

MASSES Week 16th to 23rd Aug 2015

Sun	16	9.30am 11.30am	Winifred Busby (Anni) Chichi & Theo (Thanks giving) Luz Alba De Taylor (Anni)
Mon	17	9.30am	Requiem-Una McCabe
Tue	18	9.30am	Requiem- Maureen Patterson
Wed	19	9.30am	Joseph Donnelly & Anne Dunnion (RIP)
Thurs	20	9.30am	Sr Zita D'Souza (RIP)
Fri	21	9.30am	Una McCabe (RIP)
Sat	22	9.30am	Anne Dunnion (RIP)

10.00 -11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sun	23	9.30am 11.30am	Sean Osagie (1 st Birthday) Sellam Nadarajah (RIP) People of the parish
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Feast Days: 16th August- Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22nd August- Queenship of Mary

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 16th August 2015

9.30 am Miriam Osagie, Roisin
Barbara (E)
11.30am Kate, Cynthia
Loveness, Sr Leera (E)

Weekend 23rd August 2015

Lucia, Elena
Betty Osagie (E)
Honorine, Jennifer
Serso, Veronica (E)

R.I.P: Patrick Cosgrove, Thomas Wheelan, Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe, Maureen Patterson, Anne Dunnion.

Anniversaries during this Week: 16 Dorothy Dewhurst, Mary McGrath, Winifred Ivy Busby, Grace Philomena McSweeney, Patrick Christopher Kirwan, Nora Philomena Josephine Reilly, Elizabeth Pickett, Alfred Gibson, William Green, Andy Mooney, Johannah Ward, Mamie Dunleavy

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Parkes, 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, Eamon Finlan, Phyllis Mulvey.

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.

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



**Apostles of Jesus
Missionaries**



St. Osburgs



St. Mary's



St. Elizabeth's

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16th to 23rd Aug 2015
Mass Book Yr. B Part 2 pg. 180 onwards

I FEEL SAD THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN ASKED

I looked into the mirror the other day and I pointed finger to my image then I said "why have you never been asked to do it"? Of course I was blaming myself for two things I wish I would do but I have never been asked:

First, I have never been asked to be a godparent; and second I have never been asked to bring gifts at the Altar during Holy Mass!

I feel so envious of the people who are asked to do these privileged services because of the deep meaning they symbolize. A person who carries the offerings from the back of the church to the priest at the altar is blessed indeed. The offerings of bread and wine which become the Body and Blood of Jesus with all our gifts are fruits of our labour. The people who bring them to the priest are carrying the prayers of the people, their sorrows, their sacrifices and their hopes. Think about the greatness of being chosen to do this for us!

I understand that some people do not want to bring the gifts to the altar. Such people do not know what a precious moment it is to carry the sacrifices from the people's hands to be offered to God through the Holy Mass. Others might think that it is a matter of taking these gifts to the priest because he, (the priest), is busy somewhere! The truth of the matter is that you are presenting to God on our behalf what we are and who we are to be offered to God in the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary through the Holy Mass.

The secret of success in every one's duty is to take it as your own and to treat every person as a collaborator towards success. No one has ever succeeded on his own; there are always people who contribute to one's success no matter how insignificant that might be.

We are very lucky to have our parish church, a place where we meet to pray. Our philosophy here is: 'whoever passes through the doors of our church is one of us and because he or she is one of us, each one of us can be entrusted with responsibility of some sort.' I'm very pleased for example to see new people reading at Mass, taking collection, singing in the choir or bringing offerings to the Altar. The willingness of every person to do something is what makes a parish welcoming and vibrant.

It is sad to note that some people never do anything apart from coming to Mass, pray and off go home! I don't think this is right. All of us are fellow workers in the vineyard; we have been chosen and consecrated to do our mission. Yesterday is gone tomorrow may never be mine therefore take every opportunity to do something today. Jesus sends us not to be observers but active workers in his vineyard.

St. Mary & St. Benedict's R.C. Church

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Pastoral

Thanks to Catholic parents who come with their children to Sunday Mass during this Holiday time. We do not need to perform miracles or to see miracles so as to believe. I wish to remind parents and guardians that if you cannot pass on to your children the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, you might make them miss eternal life, because Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life, nobody can inherit eternal life without believing in him.

St. Osburgs Parish Web page: has been created on St. Mary's Parish Website by Sr. Leera so that members of both parishes can know what is going on. This is prompted by the fact that Fr. Jimmy is responsible for both parishes until St. Osburgs gets her resident priests. To visit the Webpage just go to www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk and at the homepage click on St. Osburgs parish. Please be informed that the page is still being built up.

Mass for the bereaved families who have lost their dear ones during the course of the year Oct 2014 -Sept. 2015 will be on Sunday 27th Sept 2015 at 4.00pm. It is true some of us lost family members but we mourned alone. Annual Mass for the bereaved is meant to bring all the families that have had a similar experience to pray together and to share in each other's loss. If you have lost a close relative and you want him/her to be included in this solemn event please contact the Parish priest or any one of the Sisters.

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.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £184.91 Loose £373.44 Total £558.35 Thank you.

Cake sale-Train a Priest-Apostles of Jesus £148.26 Thank you.

Counters: 16th August Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 37 Tony Smith

Mass Attendance: Week 9th August 409

Other Matters of importance

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School is celebrating record results at both A level and AS level with a 12% rise in the top grades. 85% of students achieved A*-C grades with a 99% pass rate. 43% of students gained places at prestigious Russell Group universities and a number secured high level apprenticeships. Two top performing students are pursuing careers in Civil Engineering and Law. Ryan Lucas achieved two A* grades in Maths and Physics and an A grade in Chemistry and Paris Stokes achieved an A* in English and 2 A grades in History and Philosophy. Headteacher, Jane Byrne, said she was thrilled for the students and praised the hard work of students and staff.

Fr. Damian Grimes MHM celebrated 60 years of his priestly ordination in our church yesterday. He taught in Namasagali College in Uganda for 33 years. He was welcomed by over 60 of his former students who work in UK. We congratulate him on such great service in the church for such a long time.

Please pray for the priests who are sick or convalescing at this time: Mgr John Moran our former Vicar General who visited our parish on several occasions and supported us during difficult time, Mgr Paul Watson, Fr Peter Jones, Canon Mervyn Tower and Canon John Gunn.

The Dowry of Mary pilgrimage to National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place on Sunday 6th September 2015. Parishes and groups are invited to bring their banners and flags. Details are on the notice board.

Assisted Dying Bill: As you all know there is a very important debate taking place in the House of Commons on 11th September 2015 on a Private Members Bill to legalise assisted suicide. There are many MPs in the House of Commons who are paying close attention to the views of their constituents and it is essential that we should play our part as much as we can to make our voice heard. There are some Postcards at the back of the church. They are simple and effective in pointing out the grave risks in this Bill, and they can be signed by anyone of any faith or none who opposes the legislation of assisted suicide. So please take the cards and send them to your MPs and also encourage your colleagues and friends to do the same.

Funeral Mass for Una McCabe will take place on Monday 17th August at 9.30am. She will be received into St Mary's tonight at 6.00pm.
Funeral Mass for Maureen Patterson will take place on Tuesday 18th August 2015 at 9.30am. I extend my condolences to the members of both the families and pray that the departed rest in peace.

Death announcement: Once again we are saddened by the death of Patrick Cosgrove of Botoner Road, husband of Bridget Cosgrove, who died on Wednesday 12th August 2015 and Thomas Wheelan of Gilbert Close who died on Friday 14th August 2015. I extend my sincere condolences to the members of both the families and pray that the departed rest in peace.



LIVE MASS BROADCAST FROM ST.MARY'S CHURCH
on parish website home page www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/ss.mary
Sunday Mass 9:30am and 11:30am.