

**MASSES FROM 31st January to 7th February 2016**

Sun	31	9.30am	Patrick clear (Spl Int) Pearl Osagie (Birthday) John O'Grady (RIP) Patrick Fitzsimons (Anni)
		11:30am	People of the parish
Mon	01	12.30pm	Collin McAllister (RIP) Nora Byrne (Spl Int)
Tue	02	9.15am	Requiem– Robert Stevenson
Wed	03	9:30am	Noreen Edwards (Spl Int) Nora Lucid (RIP)
Thurs	04	6.30pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Caroline Noone (Get well)
Fri	05	10.00am	Requiem-Brendan Hanbury
		6.30pm	Prayer for Priests
		7.30pm	Anne Marie Boylan (Spl Int) Deceased of Antony Family
Sat	06	9:30am	Curriston Family (Spl Int) Gerald Griffith (Get well)
		10.00 –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	07	9.30am	Anthony Braganza (Anni) Domician Kakiziba (RIP) Miriam Osagie (Birthday)
		11.30am	People of the parish

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 31st January 2016**

**Weekend 7th February 2016**

9.30 am	Sr Lydwin, Sue Cutter Dr Jay (E )	Tom Ward, Julia Jean Hoey (E)
11.30am	Kate, Stella Vera, Sr Lydwin (E )	Emmanuella, John Serso, Sr Leera (E )

**RIP:** Etna Bannon, Robert Stevenson, Brendan Hanbury.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Bridget Teresa Chapman, William Molloy, Marie Macken, Teresa McSharry, Josephine Robertson, John Nash, Elizabeth Hoey, William, Antony Braganza.

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Philomena Dunleavy, John Curriston, 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 Third Sunday 31st Jan to 7th February 2016**

**OLD AGE IS NOT A TIME OF LIFE BUT A QUALITY OF THE MIND:**

As I get older I slowly discover that life acquires new meaning. The way I look at life itself and events that shape it, is not as at the time when I was a child or a teenager. You may not believe this but getting old carries with it God's blessings. It is true that getting on in years has its own trials especially in terms of mobility; but there are more things to thank God for than to mourn about. The turbulence of youth is gone with its quarrels, adolescent adjustments, passions and secret tears. Getting old implies that God has given you the opportunity to bring up your children and possibly to see your children's children; a privilege that can only be achieved in old age. Who would not like to see that? For some of us in the priesthood, growing old has its blessings too; after many years in the ministry, you meet many people preparing for and receiving them in the sacraments; it gives you joy to see them return for those other sacraments received later in life such as marriage or sacred ordination. By the time this takes place a priest has got on in years.

In my culture the older you are the more important you become to the community, therefore my family is longing for the time when I will return with evident signs that will show that I'm getting on in years. We never consult children or teenagers on serious matters or on issues of historical importance but the elders. Old age brings stability in life, we cease to look for new friends because the old and tested ones become dearer. Instead of being eager to reform other people by criticizing them, we become more concerned with understanding them. Wild dreams are no more, in old age we live more in the present and less in the future.

I do not know how many people appreciate getting old these days, the more some work against it, the more frustrating it becomes. However I know that unless we get old there will be no opportunity for us to see your children grow or to see your children's children. These are the things that make us complete in this life. While the outer man may look as if falling apart, the inner man remains strong and youthful. Old age is not a time of life instead it is a quality of the mind.



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### **St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church**

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### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid: 361.00 Non-Gift Aid 510.54 Total: £ 871.54

Thank you.

Counters 31st Jan Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball : No 24 L Leslie

Mass Attendance 24th January **633**

Train a Apostles of Jesus Priest £64.67

**Second Collection:** 31st January LIFE

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.

### **Pastoral Matters**

**Walk with Me booklets for Lent** are available at the back of the church. Please collect your copy. They are helpful for your daily prayer during this season of Lent. It is recommended that you pay £1.00 towards the printing cost of the booklets.

**First Holy Communion preparation programme** will commence on Monday 22nd February 2016 at 6.00pm in the school. If there are children who are studying in schools other than St Mary & St Benedict and wish to make their First Holy communion please contact Mrs McDonald, our head teacher.

**Marriage Preparation course** for all those who are planning to get married in the church this year will be held at St. Mary's church, Raglan Street CV1 5QF on Monday 1st Feb at 6:00pm in the parish hall. It is recommended that both spouses attend.

**Marriage Banns:** Catherine Adaora Chinenye Okafor daughter of Emmanuel Okechukwu Okafor and Catherine Obingeli Okafor of Ngo village Igbo UKUDU, Anambra State Nigeria would like to marry Mr. Vincent Abuchi Umeoha son of late M. Aloysius Okeke Umeoha and Bridget Mgbafor Umeoha of Nkwukwo village in Unubi, Anambra state, Nigeria. If anybody knows why they should not be married to each other please inform the parish priest.

**Catholic convention and Healing service** will take place at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, B70 7JW led by Fr Soji Olikkal, Fr Bosco Njalayath and Fr Chris Thomas on Saturday February 2016 from 8.00am to 4.00pm. All are welcome. For more details please see the notice board.

**Annual Collection for LIFE:** to which all parishes of the archdiocese contribute takes place today. The money raised is spent by the archdiocese on LIFE's caring and education work, on its housing programme and promoting the LIFE FERTILITY Care program. LIFE is unique among prolife organisations in that it combines prolife campaigning and education work with a comprehensive care service (counselling, housing and support of all kinds during and after pregnancy). With the recent appointment of a new executive officer, LIFE is embarking on a major programme of renewal. This will give energy and vision to all their work throughout the archdiocese.

**Matters of Justice and Peace:** *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.* (Matt 5:6) Justice & Peace together with Caritas-AoB are arranging a Retreat Day on Saturday 5th March 2016 at Oscott College Sutton Coldfield from 10.30am to 4.30pm. The day will be led by the Spiritual Director of Oscott College, Fr. Hugh Sinclair and is open to anyone committed to Justice and Peace and Catholic Social Action. Cost is £10, please bring food for the shared lunch.

**Rich in Mercy" Ephesians 2:4** a day of talks, workshops, reflection and prayer, the Society of St. Gregory is holding a series of study days with talks, reflections and workshops. All are welcome particularly anyone involved in parish ministry or wishing to reflect on that the Jubilee Year of Mercy means to parishes. This will take place on 20th February at St Nicholas Boldmere Sutton Coldfield B73 5US.