

St. Mary and St. John's Church

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MASSES INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 21st January.
6.30pm (Sunday Vigil) **Cecilia Pinto RIP**
SUNDAY: 22nd January. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.00am: (Sung Mass) **Marianna Smaga's Birthday Intentions**
11.30am: **Parishioners**
MONDAY: 23rd January. Weekday in Ordinary Time: St Nicholas
Owen, Martyr
10.00am: **Barbara Morley' Birthday Intentions**
TUESDAY: 24th January. St Francis de Sales, Bishop
10.00am: **For Past Pupils of Our Lady of Mercy School**
WEDNESDAY: 25th January. Conversion of St Paul
10.00am: **Mary McCrae RIP**
THURSDAY: 26th January. SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops
10.00am: **Maria Matthew's Birthday Intentions**
FRI: 27th Jan. Weekday in Ordinary Time; Blessed Edward Oldcorne
11.00-11.45 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00 noon: **Teresa and Kevin Fisher**
SATURDAY: 28th January. St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church
9.30am: **Parishioners**
6.30pm (Sunday Vigil): **Hilda Westwood & Tony Randles RIP**
SUNDAY: 29th January. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.00am (Sung Mass): (1) **Martha's Special Intention**
(2) **Taylor's Birthday Intentions**
11.30am: **Jim Bowers RIP**

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT SUNDAY MASSES

10.00am: Mary Smith
Next week: Bro Rafał, Bro Stephen
11.30am: David Lashford

READERS AT SUNDAY MASSES

6.30pm Saturday: This week: Tony Mear
Next week: Yvonne Wilson
10.00am Sunday: This week: Tom Luxton
Next week: Terri & Alex Westwood
11.30am This week: Emma Flanagan, David Lashford
Next week: Jude Joseph Gubral

COUNTING TEAMS:

This week: Mr & Mrs Wynn, Father Kazimierz
Next week: Keith Wycherley, Emmanuel Bastian

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY:

Offertory: Covenants: £181.20 Loose: £319.41
Flowers: £25.00

Thank you for your very generous contributions

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This week: Church Maintenance Next week: Church Maintenance

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Leon Stefek (Father Kazimierz's Father), David Deller, Bridget Ryan, Bridget Keane, Gerard Lawlor, Kathleen Reynolds, Molly Ball, Tim Shee, Vona Smout, Iris Duncan, Pat Burton, Peter Blackwell, Keith Basudev, Ken and Hazel Harris, Bridget Lawrence, Anil Basudev, June Randles, Colleen Nicholas, Ann Proffitt, Floss Jenkins, Sister Kay, Frances Page, Frances Butler, Mrs MacDonald, Marie Matthews, Sister Dominic, Mary Landers, David Lashford, Maureen Osawe, Philip Hughes, Pat Nicholls and all those who are physically or mentally handicapped.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony Barker, Betty Davis, Elizabeth May Hill, Dorothy Jones, Bill Maher, Kath Quirke.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayers Dr Norah O'Donovan. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

CONFESSIONS:

Friday 11.00 – 11.45am Saturday: 10.00am – 10.30am
AND BY REQUEST



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switch your mobile off
in church !

ROSARY

Mon. – Thurs.: following 10.00am Mass. Fri.: 11.30am
Sat.: following 9.30am Mass. **Sunday at 5.00pm**

VOCATIONS: Lord, may those whom you call to enter the priesthood, the diaconate or the religious life have the courage and generosity to answer your call. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY takes place every Sunday at the 10.00am Mass.

COME AND JOIN OUR TUESDAY CLUB – in the hall, 1.30pm until 3.30pm. Everyone welcome. **Please note there will not be a meeting on Tuesday, 7th February.**

GENTLE KEEP-FIT in our hall every Tuesday, 11.00am until 12 noon. If you wish to join, just turn up, you will be made very welcome. **Please note there will not be a lesson on Tuesday 7th February.**

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal in our church this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please support and give generously to this very worthy cause.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE DONATION for flowers, there are envelopes at the back of the Church. Unfortunately, the price of flowers has doubled in price, so any donation will be gratefully received.

BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES are now on sale at the Piety Stall.

If you are not able to get to Mass or if you are going into hospital, let Fr. Kazimierz know.
If you notice someone you know from the church who has not been at Mass recently, please let us know.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

SAINT NICHOLAS OWEN (Monday) was a Jesuit lay-brother who was incredibly skilful in making hiding-places in Elizabethan houses: these were 'priests' holes' where hunted priest could be hidden from their pursuers, since merely being a priest meant a terrible death if you were caught. St Nicholas had to work in secret, often at night, making these refuges – some are in our diocese. Nicholas was caught while working in a house where several priests were already hiding. Nicholas bravely gave himself up to distract attention from the priests. This worked: the priests were safe, but Nicholas was carried off to the Tower of London, where he was tortured so horribly that he died under this on 2nd March 1606. In spite of his agony, he gave no-one away. After his death, the Superior of the English Jesuits wrote: "I verily think no man can be said to have done more good of all those who laboured in the English vineyard. He was the immediate cause of saving the lives of hundreds of persons".

SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS (Thursday)

St Timothy was born in Lyconia, part of present-day Turkey. His father was a Gentile, but his mother was Jewish, and she became a Christian. Timothy studied the Scriptures from an early age, so with his Jewish background and firm Christian faith he was a great support for St Paul in many of his journeys. He was used on many occasions to prepare communities for a visit from St Paul, or to deal with erroneous teachings that had arisen in various places. St Paul had a great affection for him, and regarded him as his dearest son. Timothy was martyred by a procession of pagans with whom he remonstrated for carrying idols. His martyrdom took place on 22nd January 97AD. St Titus was born a gentile, but was converted to Christianity by St Paul himself. He became St Paul's secretary, and, like Timothy, he was sent to sort our problems. St Paul's Letter to Titus summarises the duties of a bishop. Titus was sent to Crete as their bishop, where he died at an advanced age – he was not

martyred. The Cretans have a great devotion to St Titus as their first bishop.