

**MASSES Week 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2015**

Sun	15	9.30am	Josephine Edwards (RIP) June Houghton (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	16	12.30pm	Catherine Lutwama (Anni)
Tue	17	9.30am	Bridget Box (RIP)
Wed	18	9.30am	George Dunnion (Anni)
		7.00pm	Sean McCrave (RIP)
Thurs	19	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Leslie Anne Stephen (RIP)
Fri	20	6.30-7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Paul Bainbridge (RIP)
Sat	21	10.30am	Sisters of St Ann (Thanks giving)
		11.00am-12.00 Noon	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	22	9.30am	Janie Patalong (Birthday) Bernadette Doran (Spl Int)
		11.30am	People of the parish

**Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February is a Day of abstinence and fasting.**

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

9.30 am Nazareth, Julia  
Betty Osagie (E)  
11.30am Jeanette, Victoria  
Serso, Sr Lydwin (E)

**Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.**

Aspita, Sr Leera  
Sophie Drabik (E)  
Honorine, Cynthia  
Cath Slater, Vera (E)

RIP: Sean McCrave, Anne Stephen, James Ewuzie, Fr. Henry Rodrigues,

Anniversaries during this Week: Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama, Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash, George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd, William Mara, John Callaghan, Francis Quilter, Jimmy Allen,

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, Michelle, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Nora O'Brien.

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

**Sixth Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2015**

**Mass Book Yr. B Part 1 pg. 137 onwards**

**DO NOT BE TAKEN UP BY THE GIFT TO FORGET THE GIVER:**

Not long ago, I came across someone deeply in prayer in our church. From the gestures made I noticed that there was something special that was being asked for. I came to learn later that the person was praying to God for a job. We all know how life can be stressful and boring if there is nothing to look forward to for the day. Jesus told us, "ask and you will receive" he kept his promise the prayer was heard on high and the job was given with a good salary to crown it all. Once the job was acquired that was also the end of that person coming to church! A weekly program was set: working Monday to Friday, Saturday was set aside for shopping and Sunday morning was set for the fitness center (gym) and the afternoon was for lying in bed to relax the mind and to pamper oneself!

Missing the person with whom we had prayed to God for a job left me wondering what had happened; was the job offered, had the person moved away; was he sick? These and many other questions crossed over my mind. Later we bumped into each other's way outside Sainsbury. 'It is a long time I saw you' I said. "Ooh Father I have a good job now, it is busy, busy, busy all the time. I work Monday to Friday, I do shopping on Saturday and lie in on Sunday to relax the mind; by the way I go to the gym on Sunday to keep fit you know!"

It is common to meet people who behave like this these days who turn to a certain god to ask for something but dump him as soon as they have received what they asked for. In the Bible many people asked Jesus for favors; Jews and Gentiles, 'Lord help me' they would say. There is not a single incident where Jesus denied answering a plea; he was however grieved by those who received his gifts and failed to recognize him as the giver. While he was angry with the town of Capernaum and Bethsaida where many of his miracles were performed but refused to believe in him, he was keen to appreciate the few who remembered to thank him such as the Samaritan leper, and the Roman centurion.

It is true that we live a busy life but it is important never to forget to give thanks to Him who has given us the opportunity to be busy. Idleness can kill. I understand that Sunday wages are much higher than weekdays, but I think such attractive wages are but a test of our fidelity. You should never spend your energy to enjoy the gift and totally lose sight or recognition of the giver.

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

**The season of Lent** begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on 18<sup>th</sup> February. It is a penitential season, a period of examination of conscience and reparation for sins. It is a time of repentance and contrition, inviting us all to a deeper conversion and interior renewal. In this Lenten journey of prayer the Walk With Me booklets have been produced and provided. Please pick your copy from the back of the church and use it in your prayer and reflection. There will be 2 Masses on Ash Wednesday.

**Stations of the Cross:** During the season of Lent every Friday we shall have the Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm in the church followed by Mass. Please join in this traditional prayer of reflection and meditation on the Cross of Christ.

**Special Lenten prayer** practices have been organized throughout the Lenten season by parishioners of Polish tradition. These prayers are at the heart of Catholics in Poland and I would greatly encourage you to join in these sessions, to learn something new. There will be "*Bitter Lamentations*" every Sunday before 9:30 Mass.

**First Holy Communion preparation programme** will commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 6.00pm in the parish hall. If there are children who are studying in schools other than St Mary's and wish to be included, please contact Mrs MacDonald, the head teacher of our school. The First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**Rite of Election** for our candidates Ehi Omoregie, Edward Osasere Omoregie, Eric Appiah, Helen Sarfowaa, Miriam Makaripe, Felistas Sakarombex, Latoya Quansan Aboagye, Ivan Winny Tankeu-Tchapda who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at St Chad's Cathedral at 3.00pm. Please support them with your prayers.

### Parish Development

**Collection:** Gift Aid £240.50 Loose £563.94 Total £804.44 Thank you.

**Cake sale** last weekend raised £137.76

**Counters:** 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 22 Joyce Evans

**Mass Attendance** Week 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 523.

**Second Collection:** 1<sup>st</sup> March CAFOD-Lent fast  
8<sup>th</sup> March Cathedral maintenance

### 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

**Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, 9-16 Sept 2015 will be led by Bishop Robert Byrne with Canon Melvyn Tower as the Spiritual Leader. The pilgrimage includes visits to many principal Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilee and opportunities to meet with the local Christian communities. Please note: The deadline for booking forms and the non-returnable deposit of £300 per person is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015. There are still some places available. Details are available from Gill Didino at Tangney Tours, telephone 01732 88666 or visit [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2015** will take place from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday 29/30<sup>th</sup> May. It will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Archdiocese of Birmingham started to make pilgrimages to the Blessed Mother in Lourdes. The Archdiocese wishes to celebrate this occasion in a very special way and calls upon all those who wish to go to Lourdes this year to register as soon as possible. Details are on the noticeboard.

**Lifeteen summer Camp** will be held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The camp is open to anyone who is aged 11-18 years and it is held in the fantastic grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. The camp consists of catechesis, outdoor activities, full day in Alton Towers as well as time for shared prayer and Mass together. If you are interested to be involved please do get in touch for more information on 01675464755 or [Beccy.roseman@bcys.co.uk](mailto:Beccy.roseman@bcys.co.uk).

**CAFOD** invites for a Mass in celebration of Archbishop Oscar Romero celebrated by the Rt Rev David McGough, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 1.00pm at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. Reception afterwards in the Grimshaw Room with refreshments and talk by Clare Dixon of CAFOD and Romero Trust. For more information please call 01922722944.

**Nursery Applications for September 2015** are available from SS. Mary and Benedict School Office, along with the Admissions Policy. Your child must be 3 years by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 to be eligible. Completed forms should be returned to the office with an original birth certificate and baptismal certificate if applicable, before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. I appreciate the overwhelming number of applicants to our School and the anxiety it brings wondering whether your child will be taken or not. However only few people are committed to make sure that the school achieves its objectives namely to offer quality education based on our Catholic principles. Loving the school without giving full support to the parish which sponsors it is not fare. I ask the parents who have children in our school to cooperate with the teachers who spend their whole life to do something which you are not qualified enough to do, namely the education of your child.

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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