

Prayer & Almsgiving Events for Dementia – Prayer Week 12th - 19th March 2015

A special thank you to His Eminence Vincent Gerard Cardinal Nichols and to his Archbishops and Bishops in each diocese for promoting Dementia Prayer Week 12th - 19th March 2015 throughout their dioceses. Thank you also thank the Catholic Media Office, Birmingham Diocesan Education Service, Catholic Today Newspaper and the many parishes for uploading details to their websites.

We wish to pass on to website visitors the assurance of prayers from carers who have contacted us to say they will be praying every day for everyone throughout the country living with dementia and for those who are caring for them, including the professional services.

Below is the information received to date of Prayer and Almsgiving Events being held in Cathedrals, Churches, Parishes and Schools throughout Britain and Ireland for Dementia – Prayer Week 12th – 19th March 2015 (please check your parish website or bulletin for events in your parish/church).

Wednesday 4th March 2015:

Sisters of St Joseph of Lyon, St Joseph's Convent, Haunton, Staffs – Open Day 10am-4.30pm with proceeds to the Pastoral Care Project.

Friday 6th March 2015:

Holy Family Primary School, Coventry – Assembly led by the Pastoral Care Project Team. The school will be praying each day and creating a Yellow Prayer Box with prayer card intentions for their prayer corner. They will be sharing their Lenten almsgiving with the Pastoral Care Project.

Wednesday 11th March 2015:

Presentation Sisters (PBVM), Nuneaton, will be having prayer time 6.30 – 6.55pm followed by Mass 7.00pm followed by hospitality until 8.30pm. All donations raised are in aid of the Pastoral Care Project.

Thursday 12th – Thursday 19th March 2015:

Rt. Rev Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton will be offering Mass on one of the days during Dementia – Prayer Week.

Presentation Sisters (PBVM) English Province will be joining with the Pastoral Care Project and praying every day for everyone whose life is affected by dementia and all who are supporting them.

Most Rev. Peter Smith, Archbishop of Southwark will be celebrating Mass on one of the days during Dementia – Prayer Week.

Our Lady of the Angels Infant School, Nuneaton – will be praying the Dementia Prayer every day during the Week.

St Patrick's Church, Coventry – Prayers each day for the intentions within the Prayer Leaflet; a basket will be provided for people to write their own personal intentions.

Columban Missionaries – including prayer intentions each day during the week.

Our Lady of the Angels Church, Nuneaton – 9.10am each morning Rosary for the intentions within the Prayer Leaflet. By Our Lady's altar the Pastoral Care Project's Painting of 'The Finding of The Child Jesus in The Temple' will be on display along with devotional resources. There will be a basket for private intentions which has been created by the Toddler Group of the parish.

St Peter Apostle Church, Leamington Spa – prayers each day.

Aldersgate (MHA) Nuneaton 12th March – Prayer and activity – creating prayer box for residents, staff and visitors with the support of volunteer students from St Thomas More Catholic Sixth Form College. They will be holding two weeks of almsgiving activities with a final celebration of the students volunteering project - 'HeARTs & Minds' on 26th March.

Thursday 12th – Thursday 19th March 2015 (continued):

Syro Malabar Catholic Community, Nuneaton – Mass and prayer with children around the painting of ‘The Finding of The Child Jesus in The Temple’

Sisters of St Joseph of Lyon, St Joseph’s Convent, Haunton, Staffs – Prayers 9am-9.30am and 6.30pm-7pm each day of the week.

Fr MM, Cork, Ireland – praying the prayer each day and requested prayer for his brother and sister.

St Joseph’s Junior School, Nuneaton – praying the Dementia Prayer each day.

Thursday 12th March 2015:

Sons of Divine Providence, Upholland, Lancs – holding an ecumenical Day of Prayer. Prayer and activities at Cardinal Heenan House 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-4.30pm and Mass in their Chapel with Bishop Vincent Malone at 6pm and there will be a collection on the day for the work of the Pastoral Care Project. The day will be ecumenical with formal and informal talks with time to share and chat together. Thank you to Sons of Divine Providence for promoting Dementia – Prayer Week in their diocese. For more information about the day please visit www.sonsofdivineprovidence.org.uk or orionecare.org

Olton Friary, Olton, Birmingham – Exposition 11am-2pm

Friday 13th March 2015:

His Eminence Vincent Gerard Cardinal Nichols will be offering a private Mass in his chapel.

St Augustine’s Catholic Church, Solihull – offering Holy Hour between 5–6pm

Bishop Richard Moth will be offering a private Mass in his chapel.

St Anne’s Church, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham – Rosary and devotions 9:45-10:00am

St Ambrose Barlow Church, Hall Green, Birmingham – Stations of the Cross, followed by Service of Word and Holy Communion 6:30pm

Saturday 14th March 2015:

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bulkington – Holy Hour 3-4pm

St Francis of Assisi Church, Bedworth – Mass 4.00pm

Corpus Christi Church, Stechford, Birmingham – Holy hour 10:30-11:30am

Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley, Solihull – Exposition 9:30am

St Joseph the Worker Church, Bidford-on-Avon, Warwickshire – Mass 5.30pm. Prayers and almsgiving for the Pastoral Care Project.

Sunday 15th March 2015:

University Hospitals Leicester – Dementia - Prayer Week to be publicised in hospital chapels and included in prayers of intercession at University Hospitals Leicester.

St Joseph the Worker Church, Bidford-on-Avon, Warwickshire – Mass 11.00am

Trinity URC, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham – morning worship and using Pastoral Care Project’s online resources.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bilton, Rugby – Bidding Prayer during Mass and prayer each day.

Monday 16th March 2015:

John Henry Newman College, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham – Mass at midday.

Tuesday 17th March 2015:

St Patrick & St Brigid’s Church, Ballycastle, N.Ireland – Mass 10.00am followed by refreshments.

St Thomas More Catholic School & Sixth Form College, Nuneaton – the students will be praying the intentions within the Prayer Leaflet each day. Sixth form students will be viewing the video ‘For Better, For Worse’ by Victoria Caldwell and will be participating in class discussions afterwards.

Wednesday 18th March 2015:

St Helen’s Catholic Church, Caerphilly – Mass 10.00am followed by refreshments and almsgiving for the Pastoral Care Project.

Thursday 19th March 2015:

All Hallows Catholic Church, Miskin, Cardiff – Annual Archdiocesan Mass at 12.00 noon, Principal Celebrant Archbishop George Stack. To include the Sacrament of the Sick for Dementia Sufferers and their Carers. There will be refreshments/hospitality after the Mass.