

### MASSES Week 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015

Sun	04	9.30am	Bridget Clear (Anni)
		11.30am	Cissie & Jimmy Fitzgerald (Anni)
			Kuwan Stephen Nyuydwe (Anni)
Mon	05	9.30am	Bob McGorman (RIP)
Tue	06	9.30am	Kathleen Delany (Spl Int)
Wed	07	9.30am	Fr Calisto (Get-well)
Thurs	08	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Dunleavy Family (Thanks giving)
Fri	09	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Ebola Victims & Carers
Sat	10	10.30am	Sisters of St Ann (Spl Int)
		11.00am-12.00Noon	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	11	9.30am	Theresa Tran (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### Weekend 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015

9.30 am Keyna, Asipita  
Bridie (E)  
11.30am Jeanette, Charles  
Loveness, Serso (E)

#### Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015

Roisin, Elena  
Sophie (E)  
Stella, John  
Veronica, Sr Leera (E)

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: George Pelkington, Peter Byrne, Caroline Balcarrs, Bernard Joseph Doran, Tom Dunleavy, Dymprah Glennon, Elizabeth Benson, Hugh Matthew O'Neill, Sean Costelloe, Thomas Patrick Joyce, Patrick Gannon, Michael Hogan, Jim Davis, Con O'Driscoll, Nono O'Brien, Eileen Helen Colman, Mary Ellen Healy, Thomas Earley, Mark Brennan, Rev Fr Richard Placid Rea.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulroney, Maureen Patterson, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Currison, 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'

### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015

**Mass Book Yr. B Part 1 pg. 115 onwards**

#### **IT IS NOT WHAT YOU WANT 'TO DO' BUT WHAT YOU WANT 'TO BECOME:'**

It is a blessing to celebrate another New Year in our life. During this time you are likely to hear people speak ill of the previous year especially if they met with difficulties. Well I look at it differently; a year that sees me through and ushers me into a new one is very good indeed no matter what might have happened it. That is why when I come to the end of the year I have a feeling of thankfulness to God for a year that made me to experience life.

The beginning of a New Year is much like a fresh snow where everything is covered under a blanket but we do not know what exactly they are. The real truth is discovered and appreciated as the snow slowly melts away. As children we used to play in the sand or snow making images that fascinated our imagination. We didn't worry that our masterpieces would melt or be blown away by the wind and disappear. The conditions didn't have to be perfect; we did not worry about how much time we had. Whatever we built or whatever fun we had was fulfilling.

I was listening to the radio few days to Christmas and I heard that many people in this country are lonely. This is hard to understand considering the fact how passionate the society is when it comes to family matters. Only a few will restrain from seeking compensation when their rights are infringed upon. How obsessed too are those who spend a fortune to find their family trees! It is hard to understand how an affluent society like ours, people are less happy, they feel isolated and a good number are lonely. Adult life can be pretty boring.

Many people look at the New Year as a good time to reflect, to plan and to decide what they are going to do but there is a question more important rarely asked: *"who would you like to be this year!"* I encourage you to think about this point. Remember that the New Year is not so much about doing but becoming. What we want to become has great influence over what we do. Choosing a theme can help you stay anchored in being who you want to become.

Choose to incorporate more balance in your life, physically socially or spirituality. Grow in patience, plant seeds of love and you will make a harvest of peace.

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

**Feast of Epiphany** is celebrated today. Epiphany (from the ancient Greek ἐπιφάνεια, epiphaneia, "manifestation, striking appearance") is an experience of sudden and striking realization. In Christianity, Epiphany refers to a realization that Christ is the son of God. We celebrate the visit of the Magi as the revelation of the Incarnation of the infant Christ, and commemorate the Feast of the Epiphany usually on January 6.

**Thank You:** I would like to thank you all for the support you have given to the Parish throughout the year 2014. For a good number of us, this support has been running for many years. I can assure you that no parish priest can run a parish without the support of his people. I'm so pleased that the involvement of everyone has made our parish to remain strong. I'm pleased too for the messages sent to me over Christmas and New Year. I'm quite sure that our parish Sisters have the same sentiments as myself. May God bless you all during this time.

**Annual charismatic renewal** retreat for all clergy interested/involved in Charismatic Renewal will take place from 6-10 April 2015 at Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill, Sheffield. The speaker is Fr Angelus Houle and the theme of the retreat is "If the Son sets you free ..." Booking forms are available from the retreat secretary: Jenny Lee, 40 Cherry Treet Road, London N2 9QC

**Going into hospital** it is essential that you let the Parish Priest know.. Furthermore, it is ESSENTIAL that you ask for the Catholic chaplain when in hospital. Chaplains are often no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients. Many health care providers (e.g. Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Mental Health Units) apportion resources for chaplaincy in line with how many requests are made so you are actually doing the Church a favour by requesting the chaplaincy and sacraments whilst in hospital.

**The Holy Father Pope Francis** thanks the people of the Archdiocese of Birmingham for their generous contribution to Peter's Pence last year. The Archdiocese contributed £43,139.49 to Peter's pence in 2014. He is grateful for this donation and particularly for the devoted sentiments which inspired it. He knows that much effort was involved.

**Christmas Carols in polish language** will be performed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 after the 9:30am Mass. The concert will take about 30 minutes.

### Parish Development

**Collection:** Gift Aid £241.00 Loose £364.18 Total £605.18 Thank you.

**Counters:** 4<sup>th</sup> Jan Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris

### Second Collection

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 35 Rose Hogan

**Mass Attendance** Week 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 411

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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

**Employment opportunity:** Headteacher - required for September 2015. The Archdiocese of Birmingham in Partnership with Birmingham City Council; governors, staff and children of St Edward's Catholic Primary School, Greenland Road, Selly Park, Birmingham, B29 7PN, are seeking to appoint an inspirational Headteacher.

Group 3, ISR: L18-24 – NOR: 418 "Jesus is at the heart of everything we do" Closing Date: Monday 26 January 2015, 12 noon Interviews: 05+06 February 2015.

For further details and application forms please contact the Response Handling Unit on 0121 464 6488 or email [CSURecruitment@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:CSURecruitment@birmingham.gov.uk) please quote reference ES1670TB. Visits to our school are warmly welcomed and encouraged; these can be arranged by contacting the school, on 0121 464 1730.

Website: [www.stedward.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stedward.bham.sch.uk)

**Monastic Experience Weekend** Where: Quarr Abbey, Isle of Wight, PO33 4ES When: evening of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March to afternoon of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015 For: single Catholic men aged 18-35 Offers: an opportunity to experience the Benedictine way of life in the Solesmes tradition, participating in monastic work, attending the worship and sharing the silence, with talks from monks and a chance to ask questions. Contact: Brother Duncan Smith – [novicemaster@quarr.org](mailto:novicemaster@quarr.org) or Father Luke Bell OSB Quarr Abbey Isle of Wight PO33 4ES

**Welcoming the New Year:** was colorfully observed last Wednesday night starting with Holy Mass followed by music food and dance. I was moved by the generosity of those who prepared food and donated drinks such that all ate and drank as much as was needed. Welcoming the New Year together was a great blessing for all those present.

### Dates for your diary:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 Rite of Election, St Chad's Cathedral, 3pm

Wednesday 11 visitation closing Mass and meeting – Bishop Kenney's area

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 Chrism Mass, St Chad's cathedral, 11.30am

Saturday May 23 to Friday 29 diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

### LIVE MASS BROADCAST FROM ST. MARY'S:

Step 1: Go to internet Google and type in [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)

Step 2: Click on: **Mcn Media Church Services-Webcams-Live Streaming.**

Step 3: Click on **photo of St. Marys Church.** Sunday Mass at 9:30am & 11:30am