

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH - BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 – 19 February 2012

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 5:00 pm for +Mary McGowan

Sun. 10.00am in the Church

Sun. 12:45 pm in St. John's School Chapel (no Mass this week)

Confessions Sat. 4:15-4:45 p.m (before 5:00 p.m. masses) as well as by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Classes resume March 4, 11, 18, 25. ADULT LECTURE SERIES at the same time as classes. Coffee served.

March 4 – Professor Marie-Claire Foblets (Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Leuven), "Belgium facing increasing cultural and religious diversity. Which way to go?"

Professor Foblets teaches legal anthropology at the University of Leuven, and heads up the Institute for Migration Law. Last year, she co-chaired the "Round Tables on Interculturality" in Belgium, a wide consultation of society about future directions of multicultural policy and integration.

March 11 – Dr Eva Hanses-Doyle (psychotherapist and life coach), "Master your Fears".

Eva Hanses-Doyle, B.A., M.Ed., is a qualified and experienced psychotherapist and life coach. She has worked in several European countries and conducts individual coaching sessions and seminars on various aspects of personal development. Eva passionately believes that our present life experiences are largely created by our thought patterns and that our attitudes contribute to shaping our future.

March 19 – Sandwiches for the homeless making event – Cafeteria of St John's School during RE

March 25 – Jorge Nuño-Mayer (Secretary General, Caritas Europa), "Caritas as the diaconal dimension of faith" .Mr Nuño-Mayer took up his post as secretary general in June 2010. His background is as a social educator in Spain and Germany, where he was also active in Caritas. [Caritas Europe](http://www.caritas-europe.org) is a network of the 49 European national Caritas organisations is "united around the common motivation of serving and helping those in need, the poor, the vulnerable, those left out in our societies".

RECTORY MASSES AND BIBLE STUDY: Every Monday evening at 7:00pm and every Thursday morning at 9:00am, Mass is celebrated in the Chapel of the Parish Centre. After the Thursday morning Mass Bible Study is held 9:30 to 11:00 am. You are all welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION:

The Confirmation Retreat will be held Sunday March 4. Confirmation Service Day 24 March at the Little Sisters of the Poor.

LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY THE 22nd

Our Parish provides several different opportunities during this Holy Season to deepen and practice our understanding of our faith. Some opportunities listed below.

Ash Wednesday, February 22. Eucharist and distribution of Ashes in the Church at 7:00pm.

Weekday Masses in the Rectory: Mondays at 7:00pm & Thursdays at 9:00am. Friday morning Masses in St. John's School Chapel at 8:35 when school is in session.

Bible Study after the Thursday morning Mass in the Rectory.

Charity Collection will be taken each Sunday during Lent for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Stations of the Cross: March 16 in the Church. More information forthcoming

Lenten Mission held in the Parish Centre. Speaker/Topic/date/time to be announced.

First Reconciliation Service March 18. 11:30 to 12:30 in St. John's Int'l School. At this time we will be honouring our children in the First Reconciliation program

The Little Sisters of the Poor will visit us to speak about their work with the elderly and poor of Brussels, the weekend of the 10/11 March. Parish Service Day at the Little Sisters March 24 for the Confirmation candidates and parishioners.

FCJ CENTRE 211 Avenue Winston Churchill 1180, Brussels
Thursday Evenings, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 19.30-21.00. LENT: Journeying with Jesus.

For further information and other events, see web site www.fcjcentre.be email fcj@fcjcentre.be or telephone 0477 734551. Please leave a message and we will return your call.

MIISTRY SCHEDULESCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 25 - 26

Usher: Sat. Reiner. Sun 10am Frederickson

Lector: Sat 5pm Barnes. Sun 10am Perry

Each Min:Sat.5pm Barnes. Sun 10am Friedrickson/Mancini

Servers: Sat. 5pm - - - Sun 10am M/N Bartlone

OUR PARISH WEBSITE is now up and running thanks to our Webmaster Vincenzo Girardi. Visit www.olm.be to check out the changes. There is a calendar of events, the bulletins are easily accessible, and there is a single parish registration form and photos in the different sections. ALSO the Parish now has a Facebook page! Find "Our Lady of Mercy" and click on "LIKE". Re: The e-bulletin was not delivered for a few weeks due to technical issues, but is now operational again.

WELCOME: We welcome newcomers to Our Lady of Mercy Parish. We wish you a very pleasant stay in Belgium and we hope that you become actively involved in our parish activities. Parish Registration/Welcome packs can be found on the table at the rear of the church in the brown envelopes. All information can be found on our website at www.olm.be

FINANCE: Thank you to all who are supporting us! Your financial help has enabled us to continue offering all our programs and activities. We are very grateful! Monetary contributions can be made through your bank to Our Lady of Mercy, by standing order. This is the best way to insure a steady income to the parish. Our bank account number is: DEXIA Bank: "Collection account" Our Lady of Mercy Parish: BE17 833-4502115-21. Dollar checks are also very welcome

CAR FOR SALE: 1997 BMW 528. Passed MOT. Automatic. Price 3.500 euro or open to offers. Please contact Peter Nolan 02/633 35 34 or p.s.nolan@skynet.be

KEEP THE DATE FREE! 17th of March. St. Patrick's Day Celebration! This will be held in the Club de la Joie (Parish Church Hall) from 6:00pm to 9:00pm on Saturday March 17th after the 5:00pm Mass, but open to all regardless of what Mass you attend. More information coming.

Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy come from a wide variety of nationalities. Benvenuti. Benvindo. Failté. Welcome. Bienvenidos. Welkom. Bienvenue. Willkommen.



OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH.....

the oldest English-speaking Catholic parish in Belgium was established by Cardinal Leon Joseph Suenens , Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Mechelen-Brussels who requested of The American College Seminary of Louvain (Leuven) Rector Msgr. Paul Riedl, to take over the pastoral responsibilities for the English speaking in the Brussels area on the Fourth of December 1965.

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Mass times:

Saturdays at 5:00 pm. Sundays at 10:00 am in the Church
12:45 pm in St. John's school Chapel, Waterloo, when Religious Education classes are in session.
Masses in the Parish Centre, Mondays at 7:00 pm and Thursdays at 9:00 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM for Nursery up to High School, and Adult Education, Sunday mornings 11:30 to 12:30 at St. John's School, when school is In session. Sacramental programs/ First Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation.

