

MASSES Week 2nd to 9th March 2014

Sat	01	6.00pm	Mama Helen Forbie (RIP) Zygmunt Drabik (Anni)
Sun	02	9.30am	Jeremiah Donovan (RIP) Laura Murphy (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Fr Jimmy (B'day)
Mon	03	12.30pm	Peter Boyle (RIP)
		6.30-7.30	Holy Hour
Tue	04	9.30am	Pat Murray (Get well)
Wed	05	9.30am	Sr Christine (RIP)
		7.00pm	People of the parish
Thurs	06	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Tom Halton (RIP)
Fri	07	6.30-7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Holy Souls
Sat	08	10.30am	Sr Linda (RIP)
		11.00am to 12.00 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sat	08	6.00pm	John Murphy (Anni) John Joe O'Sullivan (Anni)
Sun	09	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Murphy Family (Spl Int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>Weekend 1st /2nd March</u>	<u>Weekend 8th /9th March</u>
6.00 pm	Tom Ward, Theresa Dr Jay (E)	Sr Leena, Brendan Sophie (E)
9.30 am	School Children School Staff	Aspita, Roisin Sr Lydwin (E)
11.30am	Honorine, John Kath, Vera (E)	Cynthia, Veronica Serso, Loveness (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: Mary O'Brien, Kevin David McCarthy, Betty Heavey, William Mooney, Josiah Morgan, John O'Driscoll, Tommie Doyle, Ada Ryan, John Gill, Delia Sheridan, Joe Clark.

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'

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd to 9th March 2014

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REMEMBERING THE FOUR LAST REALITIES:

On Wednesday we shall begin our Lenten observance it is a time whose tone is centered on repentance and conversion. These days some people have a misunderstanding of what Lent means and the effects it aims to bring from within our souls. I followed a group of Christian women walking towards the railway station this week, they were talking about what they were planning to give up for Lent, much of what they aimed to achieve was to lose weight by eating less cakes and chocolates and taking more vegetables for Sunday dinner instead of settling on traditional Sunday roast! Lenten observance of this kind will be good for the NHS campaign to reduce obesity but a bad idea for the soul. So what is Lent all about? It is about your soul's relationship with God.

Do you know that people are no longer concerned that one day each one of us will have to stand before the judgment seat of God to give an account of our life whether we like it or not? Well, Lent is the time to awaken in us that sense of duty which we have towards God and neighbor a time to be converted, to change our life and to live as believers and followers of Christ.

In the shifting winds of modern cultures, the idea of everlasting torment and eternal damnation is repulsive and difficult for people to grasp; yet the Christian bible makes it clear that hell is a literal place. A society like ours which is afraid of facing the truth about itself as Christ taught it tries to please everyone by going to great lengths to assure that no one is offended. Thus the biblical doctrine of hell is considered too harsh, too old-fashioned, too insensitive and offensive. Will the wisdom of this world which is focused on this life, with no thought of life after death change or obliterate the teaching of Jesus Christ? I don't think so. Jesus spoke more about hell than he did about heaven. Rejection or revision of the doctrine of hell will not lessen its flames or make the place go away.

Remember the four last things; **Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell** if you have conquered the first one or if you have means of avoiding it, there is no need to worry about the other three but if that is not the case, Lenten season is here to awaken within us the truth about ourselves in the eyes of God. Let your hearts be broken not your garments torn.

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

Baptism preparation class for parents will be on Monday 3rd March 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

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 4th March at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent it is our tradition to reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus our Saviour. We shall have the Stations of Cross on every Friday at 6.30pm followed by Mass in the Church. I ask you to come to come and participate in this devotion to revive our understanding of the mystery of our salvation and to grow in our Faith. Walk With Me booklets for Lent are at the back of the church with prayers and reflections to be used in your daily prayers. Please collect your copy. There is a recommended donation of £1.00 to cover printing costs.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £370.44 Loose 409.42 Total £779.86

Cardinal Vincent Nichols £ 384.12 Thank you.

Counters: 2nd March Vera Dunnion & Mick Hogan

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 43 Julia Hunt

Saturday Draw No 4 Richard McCann

Second Collection: 2nd March - Cathedral Maintenance

16th March CAFOD Lent Fast

18th April Holy Places

Mass Attendance: Weekend 22nd /23rd Feb 459

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

Table Top Sale will take place on Sunday 16th March after both the Masses. If you require a table please contact Ms Patsy Sproul or one of the Sisters. Each table costs £5.00. It is an opportunity to sell whatever things you have and also to buy the stuff in order to support our parish.

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.

Volunteer to clean the church: I would like to ask you all to spare some time to come and clean the church. The church is not merely a building but a place of encounter with God; it is a holy place which we need to have utmost respect for. The church building in some way can be compared to the face of Jesus, as he walked to Calvary hands tied with chains his face covered with sweat and blood, a woman named Veronica realised that it was dirty; she broke through lines of soldiers and cleaned it. There has been many "Veronicas" and I hope you can be one of them too. Cleaning takes place every Saturday at 8:30am or at any time as it suits you. Leaving tissues in the pews, papers and biscuits crumbs is not a sign of respect for the church.

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.*

CAFOD Mr Krif Pears will visit our parish and speak briefly about the activities of that organisation at the weekend of 8th and 9th March.

Miss Terry Moles invites us to visit her Fairtrade desk in the foyer to support Fairtrade fortnight: 24th February to 9th March 2014. This year's campaign highlights a serious problem at the heart of the banana trade. It 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! Find out how Fairtrade works - pick up a leaflet from the Fairtrade stall at the back of church.

The diocesan Justice & Peace Commission urges all parishes to go Fairtrade. The three goals required to achieve Fairtrade Parish status are; use Fairtrade tea and coffee. Move forward on using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit. Promote Fairtrade.

Dates for your Diary

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
16 th March	Table Top Sale in the parish hall
30 th March	Celebration of Mass by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham at 5.00pm
14 th April	Parish penitential service
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 Oct	Confirmation at 7.00pm

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