

**MASSES Week 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Sat	10	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	11	9.30am	Harry McGorman (Anni) Betty Osagie (Birthday)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	12	9.15am	Requiem-Peter Harte
Tue	13	9.30am	Friends of Rose Trill (Spl Int)
Wed	14	9.30am	Marie Garner (RIP)
Thurs	15	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Ken Ferris (Anni)
Fri	16	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Patrick O'Brien (RIP)
Sat	17	10.30am	Michael Rixon (RIP)
11.00am -12.00noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions			
Sat	17	6.00pm	Nora Curriston (Spl Int)
Sun	18	9.30am	Nora O'Brien (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) Pascazia Muhanika (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Marho & David Sagua (Thanks giving) John Taylor (Get well)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Weekend 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May**

6.00 pm	Sr Leena, Patrick Sophie (E)	Tom Ward, Sr Leera Barbara (E)
9.30 am	Nazareth, Sr Lydwin Bridie Kelly (E)	School Children School Staff (E)
11.30am	Ekimini, Honorine Loveness, Vera (E)	Hannah Serso, Veronica (E)

RIP: Elizabeth Gamble, Peter Harte, Patrick Bernard Ward, Marie Garner

Anniversaries during this Week: John Maher, Gerald Byrne, Harry McGorman, Patrick Owen Murray, Edward James Kavanagh, Matthew Tanner, Martin Duffy, William Clisham, Patrick Lanaghan, Danny Rodgers, Thomas Sweeney, Elizabeth Morgan.

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 Curriston, 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, Job Giles, Bob McGorman, Maria Drabik, Michelle.

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter 11th to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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**THIS IMAGERY TELLS HOW MUCH HE LOVES US**

This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday after all the gospel speaks about Jesus as a Shepherd. Many years ago before I went to school, I was a shepherd of our family sheep no more than five. There were some other boys of my age who tended their family sheep as well, when we brought our sheep together for grazing, we ended up having a big flock.

Sheep are interesting animals to take care of, unlike goats, they tend to stick together while grazing and they will not mind if they were taken to the same grazing field they grazed on the previous day.

You might wonder just as I do why Jesus called himself a Shepherd and we the sheep. Why did he not call us goats, cows or donkeys? Sheep is the only animal that when it is lost and found, the only way to lead it home is for the shepherd to carry it on his shoulders. The joy of every shepherd is to return home carrying the load of his lost sheep on his shoulders. The happiness of finding a lost sheep covers all the pain, the anxiety and trouble that a shepherd takes in search of the stray.

Sheep have remarkable behaviors not common to many domestic animals. While cows can leave their calves and goats their kids at home and go to the grazing grounds, mother ewes will never leave their lambs behind; if this happens they will reject them and not suckle them. This may teach us that we need always to keep in close relationship with each other and with Jesus our Shepherd.

Sheep are submissive to every situation. Are you aware that lions and leopards can eat off a flock of sheep without a single one of them bleating for help! Do you know that when a goat is being led to the slaughter it makes a lot of bleating while the sheep does not open its mouth? Well if Jesus takes us as his sheep and He being the shepherd you now understand the kind of attitude and persons we ought to be. Jesus is looking for shepherds of his people among us. I'm not talking of vocations to priesthood or to religious life but I'm talking about people who in whichever life situation they find themselves in can act as good guides to others. Yes, you are called to be a shepherd too, do not be afraid to embrace this unique path of following him. Please pray for holy perseverance of every person in a position of responsibility. Indeed the imagery of Jesus as our shepherd and we as a people of his flock tells how much he loves us.

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 course** for parents who wish to have their children baptized will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

**First Holy Communion**: children from our school will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. I'm pleased to see parents accompanying them in their preparations with enthusiasm. Catholic upbringing of children is our duty as a parish community. May the Good shepherd lead and guide them to continue their journey of faith with greater commitment. There will be a session for all the candidates on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm in the parish hall.

**Seminar for married people on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014** I wish to invite all who are united in the Sacrament of Matrimony to come for a special seminar on married life conducted by the Edmonds from Birmingham. Mr & Mrs Edmonds are both retired Catholic Medical doctors with a daughter in the cloistered Carmelites Nuns in Wolverhampton. They are engaged in many catholic activities, they are interesting people to listen to. This invitation includes widows and widowers. There might be people who are struggling to keep their marriage together or those who need to restore broken relationship. They are also welcome. There will be Mass at which married people will renew their vows to each other. The Main celebrant of the Mass will be communicated to you in the due course.

**Sr. Leera Lobo** our new Sister started her 25<sup>th</sup> year in the religious life on 7<sup>th</sup> May which will run until 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Please keep her in your prayers. During this special year in her life, she has been sent to our parish to conclude her 25 years of service and to start her second phase for the golden jubilee. At some point during her silver jubilee year, we shall have a special Mass of thanksgiving to God for her fidelity.

**Tile Hill Catholic School**: Are you a past pupil of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School in Tile Hill? The school is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year and invites past pupils to a thanksgiving Mass on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm in the church, followed by light refreshments in the school hall. There will be a chance to visit your old classrooms, bring back fond memories of past times, view old photographs and school registers and exchange stories with other past pupils. We hope you can make it!

**Evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**: opportunity is offered to spend time in private prayers and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in the evenings normally followed by Holy Mass. Our Lady's Chapel is always open from Monday to Friday from 9:00am -6:30pm. It is closed on Wednesdays.

### **Parish Development**

**Collection**: Gift Aid £293.40 Loose 507.58 Total £800.98 Thank you.

**Counters**: 11<sup>th</sup> May Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul

**Bonus Ball**: Wednesday Draw No 14 Rose Hogan  
Saturday Draw No 28 Patsy Sproul

**Second Collection**: 11<sup>th</sup> May Clergy Training Fund

**Mass Attendance** 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

### **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 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**

**The Maryvale Institute** wishes to appoint a full-time Finance Controller from 1st June to support the administration and oversight of its financial affairs. Candidates should have experience in bookkeeping and be familiar with budgetary control and financial management. Job description and application form are available from the Registrar, Mrs Rita Bannister, Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9AG. 0121 360 8118 [registry@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:registry@maryvale.ac.uk)

**Cake sale** for St. Francis Primary School Lukodde in Uganda to purchase at least 50 desks for the children who sit on the dusty floors raised £157.80 last weekend to support this project. The next cake sale will be on the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

**CAFOD** team thanks all the parishioners of St Mary & St Benedict's for your generous support of their Lent Fast Day appeal. May God bless you for being harbingers of his kindness and generosity.

**Funeral Masses**: The reception of Peter Harte will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am.

**Monday Club** resumes on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May after the Easter break. I thank all those who organize it every Monday. It is a time for getting to know each other and to support one another. New members are most welcome to join anytime.

**Parish Hall** is available for any functions. If you are planning a party for birthday, baptism, First Holy Communion or any other gatherings or meetings think of hiring the parish hall. It is one way of supporting your parish.

### **Dates for your Diary**

25 <sup>th</sup> May	Cake sale
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Baptism preparation course
14 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Seminar for the Married Couples
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Confirmation at 7.00pm