus. Today Christmas attracts much more attention than Easter but the fact is that for the early Christians, the Good news was not about the birth of the Jesus but about his passion, his death and his resurrection. This tells us why the four Gospels have extensive stories about these facts than about his birth. The earliest gospel writer St. Mark does not even make a mention about the early life of Jesus until when he appears among the crowds on the banks of River Jordan to be baptized. He must have been about 30 years old.

The infancy narratives are found only in Matthew and Luke's Gospels; are they literal historical accounts? Well the Gospels as a whole are not intended to be historical biographies but theological narratives. They do not attempt to give us a historical account of Jesus' birth but to give an answer to the theological question of "**who Jesus of Nazareth is!**" This does not mean that they do not contain history as we understand history today. We do know historically that Jesus was born during the reign of King Herod but we might be unable to verify that Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem because of a census, or whether three Kings from the East brought to Jesus such expensive treasures.

There are many elements in the infancy narratives that we cannot verify historically. This does not make them unhistorical but rather hard to prove historically speaking, leaving the door open for the possibility that they are based on historical events. The Evangelists wove history and theology together to present us with proclamations of faith not news accounts. The infancy narratives teach us the absolute truth about the identity of Jesus of Nazareth. He is Lord and He is God.

The humanity of Jesus elevated our fallen human nature.

Oh come Let us adore Him ,Oh come Let us adore Him ,

Oh come Let us adore Him Christ 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

Merry Christmas to you all. I wish to thank you for the work we have done together to support each other in our Christian faith. Our togetherness has been a source of strength to each one of us. Since last Christmas some changes have taken place including the loss of our Saturday Mass. Nevertheless, God has been good to us, it is good to see many people coming to the Sunday Mass. May I ask you during this time to reflect on our personal response to the call to peace. I can say from the bottom of my heart that the evil which plague our world is due to lack of knowledge of Jesus Christ. He himself will be peace. During this Christmas and always, let us do our best to know Him because he is PEACE in our midst.

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.

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.

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 £231.50 Loose £619.49 Total £850.99 Thank you.

Counters: 21st Dec Sandra McAvoy, Maureen Jones
28th Dec Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul
4th Jan Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris

Second Collection

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 12 Josephine McCrawe

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Christmas Collection taken at all the Masses will be your gift to your parish priest. Please collect the Christmas offering envelopes which are at the back of the church.

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.

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

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

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
24 th Dec 6.00pm	Kisaneth, Nelson	Serso, Sr Leena (E)
8.00pm	Tom Ward, Sr Leera	Sophie, Barbara (E)
25 th Dec 9.30am	Julia, Asipita	Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	Victoria, Veronica	Serso, Loveness (E)

Monday Club will remain closed for Christmas vacations and will resume on the second week of January 2015. I wish each one of you a very happy Christmas and hope to see you all back with renewed spirit in the coming year.

MASSES Week 28th Dec 2014 to 4th Jan 2015

Sun	28	9.30am 11.30am	Fr Jimmy's Intention People of the parish
Mon	29	9.30am	Sr Leera (Spl Int)
Tue	30	9.30am	Bob McGorman (RIP)
Wed	31	7.00pm	New Year's Eve-Thanksgiving
Thurs	01	9.30am	Thomas Clear (Anni)
Fri	02	9.30am	Sr Lydwin (Spl Int)
Sat	03	9.30am	Tomy Griffith (Anni)
Sun	04	9.30am 11.30am	Bridget Clear (Anni) Cissie & Jimmy Fitzgerald (Anni) Kuwan Stephen Nyuydwe (Anni).

**THIS NEWS LETTER WILL SERVE UNTIL JANUARY 4TH 2015.
THE SISTERS AND I WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015.**

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