

**MASSES Week 30<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Sat	29	6.00pm	Walter Roach (Anni) Curristan Family (Spl. Int)
Sun	30	9.30am	Mattie Mulroney (RIP) Ivo Gabriel (RIP)
		11.30am	Mama Helen Forbie (RIP) Kuan Stephen Nyuydine & Judith Kinyuy (RIP)

Mon	31	12.30pm	Janie Patalong (Get well)
		6.30-7.30	Holy Hour
Tue	01	9.30am	Madge Lonergan (RIP)
Wed	02	9.30am	Patrick Mullan (RIP)
Thurs	03	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Pulikkal Vareed Anthappan (RIP)
Fri	04	6.30-7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Lewis & Mathias Family (Thanks giving)
Sat	05	10.30am	Marie Garner (RIP)
11.00am to 12.00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			

Sat	05	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	06	9.30am	Tom Halton (RIP) Michael Kavanagh (Anni)
		11.30am	Kuan Stephen Nyuydine & Judith Kinyuy (RIP)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Weekend 5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> April**

6.00 pm	Theresa, Brendon Sophie (E)	Sr Leera, Patrick Barbara (E)
9.30 am	Roisin, Keyna Bridie (E)	School Children School Staff
11.30am	John, Mahro Kath, Vera (E)	Meena, Cynthia Veronica, Serso (E)

RIP: Marie Garner

Anniversaries during this Week: Walter Roach, John Molloy, Michael Cox, Bob Brolly Senior, James Herbert, Patrick McHugh, Eric Donnelly, Mary Ellen Allen, Mick Fitzgerald, Seamus Mulroney, Anne Brennan, Thomas Brophy, John Dunning, John Dunnion, Mary McSorley.

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 Currison, 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.

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent 30<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

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**THEY DEPEND ON YOU!**

I received a telephone call from one of the missions where I worked as a missionary several years ago to inform me of the sad news of the death of the village timekeeper. Children were in tears because the timekeeper had survived several attempts on his life and he had also saved the lives of many of his offspring by alerting the people whenever there was a raid in the village either on land or in the air. His fidelity had brought prosperity in the village; children loved him; he woke them up every morning between 4:00am and 5:00am warning them that it was almost morning; it was time to wake up and go to school. Obedient to the village time-keeper improved school standards that both pupils and teachers adored him.

Misfortune struck when a pack of mongoose invaded the village last Saturday about 10:00am when children were in schools and all people were in the fields. The only person at home was the village timekeeper. He had averted an eagle raid from the sky only to discover that his entire family was surrounded by hungry mongoose. The village timekeeper was able to defend the family that none of them was lost to the mongoose or to the eagle unfortunately he lost his own life.

I'm talking about the village cockerel. In a traditional African setting the cock is so important that many people depend on it to know the time to wake up or to start the journey. The death of an old cock can be a cause of concern and a distortion of people's programs.

As your parish priest, I have a habit of thanking you for the work you do for the parish or for being present at Sunday Mass; someone upon being thanked replied "Oh I don't do much" Remember that we need not do much so as to contribute to a good or a bad cause, whatever we do big or small matters. There are many people who gain strength and support from those little things just like the crow of a village cock.

There is something unique in our parish and it is this: we might not know the names of every person, we might not recall their faces at once, yet we love to welcome each other and to talk to one another every time when we come to Mass. What builds a parish is the desire to belong to and the feeling of belonging. The season of Lent challenges us to encourage one another to persevere in the faith. Being a Christian is like riding a bicycle the moment you stop peddling, you will eventually fall off! It is good for other people to have the confidence that they can depend on us just as villagers in one place were confident to depend on that faithful timekeeper the COCK

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

**Parish Penitential Service:** in preparation of Easter will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00 Pm. Priests from the denary will be here to help us with individual private confessions. Come let us celebrate the mercy of the Lord.

**Baptism preparation session** for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RCIA-** The second scrutiny of those to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter will take place this Sunday during 9:30am Mass. Scrutinies are moments of discovery and soul searching on the part of the candidates. They are meant to uncover and to heal all that is weak or sinful in their hearts, to bring out and to strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. Please continue to pray for them.

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

### Parish Development

**Collection:** Gift Aid £328.70 Loose 457.49 Total £786.19 Thank you.

**Counters:** 30<sup>th</sup> March Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 5 S. Dunnion

Saturday Draw No 40 Ethna McKeown

**Second Collection:** 18<sup>th</sup> April Holy Places

**Mass Attendance:** Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> March **532**

### 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 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

**Job opportunity** The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint an admissions and governor administration officer. The successful applicant will be responsible for advising school governing bodies, academy directors and academy committees on all matters relating to admissions policy and appeals procedures. He/she should be either a practising Catholic or one with sympathy with the purposes and aims of Catholic education. The post requires that the officer will be able to work within a team and use own initiative, have good organisational and communication skills. Salary is negotiable. *For further information and an application pack, please contact Mrs Bernadette Harding, PA to the Director of the Diocesan Education Service by email [Bernadette.harding@theredepartment.com](mailto:Bernadette.harding@theredepartment.com). Tel: 01675 464755. Closing date for applications: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Interviews will take place: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014*

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Mothing Sunday** is celebrated today, make no mistake it is Christian in origin and Christian in its manner of celebration. In the 16th century, Christians visited their mother church, the main church or cathedral of the area on the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent. This was either the church of ones' baptism or more often the nearest Cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", In later times, Mothing Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together. Business people inspired by profit hijacked this once Christian celebration and made it a day when they can entertain their mothers with lavish foods and expensive trips.

### 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. 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014 implementation of new Mass times on 2 Mass policy per parish.

**RIP:** It's with great sadness I announce the death of Marie Garner of 204 Gulson Road on the early hours of 28<sup>th</sup> March. Marie had been a very faithful parishioner of St Mary's and she'll be missed very much. May the Lord grant her eternal peace.

### Dates for your Diary

5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> April	Cake sale
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish penitential service
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 11.30am
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Training Session for Eucharistic ministers 6:00-9:00pm (church)

