

MASSES FROM 21st to 28th February 2016

Sun	21	9.30am	Eda Wood (Spl Int) Mr. Tran & Family (Spl Int)
		11:30am	Sisters of St Ann (Thanks giving)
Mon	22	12.30pm	Sr Agatha Ekka (RIP) Collin McAllister (RIP)
Tue	23	9.30am	Sr Gennarina (RIP)
Wed	24	9:30am	Sr Umberta (RIP)
Thurs	25	6.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
		7.30pm	Parents of Fr Jimmy (Anni)
Fri	26	11.00am	Requiem– Lorne Mapp
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Nora Lucid (RIP)
Sat	27	9:30am	Curriston Family (Spl Int) SSA (Spl Int)
		10.00 –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	28	9.30am	Sue Skarwinko (Birthday) Elena wood (Spl Int)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 21st February 2016

9.30 am Roisin, Julia
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Julie, Emmanuelle
Serso, Sr Leera (E)

Weekend 28th February 2016

Nazareth, Tom Ward
Elizabeth (E)
Brenda, Jennifer
Vera, Sr Lydwyn (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: James Gerard Hearty, Cardelina Pinto, Hannah Crone, William Busby, Thomas Francis McDonald, Rose Elizabeth Browne, Francis Joseph McClule.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulroney, Philomena Dunleavy, John Curriston, 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

Parish Newsletter Second Sunday of Lent 21st to 28th February 2016

PLANNING TO BE A SPONSOR KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING”

On the day a man is ordained to the sacred priesthood in the Catholic Church, the bishop puts into his hands a chalice with wine in it covered with a pattern with a big host of altar bread on it (a pattern is the small plate on which the host for consecration is placed). He hands them over to the newly ordained priest saying:

Receive from God’s people the gifts to be offered to him, know what you are doing and model your life on the mysteries that you celebrate”

These words transform the priest into a conscientious servant and minister of the mysteries of faith. They apply to every person too who comes into the presence of God; he/she ought to know what he/she is doing. As a priest there are some ministries that still make me tremble to the core leaving me wondering whether I’m really qualified! Some of these are acting as God parent or as a sponsor for baptism confirmation The reason I tremble is because of the demands of sponsorship. To be a sponsor is like standing before God and take an oath that you will do whatever it takes to bring the person you’re sponsoring into his presence, to make him his saint. Well experience shows that people who choose sponsors and those who accept to be sponsors may not know what they are doing. Someone who does not practice the faith will not bring up somebody into that faith. Someone who has walked away from his family cannot be a credible witness to family life and all the sacrifices it demands. Someone who does not believe in the teaching of the Catholic church cannot be a credible sponsor to somebody who wants to live by the Catholic teaching. To act as a sponsor carries a grave responsibility before God.

In the parable of the Talents the master blamed that servant who accepted to take responsibility of one talent but did nothing to make it profitable. *“You wicked and lazy servant you should have deposited my money with the bankers and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest!”* Matt 25: 26-30. The master calls him “wicked and lazy. I’m sure many of us will hear that remark at the end of time. When someone asks you to be a sponsor think twice, pray about it; if you accept to do it, remember that it is more than a ceremony with cameras clicking but a great responsibility on your shoulders. God will ask you why you accepted to support someone to become a holy person yet you did not do it. Just as a priest at ordination is challenged by the bishop always to know what he is doing, so are you when you stand in as a sponsor to someone.



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Parish Development

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Thank you.

Counters 21st February Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball : No 7 Sr Leera

Mass Attendance 14th February 653

Train a Apostles of Jesus Priest

Second Collection: 6th March Cathedral Maintenance

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.

If any parishioner is sick or in hospital, please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital ask for their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

Extra ordinary Ministers of Eucharist are needed. If you wish to render your service as one, please contact one of the Sisters. I invite all the Eucharistic Ministers for a training session on Monday 7th March 2016 at 6.00pm. in the Lady's chapel. The commissioning of Extra ordinary Ministers will take place on Maundy Thursday 24th March 2016 during the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm.

St Patrick's Day Annual Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 15th March at 7.00pm at St Mary & St Benedict's Church followed by get together in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Parish Penitential service in preparation for Easter will be on Monday 21st March at 7.00pm. The Church recommends that we ought to approach the Sacrament of penance at least once a year during Easter. During this Year of Mercy let us approach the throne of Mercy with a sincere and penitent heart and receive pardon and peace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be priests from other parishes of the deanery to help you to make individual confessions.

RCIA: having attended the Rite of Election at St Chad's Cathedral, the following catechumens will have their first scrutiny next Sunday at 9.30am Mass. Suzanne Virginie Kamogne, Chelsy Chibwe, Leopoldine Tankeu Ayamah Orockakwa, Heidi Abigail Partridge, and Tegon Aleshia Mia Partridge. These are moments at which the local parish welcomes and initiates the catechumens into the practical profession of the Christian faith. They will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil.

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 Monday.

Mgr Pat Kilgarriff, a parish priest who took over St. Osburgs soon after the Benedictines left, celebrated his golden jubilee in the priesthood. Others celebrating jubilees include Fr John Dewis (60th); Canon Peter Gilsean, Fr Oliver Kemp, Fr James McGloin and Fr Patrick O'Sullivan (50th); Fr Peter Conley, Mgr Mark Crisp, Fr Patrick Daly, Fr Paul Dean, Fr Paul Huynh-Chanh, Fr Peter Jones, Fr Robert Murphy and Fr Arul Samy (25th). Mgr Mark Crisp, once served our parish, while Fr Arul Sammy served St. Francis Bedworth. Please keep our jubilarians in your prayers.

The Lenten Walk with Me booklets during this jubilee year of mercy spell out a journey of prayer and contemplation on the mercy of God. The daily reflections are rooted in the Gospel from the daily and Sunday liturgy and Pope Francis' vision for the Holy Year, outlined in *Misericordiae Vultus*. Each day, then, is an opportunity to learn more of God's mercy and love. It is a tool for evangelization and a way to encourage us to reach out to those who no longer practice their faith. The booklet is accessible and offers us a way to examine our lives, turn away from sin and be renewed and refreshed in heart and spirit. Please do take copies for your spiritual growth and for your friends. A £1:00 donation is suggested towards their printing.