

MASSES FROM 10th to 17th July 2016

Sun	10	9.30am	Sam Aikhionbare (B'day) James Byrne (Anni) Sisters of St Ann (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	Kate Okoro (RIP) Emmanuella (B'day)
Mon	11	9.30am	Chukwudi Malize & Family (Spl Int)
Tue	12	9.30am	Theotonio Vaz (RIP)
Wed	13	9:30am	Mamie Owen (RIP)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Anonymous (Spl Int)
Fri	15	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat	16	9.30am	Agnes Heffernan (B'day)
		10.00am –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	17	9.30am	John & Catriona Murphy (Wedding remembrance)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days: 11th July St Benedict, Patron of Europe and our parish
16th July Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 10th July 2016

Weekend 17th July 2016

9.30 am Asipita, Elena
Sophie (E)

Kisaneth, Julia
Barbara (E)

11.30am Kingsley, Emmanuella
Serso, Marcel (E)

Cynthia, Kumbirai
Vera, Frank (E)

Anniversaries during this Week: Herbert & Mary Rush, Thomas Crawley, Anne Coyne, Thomas Flynn, Margaret Sheilds, James Patrick Byrne, Donald Brennan, Francis Casey, Robert Butler, Sam Murphy, Kitty Denny, Cissie Allen, Owen Ferry, Margaret Wood, Josephine Duffy, Luz Alba Florez de Taylor, Mary Reid.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulrone, Philomena Dunleavy, John Currison, 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 - Fifteenth Sunday 10th to 17th July 2016

THEY PRAISED GOD FOR GIVING SUCH POWER TO MEN:

I don't know what reaction the people will give upon hearing of new scientific progress that has been achieved by man. 5 years ago a scientific venture was initiated from Californian desert USA, destination was Jupiter the largest planet in our solar system with hostile radiation fumes, as scientists say. After a five-year voyage across 1.8bn miles (2.8bn km), Nasa's Juno spacecraft reached Jupiter and successfully entered its orbit. Braving intense radiation and a field of space rocks, the probe inched into the orbit of the largest planet in the solar system on 4th July 2016 at 03.18 GMT. Cheers in Nasa control room as Juno entered the planned orbit of Jupiter could be noticed across the scientific world. Barely 10 years ago no one ever thought that such a thing could happen. Whatever Juno will send down to earth will be another marvel hopefully to increase our faith.

The gospel of Matthew 9:1-8 talks about Jesus curing a severely paralysed man. Once the man was well and walked home "*the people were filled with awe and praised God for giving such power to men*" Jesus was seen as one of them, yet for such a man of their rank to do great things was seen as God's work in him. He had received delegated authority, a "power given to men by God" What will the attitude be of the people of our generation upon the increasing discoveries of science; will they marvel and praise God for such intelligence he has given to man, or man will be filled with pride to deny the existence of God!

All Things Bright and Beautiful is an Anglican hymn, also popular with other Christian denominations. The beautiful words by Cecil Frances Alexander were first published in her Hymns for Little Children. In it she demonstrates how God takes care of everything even the minute of creatures.

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, he Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
The rich man in his castle, the poor man at his gate,
God made them high and lowly, And ordered their estate.
He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.
The coming of science is a sure hope that God wants people of this generation to know him more and more. Every time something new is discovered or achieved it encourages me to marvel, and to know how much more I need to know God who has made them all.



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 332.54 Non-Gift Aid £ 536.20 Total: £ 868.74 Thank you.
Counters 10th July Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris
Mass Attendance 3rd July 590
Bonus Ball : No. 4 M Hogan
Second Collection: 10th July Apostleship of the Sea

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.

Sea Sunday is celebrated on Sunday 10th July 2016. Apostleship of the sea is the official maritime welfare and mission agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. More than one million seafarers arriving its ports each year are supported. There will be a second collection next week end to support the work .It is vitally important that we support this mission because everything that is done for the seafarers is done on behalf of Great Britain's Catholic community.

Parent Governor vacancy: There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on Board of Governors in our school. If you are interested to be involved in decision making at our school please contact Mrs Pauline McDonald the Head teacher who will enlighten you more on this commitment.

Choir concert which was organised by our parish choir is a wonderful achievement. I appreciate the immense trouble that they put in to make this event a successful one. All the preparations that accompanied it tell us the youth power to bring out their potentials to the fore for the advancement of human society. I thank them for their initiative and the contribution that they made for the training of a Missionary Priest of the Apostles of Jesus. I wish them all the best and implore God's blessings on their future endeavours. God bless you all.

St Benedict, as founder of Western monasticism and author of the Rule which gave monasticism its constitution, exercised a fundamental influence on the development of European civilisation and culture. Because of this, in 1964, Pope Paul VI named him patron saint of Europe. St. Benedict was born, a twin with St Scholastica, into a wealthy family at Nursia in east-central Umbria around the year 480. He went to school in Rome but, disturbed by the moral laxity of other students in Rome, he left before completing his studies. Seeking peace and quiet he withdrew to Subiaco situated in the mountains about forty miles from Rome. Here he met a monk called Romanus who helped him in his first steps as a hermit. At Subiaco Benedict spent three years in a cave where he "underwent the three fundamental temptations that all human beings face: self-affirmation and the desire to place oneself at the centre, ... sensuality, ... and anger and revenge" (Pope Benedict XVI). Only by overcoming these temptations would he be able find the right words to give others in their situations of need. In Benedictine prayer, our hearts are the vessel empty of thoughts and intellectual striving. All that remains is the trust in God's providence to fill us. Emptying ourselves this way brings God's abundant goodness bubbling up in our hearts, Benedict died on 21 March 543, not long after his sister. It is said he died with high fever on the very day God told him he would. He is the patron saint of Europe and students. St. Benedict is often pictured with a bell, a broken tray, a raven, or a crosier. His feast day is celebrated on July 11.

Persecuted Church: Report from Aid to the Church in Need: about Nigeria: You may have had a chance to read their latest ACN report on Nigeria, the plight of the 276 missing Nigeria schoolgirls is one that touched our hearts and made headlines around the world. The girls who are mostly Christians were kidnapped at their boarding school in Chibok, northern Nigeria, by Islamic militant group Boko Haram. Parents of the girls received fresh hope after one of them, Amina Ali Nkeki, was rescued near the Sambisa Forest recently. After two years of heartache and no news, she told them that many of the girls are still alive and have not been moved elsewhere. Although the media has been captivated by this particular story, there are many other stories which do not make the news. The missing schoolgirls are among thousands of people who have been kidnapped by Boko Haram - not forgetting the 11,500 Christians who have been killed and 1.3 million displaced during their campaign of terror. According to reports, the new Nigerian government has succeeded in rescuing at least 12,000 men, women and children and has driven Boko Haram out of some of the towns and villages. Now Bishop Doeme, our project partner in Maiduguri, is asking for our support, as his main concern is to help the faithful to rebuild their lives after enduring so much pain and suffering. Bishop Doeme visited many of the parishes within his diocese to minister to his people. He said: "There was great longing among the faithful for prayer and confession ... The need is greater than ever now for priests to promote this process of healing and forgiveness."