

MASSES FROM 4th to 11th Mar 2018

Sun	04	9.30am	Zygmunt Drabik (Anni) Romoin Smolinski (RIP) Aleksander Janczaruk (RIP)
		11.30am	Ursula Wanjiku Kibia , Catherine & Joseph Carry (RIP)
Mon	05	9.30am	Sr. Bridgit Pudota (RIP)
Tues	06	9.30am	Sally McCormack (RIP)
Wed	07	9.30am	Stuart McLean (RIP)
Thurs	08	9.30am	Nora Curristan (RIP)
Fri	09	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	Holy souls
Sat	10	9.30am	S.S.A
Sun	11	9.30am	Fr. David Condron (RIP) Mr. & Mrs Tran (Good health)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 4th Mar 2018

9.30am	School children
	Teachers
11.30am	Mary, Florece K.(R)
	Loveness, Vera (E)

Weekend 11th Mar 2018

Asipita, Elena (R)
Sophie (E)
Wren, Ashley (R)
Frank, Marcel (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulrone, John Curriston, 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.

Anniversaries during this Week: Josiah Morgan, John O’Driscoll , Tommie Doyle, Ada Ryan, John Gill, Ian Stuart McClean, Delia Sheridan , Joe Clark , John Murphy, Margaret Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Lena Fitzgerald.

Thought on Lent: "Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." -- Pope Benedict XVI

Share The Journey.: Pope Francis has launched a global campaign called Share the Journey. There will be a talk by Maria Elena Arana, from CAFOD, on responses to the Pope’s call for action on the refugee crisis at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 7th March, at St Thomas More church,. Refreshments are available.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 3rd Sunday of Lent 4th to 11th Mar 2018

THE MIRACLE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR COMES BUT SLOWLY

We understand miracles as those events that happen to us instantaneously without expectation. They are unpredictable in nature you cannot prepare yourself to receive a miracle. These days some people who have started their own churches are so crafty that they can act out ‘miracles’ or even predict the how, the when and the where the miracle would take place. If you are not well rooted in your Christian faith you might feel like as though you are being left by a fast moving bandwagon of miracle workers. I remember one person who said to me “*Father I’m praying for a miracle to win a lottery this year*” that was in 1995. He was greatly frustrated as the miracle did not happen. As I looked at the man, I could see a miracle in his life and in his family. He had a large family but no job. The miracle was that without a stable job, he passed through the year with a constant supply of milk and bread on his table; there was always a small tea bag in the house to make a cup of tea whenever a visitor called at his house. His children never went to bed with empty stomachs. The other miracle was that although millions of people fall sick and die every year, his family enjoyed good health even without medical insurance. Yes the man was praying for a miracle to win a lottery but he forgot the miracles that were surrounding him.

True miracles come to us slowly and God answers our prayers bit by bit like the little drops of a spring of water which goes on to make a great river. As your parish priest, I noticed a miracle recently as we installed a new heating system in the church and in the parish hall. There is no doubt, our church is warm and nice. But how did it come about? God put you into work, you became a tax-payer. He gave you a generous heart such that you decided to give your Sunday donation through Gift Aid. It is the tax which you pay to the government that we as a Registered Charity 234216 claimed back which has enabled us to finance the heating of our church. This is a big miracle for me but as you can see, it is a miracle that has gone through stages and whose implementation has come slowly. Yes the miracle you are asking for will come but it comes slowly.

Today, Sr. Leera Lobo who manages our Gift Aid department will be giving out the envelopes for the new tax year. Please if you pay taxes on your income I encourage you to consider giving your Sunday donation to the Church through Gift Aid. For every pound you give to the Church, the UK Government adds to your donation £0.25 making it £1.25 at no extra cost to you. It is this extra £025 that has made us have new heating.

I thank you all for supporting the church. I’m looking for new taxpayers within our community especially the Polish brothers and Sisters who are in work and pay taxes. If Gift Aid was not good either to you or to the Church, it is my duty to warn you against it. But **It works** Let us take advantage of this miracle which we pray for every time and it comes to us slowly. Please take your envelope today.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 425.50 **Non-Gift Aid:** £418.28 **Total :** £843.78

Counters : 5th Mar— Pat & William Edwards

CAFOD—£481.81 **Second collection : 4th March** Cathedral maintenance;

Mass Attendance : **Bonus Ball : No. 29**

Forthcoming Second Collections for March to April 2018

30th March— Holy places; 22nd April— Clergy training fund.

Pious Devotions

Divine Mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month 6 – 7pm.

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

Catechists Meeting: those who are involved in sacramental preparations and act as catechists are invited for a seminar to take place at All Souls Parish on 6 March 2018 at 7.00pm. This brief seminar is aimed at giving them an opportunity to: share their experiences both good and bad, to share ideas and good practice, to learn what works and what to avoid. It is an opportunity to encourage greater Lay involvement in Sacramental preparation. I encourage all our parishioners who assist in teaching sacraments to attend this seminar if you can.

Stations of the Cross: are celebrated every Friday of the week during the season of Lent at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. After Mass there is choir practice at 7:30pm. Please join our choir as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter festivals.

Matters of Importance

Parish Day of Prayer and Parish Penitential Service: There will be a Day of prayer for all the parishioners on **17th March from 10.00am to 4.00pm** in our parish to help us prepare for Easter. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Please put this date in your diary and bring your friends along.

Marriage preparation course: will continue on 10th March at St. Marys Parish Church starting from 5:00pm. We **do not need** new members at the moment but to qualify you must be a member of St. Mary's or of St. Osburgs Parishes. You should also be planning to get married this year 2018. Please remember 5:00pm is 5:00pm.

Is your child 3 by September? St. Mary & St. Benedict Primary school is issuing applications for our Nursery Class for September 2018. Children must be three by August 31st 2018, and have part time and full time places available, including government 30 hour funded places (with no hidden additional lunchtime charges!) with a full-time qualified teacher. Application packs are available from the School Office, and the closing date is 29th March 2018. Let us know if you would like to visit our Nursery; you are most welcome anytime!

Annual Mass of St. Patrick will be celebrated on 16th March 2018 here in our church. Please note that we shall have the stations of the cross 6.00pm but no Mass. Those who wish to have Mass they will have to wait for the one celebrating St. Patrick which will start at 7:00pm. Daily Mass will be at 9:30am.

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.

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 28th March at 11.30am in St Chad's Cathedral. Mass at St. Mary's will be at 9:00am to allow the priests to go for the Holy Mass at which they renew their priestly vows and consecrate together with the archbishop the holy oils.

The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will host the first National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage on Sunday 22nd April 2018 in partnership with Catholic Man UK, a new organisation established to support the revival of fraternity and authentic masculinity among Catholic men. The event is open to Catholic men, lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons. It will encourage men to stand together in faith, to renew their fidelity to Christ, His Mother and the teachings of His Church and to pray for families and for the country. The day will start with a welcome and introduction at 10.30 am, in the Chapel of Reconciliation. It will end at approximately 5.30pm with refreshments at the Pilgrim Bureau.

Denary Prayer event at St. Osburgs: The Archbishop's Pastoral letter last weekend mentioned the opportunity for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession at a local church in the Deanery. St Osburg's has kindly agreed to host this on the allocated days, Friday 9th March and Saturday 10th. There will be Exposition from 10.00am until 2.00pm on each of those days with the normal lunch time Mass at 12.10pm as part of the period of prayer. Could you please let your parishioners know about this in your Newsletters. It will also mark the end of the Novena of Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi.