

MASSES Week 23rd Feb to 2nd March 2014

Sat	22	6.00pm	Elaine Callander (Get well)
Sun	23	9.30am	Peter Harte (Get well)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	24	12.30pm	Jimmy Gillespie (RIP)
			Linval George Morant (RIP)
		6.30-7.30	Holy Hour
Tue	25	9.30am	William Stewart (RIP)
Wed	26	9.30am	William Stewart (RIP)
Thurs	27	6.30-7.30pm	Divine Mercy prayers
		7.30pm	Mr Smith (RIP)
Fri	28	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Bob Seagriff (RIP)
Sat	01	10.30am	Tessia Moran (Get well)
11.00am to 12.00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sat	01	6.00pm	Mama Helen Forbie (RIP)
			Zygmunt Drabik (Anni)
Sun	02	9.30am	Jeremiah Donavan (RIP)
			Laura Murphy (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Fr Jimmy (Spl Int)

Feast Day: 1st March St David, Patron of Wales

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>Weekend 22nd/23rd Feb</u>	<u>Weekend 1st/2nd March</u>
6.00 pm	Sr Leena, Patrick Barbara (E)	Tom Ward, Theresa Dr Jay (E)
9.30 am	Sr Lydwin, Stephanie Bridie (E)	School Children School Staff
11.30am	Ajiri, Hannah Serso, Veronica (E)	Honorine, John Kath, Vera (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: James Gerard Hearty, Cordelia Pinto, Hannah Crone, William Busby, Thomas Francis McDonald, Rose Elizabeth Browne, Francis Joseph McClule, Guissie Stapleton, Mary O'Brien, Kevin David McCarthy.

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'

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd Feb to 2nd March 2014

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"I WILL GIVE YOU SHEPHERDS AFTER MY OWN HEART" Jer 3:15:

Last year, we received the Mother General Sr. Ernestine Fernandez and the Provincial Superior Sr. Monica Francis of our parish Sisters. The Mother General travelled from Rome while the Provincial Superior travelled from India. The reason for their visit was to see for themselves the pastoral needs of our Mission here at St. Mary's and England in General. I was so pleased that the two Superiors were impressed by the way how you welcomed and showed them how the contribution of the Sisters to our parish is so great. I'm pleased that we recognize that.

Last Thursday evening, I went to Birmingham Airport to welcome Sister Leera Lobo who has been sent to us, to be one of us in the building up of our parish. As your Parish Priest I felt a great consolation because the Lord is sending a helper among us to help us to experience his love and care of us. A parish with a community of active religious Sisters these days is blessed indeed! St. Mary's parish has always been blessed; from its earliest days the Lord has sent it excellent pastors and dedicated cooperators; thus the appointment of Sr. Leera to our parish is a reminder that God approves the work of each one of us here.

Sacred scripture reminds us to be thankful especially when we receive gifts or personnel we have not labored to work for or to train. In Deut. 6:11 Moses reminded Israel: *"The Lord gave you cities which you did not build, houses full of all good things which you did not buy, and you drink water from wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant"*

Joshua 24:13 too recalls Yahweh's favor *"I gave you a land where you never toiled, you live in towns you never built, you eat fruits from vineyards and olive trees you never planted"*

We are so lucky that in the same way God has sent to St. Mary's ministers whose training costs, immigration and travel expenses we did not contribute to. We have three young and energetic Sisters to help us in the building up of our parish.! But this does not end there, the Lord will also expect us to do our part by being faithful to the mission he has given to us. I wish Sr. Leera a pleasant stay among us and many years of fruitful service here at St. Marys.

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.

Marriage preparation: Only one person turned up on Tuesday 18th February at 8:00pm an hour late.

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 25th February at 6.00pm.

His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving On Sunday 30 March 2014 at 5pm in St Chad's Cathedral there will be a second collection for him throughout the diocese this the Weekend of 22nd/23rd of February 2014.

Lent recollection for University Catholic Students is planned for Tuesday 11 March to take place at Oscott College. Catholic young adults & students from Midlands' universities will be in attendance from 6:30pm – 10:30pm. Please let Fr Jimmy know if you are interested in coming to what should be a rich and rewarding evening.

Lectors Meeting will take place this Sunday 23rd February after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £217.30 Loose 386.56 Total £603.86 Thank you.

Catholic Education £161.12

Counters: 23rd Feb Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 2 Richard McCann

Saturday Draw No 27 Nora Griffith

Second Collection: 23rd February-Cardinal Vincent Nichols

2nd March - Cathedral Maintenance

Mass Attendance: Weekend 15th/16th Feb 473

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

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.*

Fairtrade fortnight: 24th February to 9th March 2014 This year's campaign highlights that there is a serious problem at the heart of the banana trade. The campaign profiles Foncho, a banana farmer from Columbia, and explains that while exports have grown, farmer earnings have reduced. While the cost of producing bananas has doubled, the cost to the consumer has halved. Ensuring a fair price for bananas helps to ensure that farmers and workers can feed, clothe, educate, and provide healthcare to their families. Show your support for Foncho & all Fairtrade banana farmers & workers by buying Fairtrade only bananas.

Find out how Fairtrade works - pick up a leaflet from the Fairtrade stall at the back of church.

The Birmingham RC Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission are urging all parishes to consider becoming a Fairtrade Parish. The three goals required to achieve Fairtrade Parish status are;

Use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and in all meetings for which we have responsibility

Move forward on using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit

Promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible

Women's World Day of prayer will take place on Friday 7th March 2014 at St Alban's Church, Mercer Avenue, Coventry CV2 4PQ. The service 'Streams in the Desert' prepared by the Christian women of Egypt will begin at 11.00am followed by light lunch. All are welcome.

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 (Announcement of new Mass time for Coventry)
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 (Full Communion with the Catholic Church)
20 th April	Easter Sunday
27 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday (implementation of new Mass times)
14 th June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
23 rd October	Confirmation at 7.00pm