

**MASSES Week 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Sun	10	9.30am	Betty Osagie (Birthday) Harry McGorman (Anni)
		11.30am	Kuwan Stephen & Judith (RIP) Sisters of St Ann (Thanksgiving)

Mon	11	12.30pm	Vera Dunnion (Spl Int) Emmanuel Malize (Birthday)
Tue	12	9.30am	Nora Griffith (Spl Int)
Wed	13	9.00am	Maria Norman (RIP)
Thurs	14	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration Kathleen Lonaghan & Robert J Skelly (RIP)
Fri	15	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration Ken Ferris (Anni)
Sat	16	9.30am	Rose & Mick Hogan (Spl Int) Sr Leera (Thanks giving)

10.00- 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Sun	17	9.30am	Miriam Makaripe (Thanks giving) Catherine Meehan (Anni)
		11.30am	Robert Skelly (Get well)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

9.30 am Julia, Aspita  
Elizabeth (E)  
11.30am John, Honorine  
Serso, Vera (E)

**Weekend 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

School children  
School Staff  
Kingsley, Veronica  
Loveness, Serso (E)

RIP: Phelena Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week: Patrick Lanaghan, Danny Rodgers, Thomas Sweeney, Elizabeth Morgan, Leo Pinto, Christina Doyle, Moira Davis, Thomas McDonagh, Christy Benson, Mary Ellen Healy, Mary Dunnion.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, 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, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Nora O'Brien, Sean Harte.

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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Mass Book Yr. B Part 1 pg. 270 onwards**

**'STEAL' THIS BEHAVIOUR AND TAKE IT HOME:**

During the elections of 2004 I spent the whole day seated in the compound where polling exercise was taking place. I was looking for something to "steal" from British political process; I was convinced that a polling day would give me an opportunity. I wanted to see British democratic exercise in practice. In many developing countries especially in Africa, election process and the Election Day is the curse for the people; the whole process is noisy and often violent. It may not be a surprise that even as you proceed to cast your ballot, a candidate might be nearby to ask you to give him/her that vote! The counting of the ballots is a tug of war and when the results are declared no candidate will concede defeat. Why should any competitor enter into contest if he/she does not believe that there must be winners and losers? What the Western culture takes as democracy, has in many countries around the world proved to be the curse for the people.

Western democracy is good, as it gives opportunity to different people to inject new ideas into the running of the country. It gives power to the people to choose the leader whose policies they are happy with to govern them, if they are not; they have the power to bring him down next time. It is based on policy not on a person.

Last Thursday we had polling exercise in this country. I understand that 50 million people registered to vote. During the campaigns not a single violent incident was reported. On polling day the longest time you could spend casting your vote was no more than 7 minutes. When the results were announced winners and losers hugged and congratulated each other. No one died or lost property because of elections. Schools were open; in fact children were in classes as polling took place next door! The voters never voted for the person but for the policies that the leader promised to implement. The country is back to business!

In our parish here a good number of us come from countries where democracy is non-existent. Some of you are in this country because you tried to initiate democratic values in your countries but were persecuted; some people also live in this country yet they continue to fuel violence and animosity at home such that every effort to build democratic structures are frustrated. That is how they survive. If you really love your country of birth I urge you to **steal the electoral process** from the British; take it home, teach it to the people, it will give them power.

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

**First Holy Communion** will take place on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015: I urge the parents of those children who will be receiving their first Holy Communion to accompany them in their preparation and help them to understand the meaning and gravity of the Sacrament. Let us support them with our prayers.

**Polish children** who are doing catechism will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May during the 9:30am Mass. They will make their first Confessions on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Sr. Leera Lobo SSA** celebrated her silver jubilee in religious life last Thursday. She thanks you all who remembered her in a very special way. May God bless you for your goodness and generosity.

#### Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £291.45 Loose £526.61 Total £818.06 Thank you.

Counters: 10<sup>th</sup> May Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 40 Essayas Binimin

Mass Attendance: Week 3<sup>rd</sup> May 595

Second Collection: 17<sup>th</sup> May Catholic communications

28<sup>th</sup> June Peter's Pence

Cake sale will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**Train a Missionary Priest Fund contribution £180.21**

#### 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

**100<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Fr. William Ildephonsus Campbell OSB** The sinking of the Cunard Ocean Liner RMS Lusitania occurred on 7 May 1915 during the First World War, as Germany waged submarine warfare against Britain and Ireland. The ship was identified and torpedoed by the German U-boat U-20 and sank in 18 minutes. The vessel went down 11 miles (18 km) off the Old Head of Kinsale Ireland, killing 1,198 including the second Parish Priest of St. Mary's parish Fr. William Ildephonsus Campbell, leaving 761 survivors. The sinking turned public opinion in many countries against Germany contributed to the American entry into World War I and became an iconic symbol in military recruiting campaigns of why the war was being fought.

**Support the training of a missionary priest box** was launched on Good Shepherd (Vocation) Sunday by Fr. Jimmy the Parish Priest last Sunday. It is one of the boxes in the wall at the back of the church. All the donations in that Box will go to support the training of students for the priesthood in the Institute of the Apostles of Jesus.

**Auction:** the parish priest at St. Mary's is planning to auction clothes especially jumpers and coats) umbrellas, eye glasses debit and credit cards which are always left in the church and never picked up by their owners. I think it is not right that even though our church is kept warm anyone should leave his/her clothes hanging around. Please take them away with you.

**Door to the Blessed Virgin Chapel:** I appreciate seeing people coming for moments of prayer and quite during the week. Please be informed that if the gate is open, the door is also open. You need to push the door a bit hard because it has a door shatter to prevent it opening when there is strong wind. There is no need of keeping knocking at the door because no one lives there.

**World Communications Day** is celebrated on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation' (Lk. 16:15). The gospel has to be communicated and proclaimed to every person. However this proclamation requires our support by listening to it or by supporting those who proclaim it. The media is a useful instrument in communicating the Word of God. Good News stories have been explained and made accessible to the media in his country through the work of Catholic Communications Network of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Let us support this cause generously by our donations and prayers. There is a second collection next weekend.

**Parish Hall** has been given a facelift recently. It is nice and conducive for any gatherings, has a spacious kitchen, bar and parking area. It is available for anyone who wishes to use for parties like birthday, Christening, wedding, anniversaries and meetings. If you are planning a function this summer please think of your parish hall. This is one way of supporting your parish. For more details please contact Fr Jimmy or one of the sisters.

**Volunteers needed** to clean the church. Do you like to live in a clean house, the Lord Jesus likes his people to pray in a clean church too. I'm extremely pleased with the people who volunteer their time and energy to come and clean the church. As the academic year is coming to an end in the near future, some of the students who are completing their studies will be returning home. We will be running short of helping hands. If you are willing to render this service please come and speak to one of the Sisters. Cleaning of the church takes place on Saturday from 7.30am onwards.

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

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Step 2: On Home Page click on **Church Cameras**

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