

MASSES Week 8th to 15th March 2015

Sun	08	9.30am	John & Valana D'Souza (Thanks giving) Paul Bainbridge (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Mon	09	12.30pm	Margaret Ford (RIP)
Tue	10	9.30am	SSA (Thanks giving)
Wed	11	9.30am	Margaret & Maurice (Spl Int)
Thurs	12	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	May Goodenough (Spl Int)
Fri	13	6.30-7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Tomy Kene (RIP)
Sat	14	9.30am	Mary & Liam Campling (Get well)

10.00 to 11.00 am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sun	15	9.30am	Irene Wallace (RIP) Bernadette Doran (Spl Int)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 8th March 2015

9.30 am Roisin, Sr Lydwin
Dr Jay (E)
11.30am Julie, Ajiri
Vera, Veronica (E)

Weekend 15th March 2015

Julia, Nazareth
Betty Osagie (E)
Jeanette, Cynthia
Cath Slater, Serso (E)

RIP: Michelle O'Hare, Sean McCrave, Anne Stephen, James Ewuzie, Fr. Henry Rodrigues, Sama Randy. Fr. Anthony Timlin.

Anniversaries during this Week Delia Sheridan, Joe Clark, John Murphy, Margaret Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Lena Fitzgerald, Edward Brennan, Fr Harkin, Nora Woods, Margaret Dunne, Ada Ryan, Ivy Elsie Lucas.

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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Third Sunday of Lent 8th to 15th March 2015

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LENT WITHOUT FORGIVING IS A MISSED OPPORTUNITY

Repentance and forgiveness are key demands of Lent, one cannot exist without the other, but they are not an end in themselves, they aim at bringing about reconciliation with God, with others and within oneself; the result of which is peace of the soul.

A true story is told of an incident that took place during the reconciliation process in Rwanda after the genocide. One evening some men came to the door and asked for Katala a 19 year old boy the only child of a widow, they told her that they wanted to ask him some questions. Minutes later she heard gunshots and her son was no more.

When reconciliation process started, some men came to the widow's house without invitation; at once she recognized the man who took away her son. The man introduced himself, he confessed killing the boy for fear that he might report him to the police for the crime he had committed and he asked for forgiveness. "Would you forgive me? If not report me to the court, I'm ready to die for my sin" he said. Dumbfounded as she considered her response, the widow saw that forgiving this man could be part of Rwanda's step to reconciliation and healing!

"Yes I'm prepared to forgive you, this is my gift to you; this is my gift to my country Rwanda. In the church the priest read in the book about Jesus who forgave sinners and if you have sinned in the eyes of God by killing my son, may God forgive you also."

The widow later described how a great burden was lifted from her heart and from the murderer soul even though it was difficult. She became a happy woman and he went away a reconciled man.

Lenten season demands that we make every effort to forgive and to be reconciled. If you haven't got any feeling in your heart to forgive or to be forgiven, you have the worst of heart trouble. Forgiving is not something you do for someone, it is something you do for yourself. An unforgiven injury like a spider web binds and holds you trapped in feelings of unhappiness all the time.

Jesus spoke of the unconditional mercy of the Father but he also spoke of his conditional forgiveness when he said "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart" (Mtt 18:35).

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

Saturday Mass and Confessions will be starting from 9.30am instead of 10.30am from this coming Saturday onwards. Confessions will start at 10.00am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please take note of these changes.

Baptism preparation course for parents wishing to have their children baptised will be on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Parish Penitential Service in preparation for the celebration of Easter will be on Monday 30th March 2015 at 7.00pm. I would urge all our parishioners to participate in this service. There will be other priests from the deanery to assist us in the individual confessions. Please make avail of this opportunity to prepare yourself spiritually to receive the Risen Lord in the Eucharist during Easter.

Closing Denary visitations in our city: His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, and His Lordship, Bishop William, have recently made a pastoral visit to each of the 15 parishes of the Coventry Deanery. They have stayed the weekend in each parish, visiting some of the sick, meeting the clergy, religious, head teachers, lay apostolate groups and parishioners; reviewing our life in Christ, and particularly our care of the needy. Our Mass on Wednesday will celebrate with our Bishops, God's grace in our Local Church. They will be able to affirm and challenge us in our mission. Please be there and make it part of your Lenten outreach. Closing Mass will take place on Wednesday, 11th March, 7pm, Christ the King Church, CV6 2AA.

First Holy Communion preparation programme will commence this Monday 9th March 2015 at 6.00pm in the parish hall. I encourage the parents to accompany their children in this journey of faith and support them in their preparation. 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. First Holy Communion ceremony will be on Saturday 13th June 2015.

RCIA: having attended the Rite of Election at St Chad's Cathedral, the following catechumens will have their first scrutiny this Sunday at 9.30am Mass. Ehi Omoregie, Edward Osasere Omoregie, Eric Appiah, Helen Sarfowaa, Miriam Makaripe, Felistas Sakarombex, Latoya Quansan Aboagye, Ivan Winny Tankeu-Tchapda, Kumbirai Mahuni. These are moments at which the local parish welcomes and initiates the catechumens into the practical profession of the Christian faith. They will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil.

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.

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st April at 11.30am in St Chad's Cathedral.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £221.60 Loose £526.29 Total £747.89
CAFOD £507.31 Thank you.

Counters: 8th March Vera Dunnion, Sr Lydwin

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 46 Cis Dunnion

Mass Attendance Week 1st March 518

Second Collection: 8th March Cathedral maintenance
The cake sale raised £124.70

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

Retreat Day at the Carmelite Monastery 6, Poplar Road, Wolverhampton WV3 7DP led by Canon John Udris on Saturday 14th March 2015. It is an occasion to learn to find God in the peace of silent prayer, seek meaning for life in the Sacred Scriptures, talks and spiritual guidance. Details are on the notice board.

St Patrick's Day annual Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 14th March at 7.00pm followed by get together in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 9th May 2015 led by the Rt Rev William Kenney C.P. Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Details are on the noticeboard.

"God's Gift of Love" Free concert: An evening devoted to Love and 'The Sacrament of Marriage' featuring Gerry Coates a Catholic Singer, a Song writer, a Poet will take place on Sunday 22nd March at 7.30pm at Christ the King Parish centre, Westhill road, Coventry, CV6 2AA. All are welcome. Details are on the noticeboard.

Dementia – Prayer Week 12 – 19th March 2015. Dementia is a degenerative disease which tends to isolate both the sufferer and the families that surround them. Confronted with this condition we naturally feel inadequate. Prayer is one very powerful way of connecting with all concerned. Let us pray for and with those whose lives have been touched by dementia. In this way we unite ourselves with them, forging a link with the Lord that words alone cannot express.

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