

**MASSES FROM 28th February to 6th March 2016**

Sun	28	9.30am	Sue Skarwinko (Birthday), Elena Wood (Spl Int)
		11:30am	People of the parish

Mon	29	12.30pm	Rose Trill (Spl Int), Holy Souls
Tue	01	10.00am	Requiem-Collin Reid
Wed	02	9:30am	Ann Heffernan (Get well) Holy Souls
Thurs	03	6.30pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Nora Lucid (RIP) K V Joseph (Anni),
Fri	04	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Jose Paul (Anni)
Sat	05	9:30am	George McMillion (Spl Int)
		10.00 –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sun	06	9.30am	Zygmunt Drabik (Anni), Ngalula & Semahimbo Family (Thaksgiving)
		11.30am	People of the parish

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 28th February 2016**

**Weekend 6th March 2016**

9.30 am	Nazareth, Tom Ward	Asipita, Julia
	Elizabeth (E )	Bridie Kelly (E )
11.30am	Brenda, Jennifer	Kingsley, Victoria
	Vera, Sr Lydwin (E )	Serso, Vera (E )

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

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Gussie Stapleton, Mary O'Brien, Kevin David McCarthy, Betty Heavey, William Mooney, Jasiah Morgan.

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish.:** Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulroney, Philomena Dunleavy, John Currison, 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 Third Sunday of Lent 28th Feb 6th March 2016**

**THE 60 MINUTES OF THE WEEK:**

Few months ago, I wrote in disapproval of those who go out of Church before the final blessing. I pointed out the First Mass which we call the Last Supper, one of the Apostles Judas Iscariot walked out soon after Holy Communion; what became of him? We must never behave that way or else we plunge into darkness!

During the course of the week someone lamented and said "Father the pastoral letter of the Archbishop which was read last Sunday spoilt my day." I asked her what happened, then she said " *I thought the Sunday Mass was going to last between 30 to 45 minutes but the pastoral letter went on and on and the Mass lasted for 1 hour. This is unfair because by the time I reached home my Sunday roast was half way burnt. I'm going to seek compensation from the Archbishop.*

As I argued to defend His Grace from compensation for matters he did not know, I recalled how important the 60 minutes of the week are to every Christian. God has given us a lot of time to be spent on ourselves but he has also asked us to dedicate some time to him. Are you aware that there are 168 hours in a week or 10,080 minutes! Out of 168 hours in a week God asks us to give 1 hour to him, out of 10080 minutes in a week he wants only 60 minutes to dedicate them to him alone by the celebration of the Sunday Mass; the rest of the time belongs to us!

In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus asked his apostles to keep watch with him at least for ONE hour out of the 24 hours of that day. That hour was special, Jesus wanted the apostles to focus their attention on him.

Serious believers will act serious in matters concerning their faith. I know that the Sunday Mass occupies part of our weekly program. I thank you all for including it in your weekly timetable but we need to do it properly by being present at its beginning and being present at its end. When this does not happen, something is missed somewhere.

Going back to someone who put her Sunday roast into the oven and rushed to Mass with the hope that the priest would rush it through within 30/45 minutes, I would suggest that the Sunday activities are programmed around the Sunday Mass not the Sunday Mass being programmed around other private activities!

The 60 minutes of the week are very important in our Christian life, they lift us up from our temporal material longings to the endless desires whose satisfaction is found only in God. Take these minutes sacred.



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### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid: £181.30 Non-Gift Aid £ 513.68 Total: £ 694.98

Thank you.

Counters 28th February Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris

Bonus Ball : No 25 Rose Hogan

Mass Attendance 21st February 653

Train a Apostles of Jesus Priest £123.38

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Cake sale:** Our good ladies have once again prepared cakes to be sold this weekend to raise money in support of the Apostles of Jesus for training of the priests. I thank them for their goodwill and generosity and appreciate all those who buy them.

**Fairtrade Fortnight - 29th February - 13th March 2016** The people who grow the food we take for granted can't always feed their own families. We can support farmers and workers to put food on the table for their families by harnessing the power of Fairtrade. When people are paid a fairer price, they can have more control over their lives when times are hard, and worry less about how they will feed their families. Whether it's the extra cash in their pockets or being able to expand their farms to grow more food to eat, Fairtrade means many farmers and workers are able to fulfil a basic human need – to put enough food on the table for the people they care about, all year round. Consider buying products with the Fairtrade logo when you next visit the supermarket. To learn more about Fairtrade pick up a leaflet or DVD at the back of church.

**Archbishop Longley** gave thanks for the many gifts that Religious Congregations have brought into the life of the Archdiocese. During the Mass he celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral, to mark the closing of the Year for Consecrated Life, Archbishop Bernard Longley said he was grateful for the pastoral care that Religious Communities small or large provide in every part of the Archdiocese. Archbishop Bernard told the congregation that the Year for Consecrated Life gave an opportunity to reflect together "as Religious men and women, as diocesan clergy and as lay faithful on the particular gift that consecrated lives bring into the local church.

**Vincent Lane RIP:** I'm sorry to announce the sudden death of Vincent Lane at Walsgrave hospital. Vincent was the man who in September last year celebrated 60 years of marriage at St. Mary's. At that Mass I also presented Jennifer who was celebrating her first anniversary in marriage and Amil who was just one week married. It was an extraordinary scene! He was a faithful servant and a very generous man towards the church. When I appealed for help to put windows in St. Osburgs, he and his wife donated 5 windows to the tune of £2000! May God bless him with the fullness of life.

**RCIA:** having attended the Rite of Election at St Chad's Cathedral, the following catechumens will have their first scrutiny this Sunday at 9.30am Mass. 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.

### **Dates for your diary**

7th March Training of Extra ordinary ministers 6.00pm

15th March St Patrick's Day Mass at 7.00pm

21st March Parish penitential Service at 7.00pm

24th March Recommissioning of the Eucharistic Ministers

3rd April Divine Mercy Sunday