

MASSES Week 23rd to 30th March 2014

Sat	22	6.00pm	John McHugh (Anni) Kathleen Malone (RIP)
Sun	23	9.30am	Greg Osagie (Birthday) Peter Harte (Get well)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Mon	24	12.30pm	Kevin Bennett (Spl Int)
		6.30-7.30	Holy Hour
Tue	25	9.30am	Fr Jimmy (Thanks giving)
Wed	26	9.30am	James Trill (Birthday)
Thurs	27	6.30-7.30pm	Divine Mercy prayers
		7.30pm	Margaret Rixon (RIP)
Fri	28	6.30-7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Margaret Colman (Spl Int)
Sat	29	10.30am	Kathleen Leslie (RIP)
11.00am to 12.00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			

Sat	29	6.00pm	Walter Roach (Anni) Curriston Family (Spl Int)
Sun	30	9.30am	Mattie Mulrone (RIP) Ivo Gabriel (RIP)
		11.30am	Kuwan Stephen Nyuydine & Judith Kinyuy (RIP)

Feast Days: 25th March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 22nd /23rd March

Weekend 29th /30th March

6.00 pm	Sr Leera, Tom Ward Dr Jay (E)	Theresa, Brendon Sophie (E)
9.30 am	Stephanie, Julia Elizabeth (E)	Roisin, Kayna Bridie (E)
11.30am	Honorine, Cynthia Serso, Veronica (E)	John, Mahro Kath, Vera (E)

RIP: Bridget Theresa Chapman, Ralf Jordan, William Stewart, Sylvia Forrest.

Anniversaries during this Week: John J Burff, John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney O.F.M Cap, Frank Keoghan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Marian Christina Hart, Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury O'Sullivan, Bernard Kelly, Mary O'Mara, Mary Whiting, Aloysius Patalong, Emma O'Brien

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, Peter Harte, Job Giles, Bob McGorman, Marie Garner.

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

Third Sunday of Lent 23rd to 30th March 2014

Mass Book Yr. A Part 1 pg.158 onwards

IT COST HIM SO MUCH

As Lent progresses, the Cross will become central in our Christian worship to such an extent that by Good Friday all that will be left in our midst will be the Crucifix. Christian tradition has no inhibition to say that Jesus Christ its hero died the most painful and disgraceful forms of death. Crucifixion was one of the most dreaded methods of execution in the ancient world. Apart from dying in indescribable agony, there was also the shame of dying naked in the public view of everyone. The Tenth Station of the Way of the Cross tells us that Jesus was stripped of his garments. It is hard to tell how much clothing was left on a condemned man. Jesus was not spared of this public humiliation.

Accounts of crucifixions are recorded among ancient civilizations, most likely originating with the Persians and then spreading to the Assyrians, Scythians, Carthaginians, Germans, Celts and Britons. Crucifixion was primarily reserved for traitors, captive armies, slaves and the worst of criminals. Over the course of history, different types and shapes of crosses existed for different forms of crucifixion.

Execution by crucifixion became common under the rule of Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.). By the time of Jesus even the ordinary Jew was familiar with crucifixion; such that at the trial of Jesus they shouted back to Pilate "crucify him, crucify him". The Roman form of crucifixion was not employed in the Old Testament by the Jewish people, as they saw it to be the most horrible, cursed forms of death (Deut 21:23). The only exception was reported by the historian Josephus when the Jewish high priest Alexander Jannaeus (103-76 B.C.) ordered the crucifixion of 800 Pharisees.

It is difficult to understand why the early Christians who became gospel writers did not invent a better story to describe the death of its hero but remained adamant to insist that he died on a Roman cross as recorded in Matthew 27: 32-56, Mark 15:21-38, Luke 23:26-49, and John 19:16-37. What does this mean to us? Just this, Christianity as preached by the Catholic Church has no secrets about itself and it has no plan to change the gospel message so as to sound acceptable; the truth is the truth that is why the early Christians never invented a more acceptable myth about the death of Jesus.

When you look at the Crucifix today feel proud of yourself, God loved us so much and the cross tells how much it cost him. In honor of Christ's death the practice of crucifixion was abolished by Emperor Constantine in 337 A.D.

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 session for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 7th April 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Chrism Mass this year will take place on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 11.30am at St Chads Cathedral.

Lectors meeting this Sunday the 23rd March 2014 after the 11:30am Mass in the Lady's chapel. At the meeting, a rota will be drawn covering the Easter period so your presence will be much appreciated.

RCIA- The first scrutiny of all the catechumens and the candidates will take place this Sunday during 9:30am Mass

A Retreat in Daily Life will be held at Christ the King Church, Coventry from Monday 24th March to Friday 28th March. This retreat allows you to live your daily routine with the opportunity for prayer each day. Details are on the notice board.

Stations of the Cross: are celebrated every Friday during Lent from 6:30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm.

Training and re-commissioning of Extra-Ordinary ministers will take place on Maundy Thursday 17th April 2014 during the Lord's Supper. I invite all extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to come for a training session on Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 6:00pm- 9:00pm in the Church.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £218.90 Loose 465.74 Total £684.64

CAFOD £779.80 Thank you.

Counters: 23rd March Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 26 Mick Hogan

Saturday Draw No 8 Nora Curristan

Second Collection: 18th April Holy Places

Mass Attendance: Weekend 15th /16th March **523**

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

Visit our Parish Website Sr. Leera has started to work on the website. I'm sure that many of you have noticed the difference within this short time. Please register your e-mails with us so that the newsletter can be sent to you automatically to your e-mail address.

Safeguarding Awareness Training: the office of Child Protection in the Archdiocese of Birmingham invites all those who work with children and vulnerable adults (Sunday school facilitators, those who take Communion to the sick and housebound) to a training session to take place at St. Thomas More Church Styvechale, Coventry CV3 5DE on Monday 31st March 2014 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. If you work with children or vulnerable adults in your Parish or if you are interested in safeguarding in the Catholic Church, please join us at this session when Jane Jones (Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Birmingham) will talk about the issues involved, explain the Church's safeguarding systems and answer any questions you may have.

Job Opportunities! Would you like to work with parishes to support youth ministry? Coordinate events and pilgrimages; develop training opportunities and help recruit volunteers? The Birmingham Catholic Youth Service is looking for two new Development Workers to join their dynamic and creative team. For more information visit our website www.bcys.co.uk and download an information pack today. **Closing date** for applications: Thursday April 10th at 12 noon. **Date for interviews:** Monday April 14th (Time to be confirmed) **Starting Date:** To be negotiated. For more information please contact Maria Bracken on 07980 253565.

Vacancies for examination invigilators: Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School is looking for persons who can invigilate examinations at the school. If you are interested in this job please contact the Head teacher on Telephone: 02476 414515 email: admin@ullathorne.coventry.sch.uk

Timetable set by the Archbishop on new Mass times:

1. First Sunday of Lent (9th March) - announcement of new Mass times for the City. (delayed)
2. 27th April 2014 implementation of new Mass times on 2 Mass policy per parish.

Clocks spring forward on Sunday 30th March. Please adjust your clocks to be on time.

Dates for your Diary

5 th /6 th April	Cake sale
14 th April	Parish penitential service
16 th April	Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 11.30am
16 th April	Training Session for Eucharistic ministers 6:00-9:00pm (church)
27 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday (implementation of new Mass times?)
14 th June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
23 rd Oct	Confirmation at 7.00pm

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