

MASSES FROM 1st to 8th May 2016

Sun	01	9.30am	Parents of Fr Jimmy (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	Fr Jimmy (B'day-Thanks giving)
Mon	02	9.30am	Fr Jimmy (Thanks giving)
Tue	03	9.30am	Fr Jimmy (B'day-Thanks giving)
Wed	04	9:30am	July Fluede (Spl Int) Sr Leena & Sr Leera (Spl Int)
Thurs	05	9.30am	Kath McDermott (Birthday)
Fri	06	6.30pm	Prayer for priests
		7.30pm	Pat Sweeney (RIP)
Sat	07	9.30am	Roselyn Jordan (Spl Int), M Melvis (Spl Int)
		10.00am to 11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	08	9.30am	Harry McGorman (Anni), Mr & Mrs Tran (Spl Int)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 1st May 2016

9.30 am Tom Ward, Nazareth
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Kumbirai, Kingsley
Vera, Serso (E)

Weekend 8th May 2016

Julia, Asipita
Barbara (E)
Janet, Emmanuella
Serso, Marcel (E)

RIP: Paul Kordes

Anniversaries during this Week: Mary Margaret McGlynn, Roseleen Killen, Brendon Noel Gilroy, Mary Greene, Jistus St John, Frank Seaman, P. Caroleen, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan, Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly, John T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodger, John Maher, Michael John McCarthy, Gerald Byrne.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulrone, Philomena Dunleavy, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, 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, Kath Muldoon, Bizmana-Rene Mandevu.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

Parish Newsletter Fifth Sunday of Easter 1st to 8th May 2016

WHAT A WONDERFUL GIFT OF AGEING!

Walking into the supermarket in Hillfields last Friday two children from St. Mary's school ran to me and said, "it is your birthday on Sunday." I knew then that Fr. Jimmy turning 50 is indeed the talk of the families and of the town too. Some time last year, I mentioned to you that on 3rd May 2016, I will turn 50. Time goes fast, thanks to God that it does because if time did not fly, we would never have longed for eternal life. Ageing is a blessing from God; there are so many people who are not so lucky. So when God blessed me to turn 50, I went public, like Mary of Nazareth I should say *"the Almighty has done great things for me, holy is his name."* From now on I have no need to explain myself anymore . I'm accepted for what I'm and as I'm.

For people who have never met with tragedy, suffered war or deprivation, life is taken for granted, they are likely to praise the gym where they go to keep fit, or to praise their healthy eating habits; their regular sleep pattern or not missing a small amount of whiskey before going to bed. None of these makes us to live long– God does. I was brought up during the time of Idi Amin 's rule in Uganda and I grew up in a country whose population was almost wiped out by HIV/AIDS. Many of my age mates died long ago but God has been good to me. He had a plan for me, he wanted to see it through. He has a plan for you too, as you get older be prompt to carry it out.

Fr. Jimmy turning fifty is a sure sign that he needs a back-up or even a possible replacement. He is not young anymore, he was once and at that time he dedicated his life in service of others through the church. Try to think of what you too can do to support the work that God called him to do. I have admiration for people who are always active and on the go to do things. It is not because they have much spare time or because they have nothing to do. They are busy just as you are but they give some time to do things for others and for God.

From my earliest days I desired to become a priest, because the image of a priest was planted in my life by my parents who always made positive compliments about a man they called a priest. Again some people were not so lucky to know who a priest is especially if the only thing they could hear from their families was the criticism of the priest. Now that I'm 50, I ask you to help me to build that **image** of a priest spoken about by my parents and after the example of Christ.

Please take note of this; your priest has turned 50 he is now semi-retired and he will certainly retire completely very soon! What next? I thank the people who bake cakes and those who buy them to support the training of another priest. What will be the future of your parish when your priest hangs up his boots? If a parish does not have people who are willing to volunteer their time and energy to do some service in the church be sure that that parish is on its final lap to call it a day!



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £223.80 Non-Gift Aid £ 540.81 Total: £ 764.61
People of Ukraine £212.52 Thank you.
Counters 1st May Vera Dunnion, Julia Harte
Bonus Ball : No. 28– Patsy Sproul
Mass Attendance 24th April 583

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 14th May and depending on numbers, a bus will leave from Christ the King car park at 8am and will return at 9pm. If you wish to book a place please contact Christ the King Presbytery on 024 76 591618.

St. Osburgs Fun Quiz Night: has been organised to raise funds to refurbish the kitchen of St. Osburgs parish hall which is in a very sorry state. It will take place on Saturday 7th May 2016 starting at 7:30pm. There will be a raffle with fabulous prizes to be won. Admission charge is £1.00. Please bring your own drinks and let us all have an evening filled with fun and cheer.

First Holy Communion: The children will receive the Sacrament of first Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May at 10.30am. There will be a rehearsal on Monday 16th May at 6.00pm in the Church. If you missed the preparation class last Monday please see Fr Jimmy and Mrs McDonald.

Mass of anointing and blessing for all those who are sick will take place on Thursday 5th May 2016 at 6.00pm at Cardinal Newman School, Pope Francis Hall. Refreshments will be provided after Mass.

Cake sale in support of training of Missionary priests-Apostles of Jesus will be Sunday 8th May 2016. Thank you for the goodwill and generosity shown by each and every one of you.

Second Saturday Catholic Convention and Healing Service led by Fr Soji Olikkal will take place on 14th May 2016 from 8.00am to 4.00pm at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, B70 7JW. All are welcome.

Diocesan Novena in honour of the Sacred Heart : As part of the Year of Mercy parishes, religious communities, families and individuals are invited to participate during the month of June in the prayer for vocations, ie vocations to the priesthood, diocese, Religious life, marriage and family life and the single state. Please pray that God sends workers among his people in the mentioned states of life. Encourage each other to become evangelisers of God's people.

Mission appeals: the Archbishop received a letter from the Sisters' Mission Committee asking him to pass on their thanks to all the priests of the Archdiocese who hosted their annual mission appeal last year. The final total received was **£81,564.11**. The sisters are most grateful for this generous contribution to their work and for the opportunity to foster awareness of the responsibility of all Christians for "mission" as members of both the local and worldwide church. At St. Mary's if you recall we had Sr. Natalie of the Verona/ Comboni missionaries who spoke to us.

Sacramental Register and Data protection: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales requires the holders of baptism, marriage and convalidation registers and other registers containing personal data – both manual and electronic – not to make them available for research until 110 years have passed. Archdiocese of Birmingham Ad Clerum – April 2016 Page 4 of 14 The purpose of this requirement is to comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection>. Anyone holding personal data is legally obliged to comply with this Act. If a register includes entries less than 110 years old, it is standard archival practice to tie the pages containing these pages and allow the entries more than 110 years old to be examined.

Volunteers needed : Most of our students who used to come and clean the church have completed their course of studies and have returned to their countries. We are in need of volunteers to come and help to clean the church. Cleaning of the church is done every Saturday at 8.00am . If you can please just turn up on Saturdays.