

MASSES FROM 10th to 17th April 2016

Sun	10	9.30am	SSA (Thanks giving) Ivano Butrij (RIP), Christopher S (Anni)
		11:30am	Robert Skelly (Anni)

Mon	11	12.30pm	Sr Robertina (RIP) , Bernadette Craig (Spl int)
Tue	12	9.30am	John Steridon (RIP), John D'Souza & Family (Thanksgiving)
Wed	13	9:30am	Harry Hone (RIP), Fr. Mark & Higgins (B'day)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Roseleen & Patrick (Thanksgiving), Winday Trill (B'day)
Fri	15	9.30am	Holy souls, Harry Hone (RIP)
Sat	16	9.30am	William & Winifred Mooney (Anni)

10.00am to 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & confessions

Sun	17	9.30am	Mable Braganza - Honour of St Michael
			Peter Harte & Annie Duffey (Anni), Pascal Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	Jennifer & students (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 10th April 2016

9.30 am Tom Ward, Nazareth
Kath Slater (E)

11.30am Francis, Emmanuella
Serso, Vera (E)

Weekend 17th April 2016

Julia, Elena
Sophie (E)

Brenda, Jennifer
Serso, Vera (E)

RIP: Harry Hone Etna Bannon, Theotonia Vaz, Robert Stevenson, Brendan Hanbury.

Anniversaries during this Week: Mr & Mrs Shaughnessy, Mr & Mrs Strevens, Winifred Mooney, John Anthony Whiting (baby), Anne Crawley, Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McEleney, C. Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Masterson,, Tom & Eileen Fitzsimons, Annie Sheehan, Theresa Jackie Sheehan, Catherine Hearty, Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs, Georgina Martin, Jeremiah Hoban.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulrone, Philomena Dunleavy, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Dui-gnan, 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, Kath Muldoon.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

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AFRICANS HAVE NEVER BEEN PASSIVE

A young priest arrived in my home country Uganda last week and sent to me an e-mail in which he boasted of Europe's exclusive evangelization of Africa. " *Fr. Jimmy, I'm now in Uganda; when I return to England you should be grateful to a man like me from Europe because you Africans have done so little to advance Christianity. If it were not our European missionaries, Africa would indeed be a dark continent!*" He wrote.

Reading it I could not believe my eyes because Africa has been the most active continent in the shaping up of Christianity and its doctrine. If it were not Africans, Christianity would not be the way we know it today. Jesus began his life with the support of Africa providing him safety from Herod. He ended his life with an African man Simon of Cyrene helping him to carry his cross.

Christian theology was developed in the period of the Church Fathers, 100-451AD. Many of them were Africans they are seen as the founders of the Latin Church and its proper spirituality.

Tertullian of Carthage, argued for the unity of the Old and New Testaments, he saw the OT as a **Promise** and the NT as a **fulfilment** against those who separated them.

Origen of Alexandria, recognized the divinity of the Son Jesus as the Father. This later became the foundation of the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, was committed to the unity of the church. Where the Bishop is that is where the Church is. Which called upon the faithful to live by and adhere to the teaching of their bishop.

Augustine of Hippo, gave us an understanding of grace and the Holy Trinity. He taught that by grace alone, is humanity's connected to God, not by philosophy.

Clement of Alexandria, urged Christians to become academic scholars. One can be Christian and intellectual. Marriage is not inferior to celibacy but both are life choices made to God for the sanctification of self and the world.

Athanasius of Alexandria, taught that Jesus Christ the Son, is eternal, human and divine. He is the one who provided the first listing of the 27 books of the New Testament.

St. Anthony of Egypt and St. Pachomius African men, founded monastic life, we can say that Religious life is an African invention as a new form of martyrdom.



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Parish Development

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Thank you.
Counters 17th April Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris
Bonus Ball : No. 5 Mary Morgan
Mass Attendance 3rd April 523

Pious Devotions

Divine Mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

The church is open from 8:00am to 7:00pm throughout the week. You are all welcome to pass through the Door of Mercy and spend time in prayer.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Archbishop Bernard is inviting parishioners across the Archdiocese to attend a faith renewal course running on May 7th and 21st from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Oscott College. The Life in the Spirit dvd course, entitled The GIFT, features well-known Catholic speakers Charles Whitehead, Michelle Moran, Jenny Baker and David Payne plus testimonies from around the country. The course is free.

MONDAY CLUB will resume on Monday 11th April 2016. I welcome all the members from their holidays and wish them the best.

Understanding CAFOD Day- an Invitation: Saturday 23rd April, 11am-4pm. St Chad's Sanctuary, Birmingham (B4 6HA). All are very welcome. Come along to an excellent day of learning about all things CAFOD including: Who is CAFOD? How did CAFOD get started? How can you as a current Parish Contact, Education Volunteer or someone wanting to know about how to volunteer at CAFOD, become, or get more involved? Free lunch & refreshments provided. To confirm your place, please email ewignall@cafod.org.uk.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new Tax-year are ready for collection as you leave the church today. I thank you all for making your Sunday offering to the church Gift Aided. If you pay tax on your income, I wish to encourage you to join the Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a tax payer every pound you donate to the church, the government adds 0.25pence which is passed on to the church without you spending more.

Archbishop Bernard urges for a Special Collection for Ukraine You may have heard already that, after the recitation of the Regina Coeli on Sunday 3 April 2016, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine in the form of a special collection to be taken in all of the Catholic churches in Europe on Sunday 24 April 2016. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative. Consequently, I would be grateful if this special collection could be taken up in all the churches and chapels of the Archdiocese on the weekend of Sunday 23/24th April 2016.

This too is not our Catholic behaviour: because our Sunday Masses are broadcast live, some people who join us for Mass through the Internet have commented about the behaviour of some of us in church. Someone from Texas USA said, "it is sad to watch some people engaged in conversation as soon as they get into the church." Please let us be careful by creating an atmosphere of prayer. Unnecessary talking in the church is not our Christian behaviour.

Divine Mercy Sunday was well celebrated at St. Mary's last Sunday. I thank you all for supporting the Feast with your prayers and doing acts of mercy yourselves to others.. We need to be reminded that the final hope for each one of us is trust in the Mercy of God. Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone gives you courage. A dad courageously returns to a burning house because he loves the child stuck inside. At the same time a child remains calm because he is convinced that the love of his father gives him strength to wait until his rescue comes. Love gives us an assurance that we are not alone. It is a great way to feel connected and respected. Love brings responsibility and commitment. Jesus teaches us to love one another unconditionally. This unconditional love enables us to see God, the world and ourselves in a new light.

Thanks to the Polish speaking children for their Lenten sacrifices which raised **£80.00** which they offered to the Church last Sunday. It is a good teaching that parents have given to the children. Lenten fast does not mean denying oneself something now to have it later but it means denying oneself something and give it away.

Matter of Health and safety: Children are not allowed to go to the loft because it is so steep and dangerous but some just run up and down. I ask parents to be responsible and to tell their children about the dangers involved. Children should not go to the loft. It is simple as that.