

MASSES Week 25th Jan to 1st Feb 2015

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| Sun | 25 | 9.30am 11.30am | Aisosa & Omono Osagie (B/d) Jane Marron (Spl Int) Dorothy Petro (thanksgiving) |
| Mon | 26 | 12.30pm | Nora Curristan & Family (Spl Int) |
| Tue | 27 | 9.30am | Rose & Mick Hogan (Spl Int) |
| Wed | 28 | 9.30am | Eucharistic Service |
| Thurs | 29 | 6.30-7.30pm 7.30pm | Divine Mercy prayers Eucharistic Service |
| Fri | 30 | 6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm | Adoration Bob McGorman (RIP) Mary & Marron Family (Spl Int) |
| Sat | 31 | 10.30am | Mary Carr & Patrick Fitzsimons (RIP) |
| 11.00am-12.00Noon Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Confessions | | | |

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Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 25th Jan 2015

9.30 am Julia, Nazareth
Barbara (E)
11.30am Patrick, Cynthia
Serso, Sr Leera (E)

1st February 2015

Keyna, Elena
Elizabeth (E)
Loveness, Serso (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: Denis McGrath, Caroline Alexandra Gorman, Eileen Goucher, Alice Michael Moran, Terrence Reily, John Ferry, Harold Rixon, William Michael Redmond, Bridget Teresa Chapman.

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

Third Sunday 25th Jan to 1st Feb 2015

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IT TAKES ME SIX DAYS

We had good sunshine last Thursday this week despite the cold wind. I took my bicycle and cycled around the parish streets. I had an amazing experience. I came across three houses the first one had a cat and the other two had dogs seated by the window looking outside. They seemed to be waiting for someone to return. Whenever people walked by, they were curious as if to make sure whether that was the person whose return they were waiting for. One home owner returned and you cannot imagine the joy that was expressed inside the house even before the door was opened! Tails wagged from side to side and they ran to the door. It was as if to say: *'yes my best friend and master is finally back my loneliness is ended!'*

Just last Sunday someone who found me standing in the foyer waiting to welcome and to greet you my parishioners as you came to Sunday Mass was very sympathetic indeed: *Father he said, why stand here in the cold, you would better get back into your house and make yourself a cup of tea.'* Well I'm waiting for you I replied, you see it takes me six days to see you, to greet you and to talk to you; that is why I come out 30minutes before Mass, and it is for the same reason that I will stand here at the end of the Mass to see you go into the world to put into action what the Lord will have asked you to go to do.'

The dogs and cat described above taught me a good lesson and gave me a good example, namely to long for someone's return. Fr. Jimmy your parish priest stands at the back of the church NOT to do parish office business but to welcome you and your family as you come for our Sunday Mass. I don't expect someone to engage me in office matters such as booking for baptisms or arranging for marriages. Leave those issues instead call office number 02476258901 or my mobile 07906124756 to book an appointment.

Did you know that Fr. Jimmy likes talking to everybody and to shake hands with you after Mass? You might not believe it, but a handshake between a parish priest and his people is probably the most important one-to-one touch that any priest has in six days. Because of its importance please avoid inquiring about issues that may need discussion. Give Fr. Jimmy a chance to say 'hallo', 'welcome', 'nice to see you', 'thanks for being here', 'see you next Sunday'. This is what takes him at the back of the church in freezing cold! Unlike the dogs and cats which wait for few minutes, it takes me six days peeping through the window waiting when you will return.

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

Baptismal Preparation: some people turn up at the door asking for baptism for their children. Please be informed that while this sacrament cannot be denied to someone who requests it, it is recommended that the petitioner is known to the parish priest and that someone has undergone sufficient preparation. In the Catholic Church we do not baptise strangers there and then except in exceptional cases such as in danger of death.

Commissioning of Altar Servers who missed on December 26th 2014 will take place today Sunday 25th at the 11:30am Mass. Please encourage your child to do some ministry in the Church.

Going to secondary school is very important in the life of the child and in the family. Unfortunately for some children it marks the end of fervent commitment to the church as some stop going to Sunday Mass or to carry out important ministries such as serving Holy Mass. I wish to ask parents to encourage their children to continue practicing the faith and those ministries which they enjoyed doing while in our catholic primary schools. Never grow tired of doing what is right.

First Holy Communion: children from the catholic Polish tradition who are preparing for First Holy Communion will receive this Sacrament on Sunday 3rd May 2015 during the 9:30am Mass. I'm very grateful to their parents who accompany these children with great faith. I'm very sure that all of us are impressed by their regularity and discipline Please let us all keep them in our prayers.

Mass for University Students is celebrated every Tuesday at 1:10pm in the Chaplaincy which is found on the 3rd floor of the Hubb. Fr. Jimmy the Catholic Chaplain is available for students who wish to come to Mass and for conversation from 11:00am- 2:30pm.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £323.00 Loose £672.64 Total £995.64 Thank you.

Counters: 1st Feb Sandra McAvooy, Maureen Jones

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 26 Fr. Jimmy

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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

Eighteen (18) ordained deacon on December 8, 2014, on the solemnity of Immaculate conception of Mary, 18 students training for the priesthood were ordained Deacon at the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Shrine Langata Nairobi. Rt. Rev. David Kamau Ng'ang'a, the Auxiliary Bishop of Nairobi Archdiocese thanked the parents for offering their sons to serve God in the Church. He thanked the benefactors who make sacrifices to sponsor the education of seminarians. Allow me to boldly say that our parish of St. Mary's has greatly contributed to the training of priests through crib donations at Christmas which are sent to purchase text books which seminarians use during their training. The 18 deacons will be ordained priests from June 2015

Saint of the week: St Thomas Aquinas (1225—1274) was a Dominican Catholic Priest and one of the most important Medieval philosophers and theologians. Thomas is honoured as a saint by the Catholic Church for his understanding and expounding of the mysteries of our faith and is held to be the model teacher for those studying for the priesthood. Some people use their intelligence to destroy the faith but he used it to explain it both in philosophy and theology such that his holy explanation of Christian dogma has its influence even as we gather here to pray. In modern and contemporary times, the study of his works is long used as a core of the required program of study for those seeking ordination as priests or deacons, as well as for those in religious formation and for other students of the sacred disciplines: philosophy, Catholic theology, church history, liturgy, canon law etc...

His well-known hymns are the following:

1. Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels)
2. Adore te Devote (Humbly I adore thee)
3. O Salutaris hostia (O saving victim)
4. Pange Lingua Corperis (Now, my tongue, the mystery telling)
5. Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Come Adore)

Every Catholic priest carries within his DNA the teaching of St. Thomas and every married man wears the scent of his teaching on marriage. It is difficult to be a Christian without some kind of Thomism in one's blood.

Hall Hire: if you are preparing for a party or a get-together please remember that our parish hall is available to serve your purpose. Give us a ring to arrange a booking for you.

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