

MASSES Week 4th to 11th May 2014

Sat	03	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	04	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.30am	Ngayu Lawson & Tantoh Clotilde Berinyuy (Thanksgiving)
Mon	05	9.30am	Sachima (Birthday)
Tue	06	9.30am	Kathleen Noonan (RIP) Kathleen McMullin (RIP)
Wed	07	10.30am	Requiem-Elizabeth Gamble
Thurs	08	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Sheila Keating (Spl Int)
Fri	09	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Peggy Brady (Spl Int)
Sat	10	10.30am	Marie & Alec Garner (RIP)
		11.00am -12.00noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Sat	10	6.00pm	SSA (Thanks giving))
Sun	11	9.30am	Harry McGorman (Anni) Betty Osagie (Birthday)
		11.30am	Marho & David Sagua (Thanks giving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 3rd /4th May

Weekend 10th /11th May

6.00 pm	Brendan, Theresa Dr Jay (E)	Sr Leena, Patrick Sophie (E)
9.30 am	Aspita, Sr Lydwin Betty Osagie (E)	Nazareth, Roisin Bridie Kelly (E)
11.30am	Stella, Hannah Serso, Kath (E)	Ekimini, Honorine Loveness, Vera (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: Mary Greene, Jistus St John, Frank Seamus, P Carolan, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan, Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly, John T Bella Curriston, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers.

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.

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Third Sunday to Easter 4th to 11th May 2014

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WALK ALWAYS IN THE SHADOW OF GOD'S MERCY

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the gifts that Jesus, risen from the tomb gave to his disciples. *"As the Father sent me, so I'm sending you."* After saying this he breathed on them and said, *'Receive the Holy Spirit, for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained'* Jn. 20:21-23. By these words Jesus gave to his apostles the ministry of reconciliation. At the same time he implied that his followers you and I will not escape the scourge of sin but through confession of sin, we would find forgiveness, holiness and peace.

On Monday 14th of April 2014 we had our parish penitential service in preparation for Easter. I was almost moved to tears when I saw my people standing side by side with me to seek God's mercy and to make public proclamation to others that we are a people who love God with all our hearts and soul even though we suffer sin. The presence of many of us at Confession manifested the holiness of God in us.

Sinners never go to confession only holy people do. When I saw many of us coming together for this Sacrament of Mercy, I realized how much this parish is founded on Holy people. Only holy people can see the presence of sin and only such will do their best to live a life rooted in God.

On the day of Induction as Parish Priest, I remember the dean taking me to the Confessionals then he said to me: *"By Ordination you have been appointed minister of Christ's Reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance. Will you faithfully carry out these duties especially for the sick and dying? Will you ensure that your people have the opportunity of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Will you visit your people having a special care for the sick and housebound so that they can receive the anointing of the sick and Holy Communion?"* I answered **I will**. Then he turned to you and asked you *"Will you seek the reconciliation of Christ in the Sacrament of Confession and seek to bring peace and reconciliation to your lives and to the society in which you live?"* You too answered; **"With God's help we will."**

I wish to thank you all for going to Confession especially during Easter time. The numbers of people receiving Holy Communion by no means tell our holiness, but the number of confessions reveals our holiness. Let us always remain faithful to our promises. Let us always walk in the shadows of God's mercy.

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

Day for married people: I wish to invite all parishioners who are united in the Sacrament of Matrimony to come for a special Mass of thanksgiving for their spouses and for all the good things that God has given to them through their union. This invitation includes widows and widowers but it excludes people who live in civil partnership, those co-habiting and the divorced. At that Mass married people will renew their vows to each other. The Mass will take place on Saturday 6th September 2014 after which couples will be received into the parish hall. The Main celebrant of the Mass will be communicated to you in the due course.

Sr. Leera Lobo our new Sister has started her 25th year in the religious life which is her silver jubilee. I ask you to keep her in your prayers. During this special year in her life, she has been sent to us 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: will take place on Saturday 10th May 2014. The coach from Coventry leaves St. Osburg's at 8:00am and depart from Walsingham at 5:00pm to book a seat please hand in £5.00 deposit and contact details to St. Osburg's. The fare is £16.50 which includes the cost of Mass booklets and entry into the shrine.

Monday Evening Adoration: may I let you know that we shall not have adoration on Mondays for some time in the future. Our adoration will continue as usual on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Our Lady's Chapel will remain open from Monday to Friday for anybody who wishes to come and spend some quiet time in prayer from 9:00am -6:30pm. It is closed on Wednesdays.

RCIA: or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program that aims at instructing people who are of mature age and do not belong to the Catholic Church to be initiated into the Christian faith as understood and practiced by the Catholics. The program starts in September of each year and ends on Easter vigil. If you are baptized in other Christian denominations and you would like to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, or if you are not baptized at all and you would wish to, please contact the parish priest.

Lectors meeting on Sunday 4th May after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £241.53 Loose 536.33 Total £777.86 Thank you.

Counters: 4th May Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 6 Mary Mulroney
Saturday Draw No 12 Jean Hoey

Second Collection: 11th May Clergy Training Fund

Mass Attendance 26th/27th April 526

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

Cake sale our focus: we have been raising some money through cake sale to buy flowers for the Altar. I wish to ask you that we focus on some needy persons overseas who could benefit from our collective generosity. May I propose that the money which we shall raise from cake sales be sent to St. Francis Primary School Lukodde in Uganda to purchase at least 50 desks for the children who sit on the dusty floors. Our good ladies have once again prepared cakes to be sold this weekend to support this project. I thank them for their good will and all those who purchase or contribute towards this cause.

Funeral Masses: During the Easter Octave I was saddened by the death of two of our Parishioners namely Peter Harte of St George's Road and Elizabeth Gamble of 8, Chantries. The funeral details are:

The reception of the mortal remains of Elizabeth Gamble will be on Tuesday 6th May at 7.00pm and the Requiem Mass on Wednesday 7th May at 10.30am followed by Interment at Lenton's Lane Cemetery.

The reception of Peter Harte on Sunday 11th May at 7.00pm and the Requiem Mass on Monday 12th May at 9.15am.

Monday Club resumes on Monday 12th May after the Easter break. I thank all the members who participate in this socializing at St Mary's and specially 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.

Dates for your Diary

4 th May	Cake sale
25 th May	Cake sale
14 th June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
23 rd October	Confirmation at 7.00pm