

MASSES Week 6th to 13th April 2014

Sat	05	6.00pm	People of the parish)
Sun	06	9.30am	Tom Halton (RIP)
		11.30am	Michael Kavanagh (Anni)
			Kuwan Stephen Nyuydine & Judith Kinyuy (RIP)
Mon	07	12.30pm	Marie Garner (RIP)
		6.30-7.30	Holy Hour
Tue	08	9.30am	Roy Eaton (Get well)
Wed	09	9.30am	SSA (Thanksgiving)
Thurs	10	1.00pm	Requiem-Marie Garner
		6.30-7.00pm	Adoration(No Mass)
Fri	11	6.30-7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Madge Lonergan (RIP)
Sat	12	10.30am	Anne Malize & Family (Spl Int)
11.00am to 12.00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (No Confessions).			
Sat	12	6.00pm	Kathleen McMullin (RIP)
Sun	13	9.30am	Kathleen Leslie (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 5th /6th April

Weekend 12th /13th April

6.00 pm	Sr Leera, Patrick	Sr Leena, Theresa, Tom Ward, Patrick (Gospel)
	Barbara (E)	Sophie (E)
9.30 am	Sr Lydwin, Nazareth	Julia, Elena
	Elizabeth (E)	Roisin, Aspita (Gospel)
11.30am	Meena, Cynthia	Sr Lydwin (E)
	Veronica, Serso (E)	Ekimeni, John
		Honorine, Noble (Gospel)
		Vera, Serso (E)

RIP: Marie Garner

Anniversaries during this Week: Joseph Macken, Thomas O'Mallee, Ellen Cox, Cath Molloy, Janet Cassidy, Kitty Howel, Annie Lyons, Mary Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. & Mrs. Strevens, Winifred Mooney, John Antony whiting, Ann Crawley, Cormac Doyle,

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'

Fifth Sunday of Lent 6th to 13th April 2014

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THESE ARE WONDERFUL IDEAS FROM POLITICIANS

Some years ago I travelled on a bus where a gang of youth defied the law by smoking on the bus. The driver was helpless so were some few passengers we noticed that the gang was after something all they wanted was provocation. We just kept quiet but we almost died of suffocation. Before smoking in enclosed public places was banned, some friends invited me for a meal in a pub; gosh the smoke from cigarettes formed a thick cloud in the whole place that it took a lot of washing to get it out of my clothes and body. Thanks to the medics who successfully argued that smoking was dangerous not only to the smoker but even to those around. The banning of smoking in pubs and on buses are wonderful legislations we ever received from politicians, you know that it takes us long to get such positive compliments.

There is another great idea that our politicians thought out best GIFT AID. Gift Aid allows individuals who are subject to UK income tax to complete a simple, short declaration that they are a UK taxpayer. Any cash donations that the taxpayer makes to the charity after making a declaration are treated as being made after deduction of income tax at the basic rate, and the charity can reclaim the basic rate income tax paid on the gift from HMRC. For a basic-rate taxpayer, this adds approximately 25% to the value of any gift made under Gift Aid. This weekend at all Masses Mrs. Roisin Byrne will talk to us about Gift Aid.

The Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year are being handed out at the back of church this weekend. Please do not forget to collect yours if you are already in the scheme.

For those who are not signed up and are paying tax on their earnings or pensions, I would urge you to do so. For every pound you donate, we get an extra 25p at no extra cost to you. It increases the value of your donations by 25%.

It is very easy to join. All you have to do is sign a form and use a set of special envelopes to put your donation into the weekly offertory collection. You do not have to provide any personal details such as your earnings. You also do not have to commit to a set amount. You can stop and start again as your finances allow.

If just 20% of our parishioners who are taxpayers but currently donate to the church in loose collection signed up for Gift Aid, we would receive around an extra £1,000 a year which I am sure you will agree is a significant sum of money.

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

Parish Penitential Service: in preparation of Easter will take place on Monday 14th April at 6:00 Pm. Priests from the denary will be here to help us with individual private confessions. Come let us celebrate the mercy of the Lord.

Baptism preparation session for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 7th April 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Chrism Mass this year will take place on Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 11.30am at St Chads Cathedral.

RCIA- The third scrutiny of those to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter will take place this Sunday during 9:30am Mass. All Catechumens are expected to attend this Mass with their sponsors.

Training of Altar Servers: in preparation for Easter will take place on Saturday 12th April at 10:30am. All Altar servers and all those who want to learn how to serve at the Altar are invited to come.

Training and re-commissioning of Extra-Ordinary ministers will take place on Maundy Thursday 17th April 2014 during the Lord's Supper. I invite all extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to come for a training session on Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 6:00pm- 9:00pm in the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on 27th April 2014. The prayers will commence at 2.00pm followed by Mass at 3.45pm. Details are on the notice board.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £352.70 Loose 446.89 Total £799.59 Thank you.

Counters: 6th April Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 23 Julia Hunt

Saturday Draw No 29 Agnes Heffernan

Second Collection: 18th April Holy Places

Mass Attendance: Weekend 22nd/30th March 550

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

Remembering Rwanda: Sunday - April 6th - will mark 20 years since the start of the genocide in Rwanda. Within 100 days after the plane crash of the then president Juvenal Habyarimana in an apparent assassination, at least 800,000 people were murdered in cold blood, and hundreds of thousands more were forced to flee into neighbouring countries. To know the magnitude of this event, **8000** people were killed per day, **333** per hour or **5** per minute! But this period also saw many incredible acts of bravery from individuals protecting their neighbours, and a tremendous show of solidarity and compassion from the Catholic community in England and Wales, which raised £6 million for CAFOD's relief effort without CAFOD even launching an appeal. In the 20 years since the genocide, there has been remarkable process of forgiveness and reconciliation in communities torn apart by the awful violence of 1994. On this fifth Sunday of Lent let us remember to pray for Rwanda and for all countries afflicted by conflicts that there may be peace.

Safeguarding Awareness Training: I'm grateful to the 8 parishioners who attended a training seminar at St. Thomas More Parish last Monday. The diocesan Safeguarding coordinator Mrs. Jane Jones was impressed by such big delegation from our parish. Please thank you for sparing your time.

Spirituality & Faith Centre: There will be no Mass on Tuesdays in the Spirituality & Faith Centre, The Hub, for next two weeks. We will be back on Tuesday 29th April 2014. We wish all our students a very Holy Easter and pleasant holidays.

Timetable set by the Archbishop on new Mass times:

1. First Sunday of Lent (9th March) - announcement of new Mass times for the City. (delayed)
2. 27th April 2014 implementation of new Mass times on 2 Mass policy per parish.

Funeral of Marie Garner of 204 Gulson Road will take place on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 1:00pm followed by burial at Lentons Lane at 2:30pm. Reception of her mortal remains will be on Wednesday 9th April at 7:00pm. May she rest in peace.

Dates for your Diary

5 th /6 th April	Cake sale
7 th April	Baptism preparation session
12 th April	Training of Alter Servers at 10:30am
14 th April	Parish penitential service 6:00pm
16 th April	Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 11.30am
16 th April	Training Session for Eucharistic ministers 6:00-9:00pm (church)
27 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday
14 th June	First Holy Communion

*Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**; please remember to assemble in time for the commemoration of the triumph entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.*