

MASSES FROM 25th Mar to 1st Apr 2018

Sun	01	9.30am	Celestine Lewis (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Esperance (Thanksgiving)
Mon	02		No Mass
Tues	03	9.30am	John Martin (RIP)
Wed	04	9.30am	Tony Cosgrove (RIP)
Thurs	05	9.30am	Holy souls
Fri	06	9.30am	Michael Kavanagh (RIP)
Sat	07	9.30am	Christopher Fox (RIP)
Sun	08	9.30am	Patrick Ward (RIP)
		11.30am	Magdaline Akenji (RIP)
		2.00pm	Divine mercy prayers followed by Mass
Mon	09	9.30am	Roseleen Jordon (Spl int)
Tues	10	9.30am	Srs. of St. Ann
Wed	11	9.30am	William Hearne (Spl int)
Thurs	12	9.30am	Mama Mary Margwa (RP)
Fri	13	9.30am	Requiem Mass—Mary Doyle
Sat	14	9.30am	Ann Callon (RIP)
Sun	15	9.30am	Benny Smith (RIP)
	16	11.30am	Magdaline Nganjwi (RIP)



Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 1st Apr 2018

9.30am Nicholas, Elena W. (R)
Betty (E)

11.30am Florence E., Emmanuella (R)
Serso, Loveness (E)

29th Mar Florence E., Kisaneth

30th Mar Caroline, Patrick

8th Apr 2018

Polish children

Jarek (E)

Noreen, Eche (R)

Marcel, Vera (E)

Sophie, Betty, Jarek

Serso, Vera, Sr. Leena

15th Apr 2018

Asipita, Alex (R)

Barbara (E)

Nelson, Geogina (R)

Loveness, Patricia (E)

Passion Readers: Elizabeth H./ Bob Haddock

31st Mar Elizabeth H, (Gen 1:1-2:2); Sr. Leera (Gen 22:1-18);

Mary (Ex: 14:15-15:1); Geraldine (Ezk: 36: 16-28)

(after Gloria) James Mapuranga (Rom. 6:3-11)

Anniversaries during this Week:

Patrick McHugh, Eric Donnelly, Mary Ellen Allen, Mick Fitzgerald, Seamus Mulrooney, Phelena Seaman, Anne Brennan, Thomas Brophy, John Dunning, John Dunnion, Mary McSorley, Joseph Macken, Thomas O'Maller, Patrick O'Neill, Ellen Cox, Cath Molloy, Janet Cassidy, Patrick Bernard Ward, Kitty Howel, Annie Lyons, Mary Clark, Mr & Mrs Shaughnessy, Mr & Mrs Strevens, Winifred Mooney, John Anthony Whiting (baby), Anne Crawley, Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McEleney, C. Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Masterson, Tom & Eileen Fitzsimons, Annie Sheehan, Theresa Jackie Sheehan, Catherine Hearty, Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs.

Dear brothers and sisters, Easter reminds us about God's never ending love. Let us all together praise and thank God for His endless blessings. I and the Sisters wish you all a blessed Easter. May the Risen Lord bless you all.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter— Easter Sunday— 1st to 15th April 2018

WOMEN IN THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS



I would like to wish you all a Blessed Easter. During Lent the readings spoke so much about the activities of men in relationship with the person of Jesus of Nazareth. He was taken to be a threat to the nation that the High priest Caiaphas suggested that it was better for one man to die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed. A certain man betrayed him, another man denied him, twelve men deserted him, another man sentenced him to death on the cross, men crucified him and shared his clothing.

What about the women? They were very active but unlike the men, their activity was to bring comfort in the soul of a troubled and later a condemned man Jesus. As men in Jerusalem were determined to arrest Jesus, a **woman** called Mary did the unthinkable, showing her love and faith in him by anointing His feet in front of his disciples and the Pharisees at Bethany.

In the entire trial of Jesus the only person who tried her best to save his life was a **woman**, the wife of Pontius Pilate. She persuaded her husband not to condemn Jesus to the cross. The **women** of Jerusalem instead of jeering at him wept openly in the city streets for him. It is not very common for people to identify themselves with a condemned man. The women did.

The last days of Jesus and the first days of Easter have much more to do with women than with men. They were present during his time of trial. They stood by him as he hanged on the cross, they witnessed his death. *Mark 15:40* talks about women who were looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and of Joset, and Salome.

Much of the stories that we have in the gospels concerning what happened to Jesus as he carried the cross to Calvary must have come from the women who were much closer to him than the Twelve apostles who were in hiding. The women buried him and it is they who noted the exact spot where his body was laid. It is no wonder that when he rose from the dead, he showed himself alive first to them and he gave them the greatest mission to go and proclaim his resurrection.

I wish to salute the women of our parish who do so much for the upkeep of our church and for their fidelity to Jesus Christ. Let Easter remind you of the great mission that Jesus entrusted to you when you discovered that the tomb was empty, he told you "Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee" *Matt 28:10*. You should never forget that Jesus enjoyed your hospitality. Be his witnesses in your families and in your life.



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 473.50 Non-Gift Aid: £470.66 Total : £944.16

Counters :

2nd collection : 30th March— Holy places—£465.00 Thank you all.

Mass Attendance : 862 Bonus Ball : No. 45

Forthcoming Second Collections April to May 2018

22nd April— Clergy training fund: 13th May—Catholic Communications

Pious Devotions

Divine Mercy prayers will start on **Divine Mercy Sunday** starting at 2:00pm.

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm.

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

French Mass every 2nd Sunday of every month at 2.30pm.

The Lady's Chapel is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Easter Envelopes: His Grace the Archbishop has granted permission to priests to receive Christmas and Easter collections as a gift from their parishioners. Please accept my sincere thanks to each one of you for the good work you do for the parish and for your generosity in every aspect. Easter offering envelopes were attached to the newsletter last weekend and more are available at the back of the church.

Thanks for the Fast: Lent Fast Day 2018 raised £486.81 CAFOD has received your donation and has requested me to convey their gratitude to you on their behalf.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulrone, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Diana Best, Tess Pearkes, Sheila McLeany, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Phyllis Mulvey, Kath Muldoon, Ann Hanley.

Matters of Importance

Missionary Appeal: We shall have Missionary Appeal conducted in our parish by Comboni Missionaries once known as Verona Fathers on Sunday 15th April 2018. A visiting priest will talk to us at both Masses.

Novena to Divine Mercy will begin on Good Friday as a preparation to celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday on 8th April. *Prayers will begin at 2.00pm followed by Mass. Let's come together to thank God for His mercy.*

First Holy Communion will take place on 19th May for children in St. Marys School. On 27th May, First Holy Communion for Polish speaking children and Confirmation will take place on 29th November 2018.

Easter Monday Mass will be at 10am in St. Osburg's Church. Bishop William Kenny will lead the Mass. There will be no Mass here on that day. I request the altar servers to come and serve the Mass.

The Good Friday collection is for the Holy Places for the upkeep of the sites in the Holy Land associated with the life of Our Lord. May God reward your generosity.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 12 May Bishop David McGough will lead the Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 12 May 2018.

Catholic Woman of the year: The Catholic Women of the Year Luncheon has its Golden Jubilee this year - fifty years of celebrating Catholic women's service to the Church in Britain. To mark this, they will be holding a special celebration Luncheon in the autumn and invite nominations for the 2018 Catholic Women of the Year. They are looking for the "unsung heroines" - women who joyfully and prayerfully serve the Church and the community, as mothers, teachers, Sisters, holders of public office, or workers in all sorts of jobs, upholding Christian moral values and caring for those in need, in their local parish and/or beyond. To nominate someone all that is needed is a letter giving a short account of why the person should receive the honour. The four Catholic Women of the Year are chosen by secret ballot by a committee drawn from representatives of the main Catholic women's organisations. Nominations can be sent via www.cwoy.org, by email: cwoynominations@gmail.com or by post to: CWOY, 33 Asburnham Tower, London SW10 0EE, and should arrive before April 13 2018.

Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church is added to the universal calendar of the church. The Monday after Pentecost will from now on be celebrated as the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. A decree was issued on Saturday 3 March 2018, by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Cardinal Robert Sarah wrote that the new celebration will "help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God." The Memorial will appear in all calendars and liturgical books for the celebration of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. This year the celebration will fall on Monday, May 21 2018.

Vocation Sunday will be celebrated on 22nd April 2018. There are 12 men training for the priesthood and 17 training for diaconate in our diocese. There are also 250 students training for missionary priesthood for the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries. Thank you for supporting our seminarians. Continue to pray for their perseverance.