

MASSES Week 1st to 8th Feb 2015

Sun	01	9.30am	Nora Curriston & Family, Mary Francis Okolie (Spl Int) Ewawen Osagie B/d
		11.30am	People of the parish (Gerald Griffith Get well).
Mon	2	12.30pm	Eamon Marron (Sp I) Michael Oshey (Ann)
Tue	3	9.30am	Margaret Burmlan (RIP).
Wed	4	9.30am	Rose & Mick Hogan (Sp.I)
Thurs	5	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Tom O'Connor (RIP)
Fri	6	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer for Priests
		7.30pm	Sr. Debbe (RIP)
Sat	7	10.30am	Simon Thomas (RIP)
11.00am-12.00 Noon Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sun	8	9.30am	Anthony Braganza (Ann)
		11.30am	Deceased Olivia's family.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 1st February 2015

9.30 am Keyna, Elena
Elizabeth (E)
11.30am Veronica, Stella
Loveness, Serso (E)

8th February 2015.

Asipita, Roisin
Bridie Kelly (E)
John, Charles
Vera, Veronica.

RIP: Leslie Anne Stephen Bob McGorman, Don Macaffer,

Anniversaries during this Week: William Molloy, Marie Macken. Theresa McSharry, Josephine Robertson, John Nash, Elizabeth Hoey William, Antony Braganza, Peter Montague, Frank & Maura Corrigan

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Maureen Patterson, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Curriston, 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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Fourth Sunday 1st to 8th Feb 2015

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THOSE ARMS PRESENTED YOU TO JESUS:

By the time my mother passed on her hands had become feeble and wrinkled. She complained of the loss of power in her arms to grasp things. Above all she was upset that she could not take up in her arms her grandchildren as she took up her children during those good olden days. In spite of this, my mother was so proud of her arms she felt greatly fulfilled just by looking at them. The reason for her being so proud of her arms was that *by them she presented all her children to the Lord in Baptism!* One by one as God blessed her with another member of her family, she asked the priest to have them christened; it was by the two- now -feeble and wrinkled arms that she bore them as they received new birth in baptism.

Tomorrow Monday 2nd February, the church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple. It is by no means a day of obligation but it is a day that should be related to those moments that we ourselves have been presented to God. The very first time we were presented was at our christening, from that event other presentations have been made namely at Confirmation, First Holy Communion, at marriage and at the profession of religious vows or at ordination.

When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph bore him in their arms and took Him to the Temple in Jerusalem. They were not wealthy, so they took two turtle doves with them to offer as a sacrifice required by Mosaic Law. They were met by a temple priest Simeon. He was a holy man who spent much time in prayer and penance praying for the Messiah to come and liberate them from their enemies. Finally, while Simeon was praying he heard the voice of God. God promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah, when he saw the baby Jesus; he took him in his arms and blessed God:

Now Master let Your servant go in peace according to Your promise, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which you have prepared before for all peoples, a light to bring salvation to the Gentiles, and the glory to your people Israel."

I'm sure Simeon's arms were feeble and wrinkled; probably more than my mom's but they received the Lord. If your hands have ever presented someone to God be glad and rejoice for your eyes like Simeon's have seen God's salvation realized there and then. Thank God that you too like Jesus were presented to God. You belong to Him.

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

Year of Consecrated Life Pope Francis announced that 2015 will be a year dedicated to the promotion of consecrated life, and is asking the church's religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests to "wake up the world" with their testimony of faith, holiness and hope. In his Priestly prayer shortly before his passion Jesus prayed to the Father "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, so that they also may be consecrated in truth" (17:17ff.). Jesus asks for our sanctification, our consecration to him in truth; and he sends us forth to carry on his own mission. To consecrate something or someone means, to give that thing or person to God as his property. To take it out of the context of what is ours and to insert it in his milieu, so that it no longer belongs to our affairs, but is totally of God. Consecration is thus a taking away from the world and a giving over to the living God. The thing or person no longer belongs to us, or even to itself, but is immersed in God. Let us pray for religious people who have been consecrated to the work of God. It is good to remember that our Parish is served by two religious Orders: The Apostles of Jesus Missionaries and the Sisters of St. Anne of Providence. Always pray for them.

Baptismal Preparation: some people turn up at the door asking for baptism for their children. Please be informed that while this sacrament cannot be denied to someone who requests it, it is recommended that the petitioner is known to the parish priest and that someone has undergone sufficient preparation. In the Catholic Church we do not baptise strangers there and then except in exceptional cases such as in danger of death.

RCIA Rite of Election: I wish to remind our candidates taking RCIA course that the Rite of Election will take place on Sunday 22nd February at 3pm in Saint Chad's Cathedral Birmingham. Parish Priests from across the diocese will sit with their Catechumens and Candidates in the Congregation after which they will accompany them forward to meet the Archbishop and Bishops.

Mass for University Students is celebrated every Tuesday at 1:10pm in the Chaplaincy which is found on the 3rd floor of the Hubb. Fr. Jimmy the Catholic Chaplain is available for students who wish to come to Mass and for conversation from 11:00am- 2:30pm. This Tuesday 3rd Feb. Fr. Jimmy is away no Mass at the University.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £238.50 Loose £607.48 Total £845.98 Thank you.

Counters: 1st Feb Mick and Vera

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 36 June Bentley

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Second Collection Catholic education.

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 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

Welcome back Sr. Lydwin who has been away for her Congregation's Provincial Chapter in India. The Chapter is a very important gathering which takes place every 6 years and possesses deliberative vote over matters that affect religious communities. We thank her for representing the cause of our parish.

Your time V/s God's time: please remember that it is important to give some of your time to God not necessarily in prayer but in doing some practical work at the church this may include cleaning the church, washing or ironing altar linen, reading at Mass, singing in the choir among others. Do not be afraid to do the right thing.

Cake Sale: I'm grateful for responding to the call I made on behalf of St. Francis Primary School Lukodde in Uganda to help the people to purchase desks for their children. We raise £1200.00 which has been sent. We now resume our normal cake sale to raise money for flowers that adorn the Altar of the Lord. Our next cake sale will be on Sunday February 8th. Thanks to the ladies who donate the ingredients and make the cakes from their own resources.

Leslie Anne Stephen RIP: I regret to announce the untimely death of Leslie which occurred last Tuesday 27th January at Walsgrave Hospital. She was a very close friend of Mr. Patrick Anderson. Leslie loved coming to St. Mary's parish although she was from Ryton Village about 3-4 miles from St. Marys'. She was a very holy woman and dedicated to doing good for others. May she rest in peace and tranquil of the Lord.

Hall Hire: if you are preparing for a party or a get-together please remember that our parish hall is available to serve your purpose. Give us a ring to arrange a booking for you.

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