

MASSES FROM 24th April to 1st May 2016

Sun	24	9.30am	Anne Lane (Spl. Int) Margaret Ngalula, Jeanette Smith (Anni)
		11.30am	Elvidia Galban (RIP) Deceased of Moore Family
Mon	25	9.30am	Martin Duffy (Anni), Kath Head (102nd Birthday)
Tue	26	9.30am	Cecilia Mathias (RIP), Rose & Mick (Thanks giving)
Wed	27	9:30am	Lewis & Mathias Family (Thanks giving)
Thurs	28	6.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
		7.30pm	Fr Jimmy (Spl Int)
Fri	29	9.30am	Pat Sweeney (RIP)
Sat	30	9.30am	Rose Trill (Get well)
		10.00am to 11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & confessions
Sun	01	9.30am	Parents of Fr Jimmy (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	Fr Jimmy (Thanks giving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 24th April 2016

Weekend 1st May 2016

9.30 am	Kisanet , Asipita Elizabeth Packer (E)	Tom Ward, Nazareth Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	Francis, Julie Sr. Leena, Serso (E)	Honorine Vera, Serso (E)

RIP: Paul Kordes

Anniversaries during this Week: Meta Stretton, Michael Kavanagh, Bridie Durkan, Mario Giampaglia, Minnie Noonan, Mary McCarron, Nada Stojanovic, Mary Margaret McGlynn.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulroney, 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.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

Parish Newsletter Fifth Sunday of Easter 24th April to 1st May 2016

WOULD YOU CONTINUE OR YOU WOULD RUN BACK?

One day while basking in the hot African sun my dad and I noticed that the house of our neighbour was on fire. The animals in that home had also noticed the pending disaster and were calling for help; dogs were barking, cows were mooing and goats were bleating. It was a huge fire indeed each animal was calling loudly in its own language. It was natural instinct to run as fast as we could to put the fire off. I sympathised with my old dad. As we approached the neighbours' house, he looked back at his house and he noticed that it had caught fire too. He did not continue but turned back to put off the fires in his house first. That was the end of his rescue mission.

At the moment there is a lot of need which as Christians we have to respond to. Some of our neighbours houses are on fires; think of the refugee crisis, natural disasters and disease. But we must not forget that as a parish our house is on fire too, the fire of huge financial debt. The huge financial debt of St Osburgs will not be solved by strangers or by our neighbours but by ourselves. No single individual will solve it unless he/she wins a lottery. The generosity showed by the parish towards different charities some of which have other sources of funding to carry on their work should not blind us to the fact that the fires in our house are ferocious and that unless we fight hard, the parish can sink beneath the waves.

The parish debt at St. Osburgs is coming down thanks to your generosity. My approach so far has been to make alternative provisions for running costs just to keep the deficit low. For example, altar candles which used to cost £60. a month were replaced by oil filled candles which cost £60.00 a year, newsletter printing is done at St. Mary's and more than 3000 miles I have covered between St. Mary's and St. Osburgs since I took on the parish in September 2015 are not claimed. Fuel and car maintenance is from my pocket. This is a personal effort. I'm sure Fr. Moses would have his story to tell too.

Parish debts are not 'ordinary mortgage' as some of us might think. Remember that a parish has huge buildings and other infrastructures more than an ordinary household, therefore its running costs are always higher than an ordinary home. Let us take every opportunity to reduce our parish expenses; close the door, switch off lights, close the taps in the bathroom, support 300 Club, come for our Saturday lunches in the hall. Buy cards from our piety stall, increase your Sunday offering if you can. Are you a tax payer why don't you register with Gift Aid so that for every pound you give to the church we can claim £0.25 back thus making your donation bigger without extra cost to you? God has given us a mission to do here and now, that is why he created us to live at this time to do our best, the rest we leave to God. Remember the story above about my dad's rescue mission. At that moment his home took precedence over his neighbour's.



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £278.00 Non-Gift Aid £ 524.14 Total: £ 802.14

Clergy Training Fund £612.50 Thank you.

Counters 24th April Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris

Special second collection today for Ukrainian people

Bonus Ball : No. 28 – Patsy Sproul

Mass Attendance 17th April **678**

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: will take place on May 7th and 21st from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Oscott College. It will be a moving prayerful experience of spiritual renewal. The course is free.

Request for Mass: it is important to ask the priest to have him celebrate a Holy Mass for your intentions. Mass cards are available either in the sacristy or at the piety stall in the hall. A prayer requested for and offered for the welfare of others is one of the highest form of showing true love. Notice of the Mass requested for will be put in the parish bulletin and mentioned at the beginning of the Mass. It is extremely important that when you request for Mass you endeavour to be present at that Mass.

50th Birthday: Fr Jimmy our parish priest will be 50 years on 3rd May 2016. There will be thanks giving celebration next Sunday 1st May 2016. Let us all thank the Lord for the gift of Fr Jimmy. As he has now advanced in age you need to handle him with care and to understand that he is not as fast as when he was a spring mountain goat. If he is slow to respond it is because of his age. If he seems not to hear what you are telling him please remind him to switch his hearing aid to 'T'. He is so excited for achieving such a great age in his life.

Baptism preparation course for parents seeking baptism for their children will be on Monday 25th April 2016 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

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.

Gift Aid Scheme: are you a taxpayer who donates to the weekly offertory but have not yet signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme? Did you know that if you did so, the Parish will get an extra 25p for every £1 you donate! It is very simple to join and Roisin Byrne will be at the back of the church this weekend after mass if you would like to join or have any questions. If you are already a member and have not yet collected your envelopes for the new tax year, please ask the Sister at the piety stall.

Matter of Health and safety: Children are not allowed to go to the loft because it is so narrow, steep and dangerous. I encourage parents who have little children to take them to the Sunday catechism class in the Lady's chapel. Given the number of people who attend the Mass, small children are simply swallowed up by big and tall people in front of them that they hardly see what is going on.

Class teacher required from Sept. 2016: The governors of St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School Foleshill, wish to appoint a KS2 Class teacher. Application forms are available from www.catholiceducation.org.uk we encourage applications to be returned via e-mail to the address above. **Closing date:** Tuesday 3rd May, 12 noon. Candidates who are shortlisted will be contacted on 3rd May evening Observation on Thursday 5th May 2016. Interviews: Friday 6th May **2016**

Archbishop Bernard wrote ahead of this weekend's special collection, on Sunday 24 April 2016 requested by the Holy Father, for the Ukraine, I thought you might also like to see a letter from Bishop Hlib Lonchyna, the Ukrainian Catholic Eparch for Great Britain, which is available via diocesan intranet (Clergy – Misc Documents – Ukraine Appeal - Letter from Bishop Hlib Lonchyna). I have been informed that the proceeds of this Sunday's collection will be joined to a substantial offering to be made by Pope Francis and that these funds will be used for the benefit of those living in conflict zones and those displaced within Ukraine. Thank you once again for encouraging a generous response to this special appeal in view of the particularly grave situation facing the Ukrainian people.

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 on Sunday 8th May 2016. Thank you for the goodwill and generosity shown by each and every one of you.