

MASSES FROM 20th to 27th March 2016

Sun	20	9.30am	Margaret Collins (RIP), Greg Osagie (Birthday)
		11:30am	Auralia Stephen Likome (RIP) People of the parish
Mon	21	9.30am	Jimmy Walsh (RIP), John McHugh (Anni)
		7.00pm	Parish penitential Service
Tue	22	9.30am	Paul Harrison (RIP),
Wed	23	9:00am	Teresa Byrne (RIP)
		11.30am	Chrism Mass at St Chad's
Thurs	24	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday-The Lord's Supper
Fri	25	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		3.30pm	Good Friday-The Passion of our Lord
Sat	26	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun	27	9.30am	Easter Sunday—People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the Parish

Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday on 3rd April 2016. The message of the Divine Mercy reminds us of what the Church has always taught: namely that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. This is a particularly important message for all of us in this Year of Mercy. Pope Francis encourages each and every one of us to meditate on God's Mercy. Prayers will be held here at St. Mary's Parish starting from 2:00pm.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 20th March 2016

9.30 am Julia, Elena
Passion: Tom Ward, Roisin
Jean Hoey (E)
11.30am Victoria, Cynthia
Passion: Jennifer, Honorine
Serso, Vera (E)

RIP: Harry Hone, Collin Reid, Theotonia Vaz,

Weekend 27th March 2016

Julia, Elena
Dr. Jay (E)
Kingsley, Julie
Serso, Vera (E)

Anniversaries during this Week: John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney, OFM. Cap, Frank Keobhan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Marian Christina Harte, Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury, J O'Sullivan, Bernard Kelly, Mary O'Mara, Mary Whiting, Aloysius Patalong, Emma O'Brien, Marie Concepta Garner, Walter roach, John Molloy, Michael Cox, Bob Brolly (Sr), James Herbert, Patrick McHugh, Eric Donnelly, Mary Ellen Allen, Mick Fitzgerald, Seamus Mulrooney, Phelena Seaman.

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 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.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

Parish Newsletter Palm Sunday 20th to 27th March 2016

AIM TO BE FOUND DOING YOUR DUTY WHEN THE MASTER COMES

On Friday 4th March 2016 four Sisters of Mother Theresa: Sr Anselm from India, Sr. Margherite and Sr. Reginette from Rwanda, Sr. Judith from Kenya two Ethiopian young Christians and the driver of the Sisters were killed in cold blood in Yemen. It was in the early morning and the Sisters were dressed up in their religious habit for the activities of the day. It was in the morning; with their aprons fastened behind their backs, the Sisters were serving breakfast to their mentally retarded and physically handicapped patients when tragedy struck. Among those they were ministering to, were some aged and dying patients. As the Sisters fed them, they probably thought that each meal could be the last one for the sick people after all they were terminally ill. It was not the last meal for the sick people, instead it was the last act of service the Sisters were doing before they were called to their eternal pay. The gunmen broke in, tied the Sisters' hands behind their backs, made them lie on their bellies and shot them in the heads in the presence of their patients. None of their patients was killed or injured.

In the movie of Oscar Romero archbishop of El Salvador, he speaks about the sufferings of the El Salvadorian people which he relates with the crucifixion of Jesus. *"Jesus is in you, Jesus is with you, in your suffering he is crucified in you as he was crucified more than 2000 years ago. You are Jesus in the here and now."* While the event is dreadful and despicable, it encourages us as Christians always to be found by the Master at our employment. The four Sisters consecrated their life to God to carry out acts of mercy and charity. Thanks to God that when the Master returned at an hour they had not known, he found them at their employment.

As we start Holy Week with Palm Sunday Liturgy, our focus will dwell on the Cross of Jesus. But Jesus did not want the Cross to sound strange in our ears or to become an offense when it comes to us, for he said *"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself, take up his cross everyday and follow me."* The cross can be anyone or anything. As Christians let us be convinced that the call to fidelity will always involve the carrying of the Cross; it is not far from us, it is always with us. What Jesus expects us to do is to take it up daily and follow him.



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £.239.50 Non-Gift Aid £ 543.24 Total: £ 782.74

Thank you.

Counters 20th March Vera Dunnion, Julia Harte

27th March Vera Dunnion, Sr Leera

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance 13th February 2016 : 615

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.

Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers: will take place during the Mass of the Last Supper. All Eucharistic Ministers new and old are requested to attend

Mass on Wednesday 23rd March will be at 9:00am to enable the priests to attend Chrism Mass which will be at Birmingham Cathedral. Please observe this change.

Easter Monday Mass is traditionally held at St. Osburg's. The priests of the deanery agreed that there will be no morning Masses in their parishes on that day, but they will come together with their parishioners to celebrate that Mass at 10.00am on Easter.

Let us correct this custom. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Osburgs and at St. Marys: please note that Good Friday Stations of the Cross will start at 3:00pm immediately followed by the celebration of the Passion of the Lord. There is a custom of returning in the evening for the Stations of the Cross; it is not the liturgical norm and it should be corrected. After the Celebration of the Lord's Passion everything in the church falls silent, the bells are not rang not even for the Angelus. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday the church does not celebrate the Sacraments at all except Penance and Anointing of the Sick. The Altar is stripped bare and the faithful genuflect before the Cross as they would genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament. After receiving Holy Communion on Good Friday all genuflect before the Cross and depart in **silence**. There is no final blessing or exit song. From the celebration of the Passion of the Lord, no other liturgy is celebrated in the church. Total silence reigns over the whole world as the church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting meditating on his passion and death and on his decent into hell as she awaits for his resurrection.

The Church abstains from the sacrifice of the Mass with the altar stripped naked until after the solemn vigil on the night of the resurrection when Paschal joy fills the whole world. Please note that after the Stations of the Cross a 3:00pm on Good Friday followed by the celebration of the Passion of the Lord. There will be no any other liturgy in the Catholic Church until the Mass of Easter Vigil. Parishes which celebrate the Stations of the cross after the Passion liturgy do it out of convenience not because that is what it should be.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMME 2015

Sun	20	9.30am	Palm Sunday
		11.30am	Palm Sunday
Mon	21	9.30am	School Mass
		7.00pm	Parish penitential service & confessions
		11.30am	Mass of Holy Chrism– St. Chad's B'ham
Thurs	24	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, (washing of feet, Recommissioning of Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Adoration until 9.30pm at the Altar of repose)
Fri	25	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		3.30pm	Celebration of the Passion of our Lord
Sat	26	7.00pm	Easter vigil Mass
Sun	27	9.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11.30am	Easter Sunday Mass