

MASSES Week 30th Aug to 6th Sept 2015

Sun	30	9.30am	Tosh Aikhionbare (Birthday) Fatima Riyal (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Thiery Kuwan (Birthday)
Mon	31	9.30am	Una McCabe (RIP)
Tue	01	9.30am	John Moore (Anni) Hannah Walsh (80 th Birthday)
Wed	02	12.00noon	Requiem-John Costello
Thurs	03	10.30am	Requiem-Patrick Cosgrove
Fri	04	6.30-7.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer for Priests Michael Hogan (RIP) Thomas Ferris (Anni)
Sat	05	9.30am	Una McCabe (RIP)
		10.00 -11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	06	9.30am 11.30am	Anne & Vincent Lane (60 th Wedding Anni) People of the parish

Feast Days: 3rd September St. Gregory the Great elected Pope 3rd Sept 590. He sent the first Missionaries to England in 596 St. Augustine of Canterbury and companions.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 30th August 2015

9.30 am Tom Ward, Asipita
Sophie (E)
11.30am Veronica, Irene
Vera, Serso (E)

Weekend 6th September 2015

Julia, Elena
Elizabeth (E)
Jennifer, Patrick
Veronica, Loveness (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: Janey Walsh, P.J.McGrath, Michael Flahive, Eileen Nora Clarke, Margaret rose Mullins, Roy Darlison, Nora Bernadette Hanbury, Marion Glennon.

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

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DO SUCH EVENTS SAY ANYTHING TO ME?

There are events which take place that leave us wondering and to which we cannot have explanation. Whenever such things happen people react in different ways. I remember one man who to justify his atheism said: "If God was there, where was he when 9/11 happened? Where was he when the Asian tsunami took place"? Well if you believe in God and you come across such people you will find yourself at a loss because we are such tiny creatures to know the mind of the creator.

When a tragic event takes place or when chance strikes our balances, it is not enough to count ourselves lucky, instead we should realise how God is protecting and taking care of every moment of our life. God has a plan for each one; we depend on Him no matter how great and powerful we might feel; it is all God's plan. To realise that we need God is God's gift. It gives us the anchor to base on our patience and to wait in hope.

The other day a vintage aircraft fell from the sky during an air show at Shoreham killing 11 people on the ground. The victims had nothing to do with the aircraft or with the show; they were just motorists going on their travels just to find themselves in a ball of fire that robbed them of their life. Were they unlucky? Were they not wise? Were they in a wrong place at a wrong time? Was it the pilot's fault or the organisers of the show? Had they taken a wrong road against warning by some friends? No one can really have a definite answer to this tragedy!

Our Lord Jesus Christ told us to be on the stand-by because the Master comes at an hour we do not expect. If the victims of this disaster knew that they were going to be engulfed in a fireball from the sky, may be they would not have taken that road. Therefore when our Christian faith tells us to be prepared at all time, it is speaking of something whose practical examples we have.

"*Cleverness*" is not one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit but "*Wisdom*" is. For the '*clever*' people of this world, good or bad events which take place are blind chances leading to nowhere. For those who believe in God and in Jesus these events invite and educate us to be wise by constant fidelity to God. Every step you make is a step into eternity and the final step will bring you into the presence of God. It taught me some good lesson.

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

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Pastoral

Baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their baptized will be on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

RCIA sessions will begin on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 6.00pm in the parish hall. Those adults who are not yet baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church and those who are already baptized in other churches and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church are requested to contact either Fr Jimmy or any of the Sisters.

Confirmation: If you are an adult and you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation please let Fr. Jimmy know to so as to include you among October candidates. You will need to produce a copy of your baptismal certificate.

Restoration of the confession box: plans are underway to restore an ancient Confessional Box on the left hand side of our church. The Confessional was used by the nuns in late 1800's and early 1900's for the Sacrament of reconciliation. At that time there was limited contact between the Nuns and the people, the nuns came through the present Lady's chapel made their individual confessions and went back to their convent unnoticed.

Mass for the bereaved families who lost their dear ones in the course of the year Oct 2014 -Sept. 2015 will be on Sunday 27th Sept 2015 at 4.00pm. 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 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 £190.00 Loose £517.13 Total £707.13 Thank you.

Train a Priest-Apostles of Jesus £115.50 Thank you.

Counters: 30th August Sandra McAvoy, Maureen Jones

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 32 Sr. Leera

Mass Attendance: Week 23rd August **562**

Other Matters of importance

Parish newsletter is enlarging: from next weekend 6th September, our newsletter will include news bulletin from St. Osburgs. It will require careful reading to see the information that is relevant to you. A webpage is being developed on St. Mary's website home page which will carry news exclusively for St. Osburgs.

Diamond wedding anniversary Mass: children and friends of Vincent and Anne Lane will join them at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday to thank God for 60 years of their marriage. They got married here at St. Mary's Church in 1955. Come and join them and be strengthened in your own desire to persevere in your own vocation. They will renew their marriage vows.

Back to school: This week children return to school, summer holidays are officially over. I ask the parents to make children know that it is back to business. I believe they feel refreshed.

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School: Parents and children in our primary school are invited to Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School's Open Evening on Thursday 17 September from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. The Headteacher will give a presentation at 6.00 pm in the main hall. The school's Open Morning is the following day on Friday 18 September from 9.15 am to 11.00 am. Free bus passes will continue to be funded for our children right up to the time they leave Bishop Ullathorne, if they live more than 3 miles from the school. A school blazer, tie and jumper will be provided for all new Year 7 students. Please take this chance to visit our partner secondary school so that you can meet students and staff and have a flavor of the school.

World day of prayer for creation: The Holy Father has announced that 1st September each year will be a world day of prayer for the care of creation. His recent Encyclical Letter, Laudato Si addressed the need for the whole world to be concerned with upholding and supporting the gift of creation in every respect.

Congratulations to students on Masters Degree program who submitted their academic papers last week. We pray for good results. Thanks for working hard.

Mission appeals 2015 will be conducted by the **by Comboni Sisters** in our parish on **20th Sept. 2015.** One of the Sisters will speak to us during the two Masses about the Missions. Mission appeals are an important means and opportunity for every Catholic to support the missionary cause of the church.

Volunteers are needed to support and to minister to the elderly members of our parish through their Monday Club meetings. If anyone of you would wish to lend a helping hand every Monday, please contact Fr Jimmy. It is an opportunity for them (most of them staying on their own) to come together for meeting the people and to socialize.



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.