

St. Mary & St. Benedict's R.C. Church

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

3rd to 10th January 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 48

Dear Parishioners,

These words are relevant to us as we start a New Year. St. Paul addressed them to the Christians of the parish community at Ephesus 2000 years ago possibly as they started a New Year. Is it likely that someone at the Church asked Paul what he wished his parishioners to work on or aim at that he gave them his heart's desire for the Ephesians' Parish?

This then is what I pray, kneeling before the Father from whom every family whether spiritual or natural takes its name:

Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth, until knowing the love of Christ which is beyond all knowledge you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to him whose power working in us can do so infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever Amen.

This is our program this is our target to strike in 2010. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ Parish Priest.

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RCIA: will resume on Monday 18th January at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Baptismal Course: the next baptismal course will be held on Monday 8th February 2010 at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting: The next Divine Mercy prayer meeting will take place on Thursday 28th January 2010, from 6.30 to 7.30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm. Prayer for Priests will be held on First Friday of every month from 6.30-7.30pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

Rosa Mystica: Prayer will be held on Wednesday the 13th January as usual in the Lady's Chapel

Year of Priests: We pray for the following priests this week:

Saturday	02	Fr. Jimmy Lutwama
Sunday	03	Fr. Adrian McNamara
Monday	04	Fr. Peter Madden
Tuesday	05	Fr. Bernard Maddox
Wednesday	06	Fr. Gabriel Maguire
Thursday	07	Fr. Wladyslaw Marmol
Friday	08	Fr. Paul Martin
Saturday	09	Fr. Alexander Master

Collection: Gift Aid £165.62 Lose £287.42 Total: £453.04 Thank you for supporting the parish.

Counters: Sun 3rd January Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion.

Second Collection: Profile Charity Collection LIFE 2nd /3rd Jan 2010

Bonus Ball: No. 4 Mary Morgan. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Crib offerings: Bishop William Kenney has written a letter to us (on the notice board) asking us to support the Order of Apostles of Jesus to which I belong as we struggle to rebuild our seminary in Sudan which was made into a military base for 17years. Our crib donations this Christmas will go to that cause. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

Holy Family Candles: Last weekend we celebrated the feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family Candles which have been blessed are still available in the piety stall. Please light a candle before the crib and offer a little prayer for your own families. It would be a great idea to take one to your home and use it during your family prayer.

Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Dinner for elderly members of our parish will be held on Sunday 10th January 2010 at 12.30pm. We shall begin the celebration with a thanksgiving Mass at 11:30 followed by dinner served to our elderly parishioners. If any elderly parishioner wishes to attend; or if you know someone who wishes to join us please give the name at the piety stall. There will be transport available for those who might need a lift.

Altar Servers: as you might have noticed, our Altar servers wear medals. On 26th December 2009 they were enrolled and officially commissioned to serve at the Altar at a special Mass here on the feast of St. Stephen. Please encourage your children to serve at the altar. It is an overwhelming privilege and an experience that someone never forgets.

Lectors (Readers) at Mass: are needed. If you are willing to offer this service contact Sr. Lydwin/Tom Ward/Veronica Carroll please.

Thanks and congratulations to all for preparing one another to celebrate Christmas. Special thanks to the choir who sang so well, to the cleaners and flower specialists who chose the best. Thanks to the volunteers who put up the Star and to those who set the crib in space. My personal thanks for the many Christmas cards you wrote to me and for the telephone calls wishing me a happy Christmas. Thanks to the teachers and children at school who organized vigil Mass for young ones; and for everyone who has made this time prayerful and exciting for everybody. Your love for the Parish and its parish priest was at its best. For this I'm indeed thankful.

The draw for the bicycle:

1st Prize Bicycle No. 416 to 420 (pink Ad 493760)
2nd Prize Box of Biscuits No. 851 to 855 (Blue 401750)
3rd Prize Bottles of Soft Drink No. 16 to 20 (Yellow AD 414084)

The names of the winners are on the notice board at the back of the Church. Winners please collect your prizes from the piety stall.

Family Draw: the next Family Draw will be on Monday 11th January during the Monday Club session. All the monies will be collected on the weekend of 9th/10th January 2010.

New Notice boards: have been put up as you get out of church near both the exit doors. Please cast an eye at them. I suggest that

all non-church business will be put on them to reduce congestion on the notice board inside the church. You are free to put an advertisement on the outside notice boards after asking the Parish Priest.

The funeral arrangements for Monsignor Gavin: Reception into St Thomas More Church, Coventry, with Mass: Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.00pm Funeral Mass and Burial at St Thomas More Church on Tuesday 12th January at 11.30am. May he rest in Peace.

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Sixth Sunday of the Year 14th to 21st February 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 63/65

Dear Parishioners,

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE MONDAY MARCH 29th 2010.

Next Wednesday February 17th is Ash Wednesday which inaugurates Lenten season. During this time, Mother Church invites us to reflect on the reality of sin in the world and in ourselves. We know that sin is not an abstract idea but a reality in the world and in us which manifests itself in many forms. Holy Scriptures too remind us that if we say we have not committed sin, we are liars refusing to admit the truth.

Since I came to the parish, I have been observing with pity many members of my parish community who miss out when penitential services are held away from St. Mary's. The reason can be obvious; few parishioners have cars to drive to the places where the penitential service is held, or others might not know where the place is since our parish takes care of a large number of students.

For that reason I wish to invite you all here for our parish penitential service in preparation for Easter which will take place on Monday 29th March 2010. Our preparations will start at 3:00pm with a preached meditation followed by personal prayer. There will be moments of invocation for the divine mercy upon us and the whole world.

Private confession will start at 6:00pm. We shall conclude our reconciliation with God and with one another with Holy Mass at 7:00pm. As I said this is a parish penitential service it is a moment of grace which we should carefully and graciously embrace. A number of priests will be here to help us with our confessions.

Jimmy Lutwama AJ. Parish Priest

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RCIA: will be on Monday 15th February at 5.30pm in the parish hall. All those who have begun their journey of faith by attending the sessions are encouraged to continue.

Baptismal Course: the next baptismal course will be held on Monday 15th March 2010 at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

PPC Meeting: The next PPC Meeting will be on Monday 22nd February at 7.45pm.

Choir Practice: is always after 11.30am Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays. All are welcome.

Death Announcement: I'm sorry to announce the death of Bridie Clisham wife to Bill Clisham of 106, King Edward Rd. I guess they were the oldest married couple in our parish and most loving to visit with Holy Communion. Reception of her body on Sunday Feb. 21st at 7:00pm. Requiem Mass Monday 22nd Feb at 10:30am. The parish has lost a faithful servant. Please remember Bill Clisham in your prayers.

Student Found Dead: Ms. Abby Fernandez a student at University of Coventry from India and a member of our parish community was found dead in her room, she was 24! A memorial Mass for the repose of her soul will be held in this church on a date to be announced later. May she rest in peace.

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Year of Priests: We pray for the following priests this week:

Saturday	13	Fr. Joseph Mullen
Sunday	14	Fr. Connor Murphy
Monday 15		Fr. Robert D. Murphy
Tuesday 16		Fr. Robert T. Murphy
Wednesday	17	Fr. Francis Murray
Thursday	18	Fr. Frank Murray
Friday	19	Fr. Gerard Murray
Saturday	20	Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi

Collection: Gift Aid £220.65 Lose £341.52 Total: £562.17

2nd Collection for Catholic Education £141.20. Thank you for supporting the parish.

Counters: Sun 14th February Sandra, Maureen

Second Collection: 28th February CAFOD-Needy & Hungry

Bonus Ball: N0. 3 John Crawford. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Coventry Third Order of Carmel: will have their day of recollection at SS. Mary and Benedict parish on Saturday 6th March 2010 starting from 10:30am-4:30pm. If you are interested in the spirituality of the Carmelites, please you are welcome.

Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Would you like to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land? There are places available as our Diocesan authorities have organized a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The closing date for receipt of

booking forms for those wishing to take part is 30 March 2010. Hurry while places are still available.

Thanks to Altar Servers: and their families who turned up for their training last Sunday 7th February

Ordination of Mr. Robert Giampaglia our deacon to be will take place on Sunday 18th July 2010 at St. Chad Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers. Remember to put that date safely in your diary.

Women's World Day of Prayer prepared by the Christian women of Cameroon will take place on Friday 5th March 2010 at the Methodist Central Hall, Warwick Lane. See notice board for details please.

Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference will be held on Saturday 6th March 2010 at Birmingham University Catholic Chaplaincy

29 Harrison's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3QR. Details on the notice board.

Rite of Election as Catechumens and Candidates: Please remember that those who are undergoing RCIA will be presented to the Archbishop at St. Chad's Cathedral on 21st February during the Rite of Election at 3.00pm.

Stations of Cross: Every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm.

Walk with Me: booklets of Lenten reflections and meditations are at the back of the church. Please take them along and use them for your daily prayers. Donation of £1.00 towards their printing is recommended.

Pastoral Letter: This weekend the Pastoral Letter of our Archbishop Bernard Longley will be read to replace the homily.

Extraordinary Ministers: Training for Extraordinary Ministers will be Thursday 11th, 18th March 2010 from 7.30-9.30pm followed by recollection evening on Thursday 25th March guided by Rev. Fr. David J. Mellor. Details on the notice board.

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Third Sunday of Lent
7th to 14th March 2010
Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 75/77

Through out the Catholic Church the three Sundays leading to Easter will be dedicated to the intensive preparation of the Catechumens who are either to be baptized or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during Easter. Liturgical ceremonies will be done step by step. The Church asks her children already baptized to accompany the catechumens with prayer on their journey of faith.

The Rite of Election took place at St. Chad's Cathedral on Feb. 21st during which the Archbishop accepted them to be received into the Catholic Church. What will follow in the three scrutinies is to integrate the catechumens into the local parish communities as they make the profession of faith.

At the 9:30am Holy Mass, the catechumens will be presented with the Creed. In other words we shall make a profession of our faith in their hearing. It is the faith of the Church which they wish to enter into full communion with. They will be asked to listen carefully to the words of that faith by which they will be justified. The words are few but the mysteries they contain are great. They will be asked to "receive them with sincere heart and to be faithful to them."

St. Mary's is blessed to have 10 catechumens this year. It is a sign that the parish is alive and active. It is also a sign that you the parishioners are doing your best to put into your daily life the teaching of Christ. This has inspired other people to desire becoming his followers. For all these, let us thank the Lord.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ – Parish Priest.

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RCIA: This weekend at 9.30 Mass we shall have the first scrutiny of the Elect who attended the Rite of Election at St.Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. Let us pray for them that God may bring to completion the good work begun in their Journey of Faith.

Baptismal Course: the next baptismal course will be held on Monday 15th March 2010 at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Choir Practice: is always after 11.30am Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays. All are welcome.

Stations of Cross: Every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm. The Good Friday prayers will take place at 3:00pm as last year.

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Annual St. Patrick's Mass: will be on Tuesday 16th March at 7.30pm at St. Mary's church. All are welcome.

Year of Priests: We pray for the following priests this week:

Saturday	06	Fr. John O'Brien
Sunday	07	Fr. Timothy O'Brien
Monday	08	Fr. Bernard O'Connor
Tuesday	09	Fr. Denis O'Connor
Wednesday	10	Fr. Liam O'Connor
Thursday	11	Fr. Thomas William O'Connor
Friday	12	Fr. Brendan O'Malley (RIP)
Saturday	13	Fr. Martin O'Malley

Collection: Gift Aid £210.12 Lose £369.30 Total: £579.42
2nd collection CAFOD £432.56. Thank you for supporting the parish.

Counters: Sun 7th March Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

Second Collection: 7th March Maintenance of St.Chad's Metropolitan Cathedral

Bonus Ball: N0. 23 Rose Hogan, Gabby. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Archbishop Bernard Longley visited the deaneries of Coventry, Nuneaton and Warwickshire last week, he had the opportunity to meet all the priests and deacons of these deaneries. Later he celebrated a Holy Mass at Christ the King parish Condon, at which he exulted us all to remain united and faithful to the Lord.

2010 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Archbishop Bernard Longley invites you to join him on the 2010 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes under his leadership and his Auxiliary Bishops from Saturday 29th May to Saturday 5th June 2010. For details please see the notice board.

Catholic women's League Birmingham Branch: invite you to join them at their Annual Study Morning "St.Chad's Cathedral – Our Inheritance" in the Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 20th March 2010 from 10.45am to 12.45 pm. For details please see the notice board. Speaker: Dr. Marie Rowlands.

Taize Coventry: Brother Paulo of Taize community will visit Coventry University on Wednesday 10th March. He will lead a staff meditation at 12.00noon, and meet the students at 2.00pm.

Sr. Marcia Lobo delegate of the Superior General of the Sisters of St. Ann is with us this weekend visiting us and our parish Sisters. We are pleased that the Order of our three Sisters: Leena, Celine and Lydwin accepted to send them to this country and to our parish in particular to support us in the missionary work of the universal Church. Please as usual, give her a warm welcome.

Coventry Deanery Catechists' Association: The launch of Coventry Deanery Catechists' Association on Wednesday 24th March in the Community Centre, Christ the King Parish, Westhill Road, CV6 2AA beginning at 7.30pm. Fr. Paul Johnson will lead us in thinking about the Year of Luke. Fr. David Oakley and Sr. Gillian Murphy will explain the aims of the association.

Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference from 9th to 13th August 2010 at Paragon Hotel, Alcester Street, Birmingham B12 0PJ. The principal speakers will be David Matthews, Marie Beirne, Marino Restrepo, Fr. Bill Keogh, Fr. Bob Faricy S.J. For details please see the notice board.

Eddie Hanbury RIP: a faithful member to the prayer sessions at St. Mary's was buried on Saturday 6th March. Requiem Mass took place at St. Patrick's Parish. Eddie is the man who sponsored the painting cost of our statues. Forgotten him? See his photo on the notice board please. He was a very holy man.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
14th to 21st March 2010
Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 78/80**

Mothering Sunday is here again; a moment when we reflect on the dignity of motherhood. As Christians, this time is calling us to return either physically, in prayer or in thought to those churches where we were claimed for Christ through baptism. A mother is a giver of life and she holds a special place in ordinary existence of mankind; so with the church. It is the church that gave us life in Christ. A tradition that goes centuries far back reveals that Christians have always appreciated the spiritual motherhood of the church on this Sunday. It is the Church that will always receive us and commend our souls into the open arms of God's mercy.

The Holy Bible reminds us that Israel of old remembered Zion as the mother of all peoples. It was on Mt. Zion that Jerusalem and the temple of Yahweh were built. From here the inhabitants drew nourishment, protection, justice and knowledge of God.

“On the Holy Mountain is his city loved by the Lord, the Lord prefers the gates of Zion, to all Jacob's dwellings, of you are told glorious things O City of God! Babylon, Egypt I will count among those who know me. Philistia, Tyre, Ethiopia, these will be her children, and Zion shall be called “Mother” for all shall be her children... In his register of people's he writes; ‘these are all her children’ and while they dance they will sing; in you all find their home” Ps. 86.

How fitting these words are in the life of our parish on this Mothering Sunday! Although we're from many parts of the world, we're united under the Spiritual Motherhood of St. Mary's Church! It doesn't matter when, where or who baptized you, our faith and the Church have made us all children of God. Mothering Sunday should therefore excite within us the joy of our being sons and daughters of God, a chosen race, a holy nation and a people set apart to serve God.

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Tuesday	16	Bishop Philip Pargeter
Wednesday	17	Fr. John Peyton
Thursday	18	Fr. Anthony - Pham - Tri - Van
Friday	19	Fr. Canon Anthony Piercy
Saturday	20	Fr. Stephen Pimlott

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2nd collection Cathedral Maintenance £205.00 Thank you for supporting the parish.

Counters: Sun 14th March Sandra McAvoy & Maureen Jones

Good Friday collection for the Holy Places

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March 19th, day of Prayer for Dementia sufferers: it is estimated that about 700,000 people in the UK are currently suffering from dementia. The archbishop has commended that we pray for those who suffer from this disease and their families. It is a way of highlighting the daily struggle that many people experience just to keep going on and it is a good opportunity for us to ask the Lord to strengthen them on their pilgrimage of faith

First Confessions: Monday 22nd March at 6.00pm our children who are preparing for their first Holy Communion will be making their first confession. Let us pray for them and their families.

Easter 2010

27th/28th March : Palm Sunday- Blessing of the Palms

: Mass- Saturday 6.00pm,
Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am

29th March : 3.00 -7.00pm Parish Penitential service &
Monday Confessions
7.00pm Mass

30th March : 9.30am Mass

Tuesday : Chrism Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral,
31st March Birmingham

1st April : Holy Thursday
: 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
: Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until
9.30pm

2nd April : Good Friday Day of fasting and abstinence
: 3.00pm Stations of the Cross
: 3.30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3rd April : Holy Saturday
: 6.00pm Easter Vigil

4th April : Easter Sunday
: 9.30am Mass : 11.30am Mass

Palm Sunday –Easter
28th March to 11th April 2010
Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 83/85 onwards

Dear Parishioners, we have entered the greatest moment of our salvation as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We began our Lenten journey with the call to repentance and the ashes poured on our heads meant to remind us of our sinfulness. We conclude this season of grace with Easter joy; but even this is preceded by the horrifying events at Calvary on Good Friday.

During Lent, some sad news was brought to the Holy Father's attention from around the world about abuse in the church. He publicly apologized and asked for the repentance of all his sons and daughters. Other ecclesiastical leaders have taken to the microphone and asked for forgiveness too. This is a very good example for us all as we prepare to celebrate our parish penitential service on Monday. The love of God compels us to seek reconciliation with him and with each other.

You might hear politicians say from time to time when failure or neglect has taken place "lessons will be learnt!" When we talk about repentance, we are not talking about 'learning lessons' but a total change of our life towards God and doing what he asks of us. Whenever something shameful happens in the Christian community, it indicates a crisis of faith, weakness of love and uncertainty of hope.

I thank you all for working so hard during Lent in your own ways. Many of you participated in the Stations of the Cross which was very good. I believe that the reflections we have made on our personal lives will help to improve our standing before God.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ – Parish Priest.

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Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Holy Thursday during the Mass of the Lord's Supper. All the Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to be present to be eligible to carry out this sacred ministry in the church.

The next Baptismal Course: will be held on Monday 12th April 2010 at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Choir Practice: is always after 11.30am Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on 11th April 2010 at St. Mary & St. Benedict Church, Raglan Street, Coventry. The prayers will commence at 1.30pm with music and songs by Coventry CCC Group. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3.45pm., followed by cup of tea and biscuits in the parish hall.

Year of Priests: We pray for the following priests in the next two weeks:

Saturday	27	Fr. Michael Roche	04	Fr. Philip Sainter
Sunday	28	Fr. Thomas Rock	05	Fr. Arul Samy
Monday	29	Fr. Peter Rogers	06	Fr. John Saward
Tuesday	30	Fr. Cecil Rogerson	07	Fr. Patrick ayles
Wednesday	31	Fr. Anthony Rohan	08	Fr. Richard Scott
Thursday	01	Fr. Dominic Round	09	Fr. Daniel Seward
Friday	02	Fr. Francis Rowe	10	Mgr. Michael Sharkey
Saturday	03	Fr. Vincent Royles		

Collection: Gift Aid £199.50 Lose £312.76 Total: £512.26 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 28th March Anastasia & Mary O'Sullivan
Sun 11th April Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

Good Friday collection for the Holy Places

Bonus Ball: N0. 41 P. McKenna & Veronica Carroll. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Easter Collection is for the benefit of your parish priest. Please find the envelopes attached to the copy of your newsletter or collect them from the back of the church.

Gift Aid Envelopes (Taxpayers): The weekly envelopes for the new tax year are ready to be collected. Ms. Rosin and Terry are at the back of the Church to hand them out. For every £1.00 given under the scheme, the parish gets an additional 28p. If you would like to join the scheme or have any questions, please speak to Roisin Gill before or after the Mass. If you are not a taxpayer but would like to use a set of envelopes, please collect any set from those labeled "non-tax payers".

Papal Visit: Please pray for the success of Pope Benedict's visit to the U.K. He will be beatifying Cardinal Newman at Coventry Airport on 19th September 2010.

Chrism Mass will take place at St.Chad's Cathedral on Wednesday 31st March at 11.30am. It is a day when priests renew their commitment to serve God in his people. There will be no Mass here. Please join them if you can.

Parish Penitential Service will be this Monday 29th March. Prayers, reflections and talks will begin at 3.00pm followed by individual confessions at 6.00pm. At 7.00pm we shall conclude the service with the celebration of the Holy Mass. Please avail of this opportunity to prepare yourself to enter into the Paschal mystery and celebrate the Easter festival with the joy and peace of the Risen Lord.

Piety Stall has a lot of Easter cards and gift items. Please take time to have a look at it. This too is one way of supporting your parish.

Family Draw for the month of March will take place on Monday 29th March during the Monday club session. All the monies will be collected during this weekend.

Flower ladies are in need of additional hands to help arrange the flowers. Also we need some volunteers to come forward to brass the candle sticks in the church. If you can help please contact Sr. Leena.

First Week of Easter 5th to 11th April 2010

5th April Monday 9.30am Okafor C. Harry (Spl. Int)

6th April Tuesday 9.30am Kath Bradley (Birthday)

7th April Wednesday 9.30am Fr. Jimmy's Intention

8th April Thursday 9.30am Peter Skelly (Anni)

9th April Friday 9.30am Connelly Healy

10th April Saturday 10.30am People of the parish

6.00pm Christopher Shaughnessy

(Anni)

I wish you all a very happy Easter and peace of the Risen Lord.
Alleluia

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Second Sunday of Easter
11th to 18th April 2010
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Dear Parishioners,

It is Divine Mercy Sunday. I welcome you all to the Holy Season of Easter which was inaugurated with the Pascal Candle burning in our midst symbolizing the presence of the risen Lord among us. I thank you all for the spiritual and material preparations you made to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Thanks for the support you gave to me and to each other. I greatly appreciated the Easter Cards, eggs and telephone calls. May God bless your generosity.

Our parish was so blessed to have 10 adult members being baptized and received into the Church. It was such a consolation for all of us. The future of our parish and of the whole church is always manifested in the new members God calls into his service. I greatly admired your prayerfulness from the beginning of Lent.

I want to remind you that Jesus did not make us his followers because of our qualifications or holiness but because there is a need. There is a need to witnesses to him especially at this time when some people regrettably discouraged by sin in the church need to be encouraged. In ordinary life, true love is proved during difficult times. Remember the English saying "A friend in need is a friend indeed." To be a Christian in today's world is to stand out for Jesus and for his church at his time of need. Veronica the woman in the gospel seeing Jesus bruised and battered broke out through the crowd to wipe the face of a condemned man! Jesus appreciated that and thanked her for it, but it was a great act of courage for her to defy whatever opinion the crowd had about Jesus.

The resurrection of Jesus, did not take away the scars and wounds on his body, such imperfections were the means by which he was to be known and recognized by those who followed him. Those scars of sin and imperfection in the Church will always remain, but they should only help us to recognize his power working in the world.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ – Parish Priest.

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Choir Practice: is always after 11.30am Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays. All are welcome.

Rosa Mystica prayers will be held on Tuesday 13th April between 2.00-3.00pm in the Lady Chapel.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated this Sunday at St. Mary & St. Benedict Church, Raglan Street, Coventry. The prayers will commence at 1.30pm with music and songs by Coventry CCC Group. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3.45pm., followed by cup of tea and biscuits in the parish hall. Please come and celebrate the mercy of God which is beyond human understanding.

The Monthly prayer meeting is on last Thursday of every month from 6.30-7.30pm followed by Mass. Prayer for priests is on First Friday of every month from 6.30-7.30pm followed by Mass.

Year of Priests: We pray for the following priests in the next two weeks:

Saturday	10	Fr. Mgr. Michael Sharkey
Sunday	11	Fr. John Sharp
Monday	12	Fr. Richard Sharples
Tuesday	13	Fr. Frederick Sheldon
Wednesday	14	Fr. Edward Simpson

Thursday	15	Fr. Anthony Sims
Friday	16	Fr. Hugh Sinclair
Saturday	17	Fr. Charles Smith

Collection: Gift Aid: £127.00 Holy Places: £ 225.00 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 11th April Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

Second Collection: Priest Training Fund 25th April 2010.

Bonus Ball: N0. 49 Una McCabe. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

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Family Draw for the month of April will take place on Monday 19th April during the Monday club session. Money will be collected during the weekend of 17th/18th.

Princethorpe Retreat and Conference Centre offers a number of opportunities for spiritual enrichment. Details are on the notice board.

Wooden Flower stands: you might have noticed two beautiful wooden stands by the sanctuary holding the flower pots. I'm very grateful to the family of Ms Sharon Naughton of Widston village who donated them to our parish. They are artistically carved adding to the beauty of St. Mary's Church. My thanks goes to Ms Christina who has made liturgical vestments and donated them to our church. Surely, we cannot do without generous people in the church today.

Please pray for Ms. Sue Cutter the lady who used to manage the Fairtrade Stall. She fell ill in Sierra Leone (Ivory Coast) where she is working as a missionary owing to the difference in climate. Please let us remember her in all our prayers, not to forget those who are dear to us and need our prayers.

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Thanks to all individuals and Parish Departments who prepared Easter and made it such a great celebration of our faith. Indeed the Lord is Risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Third Sunday of Easter
18th to 25th April 2010

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 25th 2010..

Next Sunday we shall celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Why should we pray for vocations? Well Jesus asked us to pray for vocations.

"After this Jesus sent out 72 others ahead of him in towns and villages he wanted to visit. He said to them 'the harvest is rich but the laborers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into his harvest' Lk. 10: 2.

The crisis of vocations concerns us all. We need priests, we need religious people and we need lay men and women who can go ahead of the Lord. It is not so much the numbers that the church needs; but holy priests and holy religious men and women, not mere social workers. We therefore pray for holiness of life in all those who are called to this ministry.

Vocations in the church will prosper if every Christian employs a personal friendship with Jesus Christ. It is our relationship with him that sustains us. The witness we give as Christians to young people in our families, in the schools and in the church will either point them to Christ in the service of the Church or will deter them from following him.

All Christians are responsible for the promotion of vocations in the Church; but in my own experience, this duty rests more especially on the parents in the home. We never fall in love with strangers; so with vocations, children are less likely to follow Jesus in the priesthood or religious life if they have never heard their parents talk about it to them. Probably we need to ask ourselves: 'how often do I talk to others about vocations!'

I wish you every blessing as we pray for vocations next Sunday. Please young people feel free to speak to me about this important subject.

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Sunday	18	Fr. Paul Smith
Monday	19	Fr. Peter smith
Tuesday	20	Fr. Archibald Snell
Wednesday	21	Fr. Stephen Squires
Thursday	22	Fr. Michael Stack
Friday	23	Fr. David Standen
Saturday	24	Fr. Kazimierz Stefek

Collection: Gift Aid £131.96 Lose £336.61 Total: £468.57 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 18th April Sandra McAvoy & Maureen Jones

Second collection: 25th April priests' training fund

Bonus Ball: N0. 37 Liam Leslie. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Spring Sale: will be next week end 24th/25th April in the parish hall. We need some items to be displayed. Please if you have some good items you do not need bring them. Kindly contact Marie Gardner on 024 76229026 or Jean Hoey on 024 76 257929 for more information.

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Archbishop Bernard Longley invites you to join him on the 2010 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of His Grace and his Auxiliary Bishops from Saturday 29th May to Saturday 5th June. Details on the notice board.

Volunteering Overseas: Would you like to be engaged in lay apostolate both at home and abroad? Well here you might find the answer. The Lay Missionary and volunteer Network is a group of Catholic volunteer and Missionary organizations, responding to the Spirit, committed to participating in new ways of authentic partnership in mission, promoting the integrity of each person, culture and the whole creation. It is an opportunity for those who wish to render their service overseas with a faith-based organisation. For further information please see the notice board.

A team of Legion of Mary from Ireland: will visit our Parish of St. Mary's for one week from 21st -28th August 2010 in what is called "Peregrinatio Pro Christo Project" They will certainly need our cooperation in order to make them feel welcomed and to help them fulfill their apostolate. Details will be submitted later.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

25th April to 2nd May 2010

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Dear parishioners,

The travel ban which was imposed on British airspace few days ago caused anxieties to families, friends and to the trade industry. Man's failure to subdue nature reminds us that we're mere creatures no matter how great we may boast of our inventions. The natural forces should help us to know that there is a God who has absolute control over what he has created.

Travelers stranded in various parts of the world made incredible journeys crossing continents and countries in order to reach their homes. Indeed home as we know is a place of safety and love. Those who were at home were deeply worried about their loved ones out there, and prayed that they returned safely and as soon as it was possible.

Jesus taught us that we are on a pilgrimage, "I'm going to prepare a place for you and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me so that where I'm you may be too," Jn 14:2-3. It will be absolutely insane for anyone to act in a way that takes out of the picture this final destination, which as our faith teaches us, is in God himself; for where God is, that is where our aspiration for a final destiny should aim.

The struggle of stranded travellers to reach their destinations should help us to realize that we shall never count ourselves at home with anything or with anybody in this life except until we discover God. St. Augustine of Hippo once observed: You created us for yourself Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." What do you aim at as your final destination?

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ – Parish Priest.

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Year of Priests: We pray for the following priests in the next two weeks:

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Sunday	25	Fr. Simon Stephens
Monday	26	Fr. John Steward
Tuesday	27	Canon Edward Stewart
Wednesday	28	Fr. Marcus Stock
Thursday	29	Fr. Peter John Stonier
Friday	30	Fr. Peter William Stonier
Saturday	01	Fr. Anthony Talbot

Collection: Gift Aid £201.05 Lose £ 441.46 Total: £ 642.51 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 25th April Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

2nd collection: Priests' Training Fund.

Bonus Ball: N0. 30 Tony Smith and Genet Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Family Draw: Winners for April 2010

First Prize No. 315 M. Crean

25, Colchester Road, Coventry

Second Prize No. 550 Janie Patalong

45, Walsgrave Road, Coventry

Third Prize No. 449 Joe Cook
266, Daventry Road, Coventry

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Evesham: on Saturday 12th June 2010. The solemn Mass at 1.00pm in the Abbey Grounds, Principal Celebrant Rt. Rev. Dom Aidan Bellenger Abbot of Downside. Details are on the notice board. The pilgrimage to Holy land will be from 28th Sept-7th October. Places are still available please contact the diocesan office if you want to go to the Holy land to book you a place.

Ordination of Mr. Robert Giampaglia to diaconate will take place at St. Chad's Cathedral on 18th July 2010 at 3:00pm. Please let us keep him in our prayers.

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Spring Sale: this weekend 24th/25th April in the parish hall after every Mass. Please go in and have a good bargain.

Diocesan Collection for Haiti: raised £368,685.00 Thanks to all of us who responded to such disaster. This is without doubt a great expression of our conscience and solidarity with the needy.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd to 9th May 2010

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On May 6th, the people of United Kingdom will go to the polls to choose new leaders of the country. There is no doubt that many Christians will turn up on the material day to cast their vote. Some however might not feel interested to turn up either because they are disillusioned by politicians, or take politics to be a worldly dirty game.

But look at it this way: during the past weeks of campaigning politicians have presented their manifestos which revealed their policies in case they came into Office No. 10. Do you agree with whatever has been said? Do the policies promote basic human rights and values? A Christian cannot ignore these policies without giving them a second thought. For that reason turning up to vote on May 6th becomes a Christian Duty.

The Bishops Conference of England and Wales has established a Website link which parishioners might find helpful to consider when you are approached by parliamentary aspirants. While choosing our leaders (voting) is a Christian duty and a civil right, there are some points which you might need to consider as a Christian and which you would possibly like to know what opinion the candidate has about them. The questions are available online on http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/catholic_church/media_centre/press_releases/press_releases_2010/issues_and_questions_for_parliamentary_candidates. These questions also appear in the new edition of Faith Today.

The Church encourages us to go and vote. Let your voice be heard through the ballot box. It is an opportunity which cannot be ignored. If you ignore going to vote you will have thrown away a pearl of great value. It is your right, it is your duty, it is your country. I wish you all a peaceful polling day.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ.

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Year of Priests: We pray for the following priests in the next two weeks:

Saturday	01	Fr. Anthony Talbot
Sunday	02	Fr. David Tams
Monday	03	Fr. Aldo Tapparo
Tuesday	04	Fr. Mariano Tarrosa
Wednesday	05	Fr. Robert Taylerson
Thursday	06	Fr. Anthony Taylor
Friday	07	Canon Pete Taylor
Saturday	08	Fr. Joseph Quang Nguyen

Collection: Gift Aid £172.9450 Lose £356.68 Total: £529.62
Thank you.

2nd collection Priest Training Fund: £181.55

Counters: Sun 2nd May Tom Ferris and Agnes Heffernan.

Bonus Ball: N0. 34, Mrs. Rose Hogan. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Intercom at the Presbytery door has been fixed. Please remember to ring the bell for assistance.

Visit of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI: Let us remember the Holy Father in our prayers as he prepares to visit this country in September. We are blessed that he will celebrate Holy Mass here in Coventry at which he will beatify Cardinal John Henry Newman. on 19th September 2010 .

Thinking of becoming a Catholic would you like to be received into the church? The course RCIA will start in September 2010. It involves attendance of ONE hour weekly sessions in the evening. Please contact Fr. Jimmy.

Forthcoming Pilgrimages:

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Evesham: on Saturday 12th June 2010. Details are on the notice board. The pilgrimage to Holy Land will be from 28th Sept-7th October. Places are still available please contact the diocesan office if you want to go to the Holy land to book you a place. Pilgrimage to Biblical Cappadocia and Istanbul Turkey contact Asia Minor Tours on 00353 (0)1823 5448. See Notice board.

Penalty for losing a Baptismal Certificate: At baptism a certificate is issued. Some people do not value it at all and come to the Office several times in a year asking for another copy claiming that the one issued is lost. A penalty of £20.00 has been fixed if you lose the baptismal certificate. This is to be paid in the Office before a new one is issued. Please take care of your certificates.

Change of Mass time: Death occurred to Mr. Feichin Patrick Fagan (k/a John) of Beaufort Nursing Home, Kenilworth Road. Reception on Tuesday 4th May at 7:00pm and funeral Mass on Wednesday 5th May at 10:00am

Marriage Blessing: Mr. (Dr.) Ifeanyi Nzekwe, from St. Patrick's Catholic Parish – Kawo Kaduna Nigeria, son of Nnaemeka Nzekwe and Grace Nzekwe of Umunno Utuh Anambra State Nigeria will have his marriage blessed here at St. Mary's on 5th June 2010 Mary with Miss Onyekachi Hemuka daughter of Noble Hemuka and Josephine Hemuka of Abayi Umuocham, Abia State Nigeria. If there is anyone who knows why this blessing should not take place please come and inform the Parish Priest.

The Venue is changed: for the Picnic in aid of Fr. Hudson Society: which was supposed to take place at the Coventry War Memorial Park on the Bank Holiday of May 31st from 12:00noon. This will instead take place in the school grounds of Bishop Ullathorne on Leasowes Avenue, Green Lane CV3 6BH. Registration remains £5:00 per family. All are welcome to join.

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Spring Fare: Thanks to you all who supported our Spring Fare last weekend which raised £156:00 for the parish. Thanks to Mrs. Jean Hoey and Marie Alec who organized the event and to you all who donated the goods and those who bought them.

Charismatic Mass and prayers; on Pentecost day 23rd May starting 2:30pm. here at St. Mary's Church. For details see posters on the notice boards please. All nations are welcome.

NO MONDAY CLUB NEXT WEEK Mass on Monday 9:30am.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
9th to 16th May 2010

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Thank God the campaigns are over; we can sit back and listen to something else other than politics. I followed the campaigns closely not because I'm interested in politics but as a pastor of God's people, it is necessary to keep watch on the menu that the flock is fed on. From a pastoral and Christian perspective there are some interesting observations I made. I noticed for example how easy it is to blame others for the failures! No doubt others might make things difficult but to blame ones' defeat on others is to admit that we are not big enough to overcome the obstacles that are in the way. When the expert misses the mark he looks for the fault within himself. Failure to reach the goal is not so much the fault of something beyond ourselves as of something within ourselves.

A good number things are blamed on the Church these days even by Christians. There are many things that need a new approach, but to improve them, individual Christians ought to overcome the crisis of faith within. Let us aim at improving our personal relationship with Jesus as members of his body – the church.

Can we succeed? Yes but only if we overcome the daily difficulties of our faith and not be overcome by them. We must never fall away from Jesus or from his Church. Remember always that obstacles are only a challenge to a person determined to win, for someone not determined to win, he never meets obstacles. Of many a situation it has been said "It can't be done" but of every achievement made against odds it has always been said; "It couldn't be done, but somehow it was done." It is when we remain firm in our Christian calling against all difficulties that we prove our Love for Christ.

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Sunday	09	Fr. Anthony Timlin
Monday	10	Canon Mervyn Tower
Tuesday	11	Fr. Sean Turley
Wednesday	12	Fr. Joseph Tynon
Thursday	13	Fr. Patrick Udoma
Friday	14	Fr. Michael Vaughan
Saturday	15	Fr. Jonathan Veasey

Collection: Gift Aid £189.09 Lose £330.93 Total: £520.02 Spring fare £42.75 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 9th Mick Hogan and Vera Dunnion.

Bonus Ball: NO. 2 Sr. Leena. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Coventry Pioneer Rally will take place at Pioneer Hall, broad Street Foleshill on Sat. 22nd May starting with Mass at 6:30pm. There will be entertainments by Little Jimmy.

Death Announcement: of Mrs. Theresa Persons of Vecoueray Street. Theresa was one of our old parishioners who has been housebound for many years. Please remember her in your prayers.

The cleaning of our church has reached a crisis stage. The reasons for this are understandable; some volunteers who kept the church clean are either assaulted by bad health or old age! Their spirits are willing but the bodies are weak. Young people are in work or have children to take to school early morning during the week. Please may I suggest that if you are able to spare some time on Saturday morning between 8:30am and 10:30am can you come and help in cleaning our place of prayer?

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Temporary Job opportunity Catholic Education Service for England and Wales (CESEW) is looking for a temporary member of staff to support its work in a number of areas over the summer period. This is an exciting opportunity to work for an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in their work preparing for the Papal Visit and following on from the General Election. The successful applicant will work closely with the Policy and Briefing Manager and will be expected to undertake a mixture of high and low end tasks to assist in many of CESEW's areas of work. This post will be based in their London office.

The successful applicant will:

Have excellent communication, literacy and ICT skills

Have an excellent understanding of the Catholic Church

Have good organizational skills

Be self-motivated and able to work well with others

Start date: July 2010 (end date to be negotiated)

Interested persons should submit a copy of their CV with a covering letter to mmccormack@cesew.org.uk

Any queries should be addressed to Maeve McCormack at the above address or call her on 020 7901 1914

Financing the Pope's Visit in September: The Office of the Archdiocesan treasurer has suggested that a second collection be taken on Pentecost Sunday to help to cover the expenses on the Pope's visit to England.

Next Sunday is the Ascension of the Lord.

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
16th to 23rd May 2010
Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 133/140

Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky?

The mysteries of our faith are deep indeed as today we celebrate the ascension of the Lord. As Christians we can clearly conclude that what we believe is not a cleverly invented myth but a revelation given by God

1 Pt.2:16. Other people might be more pleased to declare their unbelief in God and religion dismissing what we believe as empty! But those who enthusiastically declare their unbelief only reveal their troubled conscience over the matter.

The day of Jesus' return to the Father is a day of joy. Therefore let us lift up our hearts and raise up our minds. Christianity assures us of the destiny of all those who believe in Jesus. The preface at this Ascension Day Mass will remind us that "Where he our head has gone before us he his body hope to follow." It is very important to entertain thoughts of our final redemption, for hope is not deceptive.

Do we know everything of the mysteries beyond? Not at all, if we knew there would be no need to hope. It is like a game of football, if I knew the final score before it started, there would be no reason to spend 90 minutes watching the game! We believe as scripture teaches us that; "No ear has heard and no eye has seen what God has prepared for all those who love him." 1 Cor. 2:9. We have his word: "Where I'm you too will be" Jn. 14:3.

Lord, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Guard this hope with your grace and bring it to fulfillment in the kingdom of heaven.

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Monday	17	Fr. John Wairagu
Tuesday	18	Fr. Richard Walker
Wednesday	19	Fr. Brian Wall
Thursday	20	Fr. John Walsh
Friday	21	Fr. Thomas Walton
Saturday	22	Fr. James Ward

Collection: Gift Aid £216.47 Lose £ 364.88 Total: £ 581.35
Thank you.

Second Collection for Pope's visit on Pentecost Sunday.

Counters: Sun 16th May Mick Hogan, Vera Dunnion

Bonus Ball: N0. 16 Mary Mulrooney. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Death announcement: of Mr. Bill Clisham of King Edward Rd who died at Fountain Lodge on Sunday. Bill was an outstanding member of this parish for more than 60 years together with Bridie

his wife who died in February. They had an extraordinary faith in God and loyalty to the Church. Reception on 20th May 6:00pm. Funeral Mass on Friday 21st May at 10:30 am.

Death occurred to Mrs. Teresa Parsons of 15, Vecqueral St. Reception Wed. May 19th at 8:00pm. Mass on Thursday 20th at 10:00am. Please remember them in your prayers

Our Licking Flat Roof: The bad weather left our flat roof right from the garage to the convent badly damaged! Roofing Engineers both local and from the Archdiocese have come and looked at it and gave their own assessment. As you know a flat roof will always be a problem. As your parish priest I feel deeply concerned about buckets along corridors and in the hall to trap licking water. Before I commission any work to be undertaken I want to make sure that I get it right. Until that happens I'm sorry that basins and buckets will be around. I know you will all understand.

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Pentecost Prayer Convention: a group of Charismatics from all over Coventry City will hold a prayer session here at St. Mary's Church on 23rd May 2010 (Pentecost Sunday) from 2:30pm until 6:30pm. Are you interested in Charismatic prayer? Would you like to know how they go about things in a charismatic style? Please come and join them. For more information contact Mr. Tom Ward on 07710143740. or Sr. Margaret on 024-76592408.

Visiting Thomas King and Pioneer Flats: Members of Legion of Mary will visit the residents of the mentioned flats this Sunday. I'm sure they will knock on some of your doors. Please welcome them. Remember the words "Benedictus Qui venit in nomine Domini = Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord".

My thanks to those parishioners who turned up on Saturday to clean the church. As I mentioned the cleaning of our church has reached a crisis stage. The reasons for this are understandable; some volunteers who kept the church clean are either assaulted by bad health or old age! . Please may I suggest that if you are able to spare some time on Saturday morning between 8:30am and 10:30am that you come and help in cleaning our place of prayer?

Temporary Job opportunity The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CESEW) is looking for a temporary member of staff to support its work in a number of areas over the summer period in preparation for the Pope's visit. The successful applicant will work closely with the Policy and Briefing Manager and will be expected to undertake a mixture of high and low end tasks to assist in many of CESEW's areas of work. This post will be based in their London. Start date: July 2010 (end date to be negotiated) Interested persons should submit a copy of their CV with a covering letter to mmccormack@cesew.org.uk Any queries should be addressed to Maeve McCormack at the above address or call her on 020 7901 1914

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Financing the Pope's Visit in September: The Office of the Archdiocesan treasurer has suggested that a second collection be taken on Pentecost Sunday to help to cover the expenses on the Pope's visit to England.

Next Sunday is Pentecost and end of Eater time.

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Solemnity of Pentecost
23rd to 30th May 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part 2 Pg 26

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and renew the face of the earth. Send forth your Spirit Lord and they shall be created; and you shall renew the face of the earth.

On Pentecost day the apostles spoke a new language:

- A language of peace not of war.
- A language of cooperation not of competition.
- A language of forgiveness not of vengeance.
- A language of hope not of despair.
- A language of tolerance not of prejudice.
- A language of friendship not of hostility.
- A language of unity not of division.
- A language of belonging to the group not of isolation.
- A language of togetherness not of going it alone.
- A language of love not of hate.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit people of different languages, races and color learned to profess one faith to the praise and glory of God. That is the real miracle of Pentecost, and it is a miracle which thankfully still happens in our Church. Don't you sometimes wonder how someone from the other part of the world is professing the same faith and doing the same way and experiencing the same grace of God just as we have?

We pray for ourselves on this day that we may experience a new Pentecost in our lives. Let each one of us become an ambassador of the new world order which God is creating through the gift of his Holy Spirit.

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Monday	24	Fr. Peter Weatherby
Tuesday	25	Fr. Terrance Whatmore
Wednesday	26	Fr. Edmund Whelan
Thursday	27	Fr. Paul Wheildon
Friday	28	Fr. Michael White
Saturday	29	Fr. Anthony Wilcox

Collection: Gift Aid £ 178.07 Lose £390.89 Total: £ 568.96
Spring Fare 52.83 Thank you for supporting the church.

Second collection this weekend: Holy Father's visit

Counters: Sun 23rd May Sandra McAvoy, Maureen Jones
Bonus Ball: N0. 44 Rose Hogan, please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Charismatic Prayer: and Holy Mass for Coventry Charismatic Renewal this Pentecost Sunday here at St. Mary's. Celebrations will start from 2:30pm until 6:30pm. A novena has been going on by this group praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Come and join them as they conclude the Easter Season in style.

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End of Easter time: We have come to the end of Easter time, the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. I thank you all for prayerfully preparing for this time. The Pascal Candle will be taken away from the sanctuary. It will be returned on occasions when there is a baptism or when we shall celebrate our Christian hope if one of us is called to God. From Monday, the recitation of the "Angelus" resumes instead of Regina Caeli. Church vestments change from white to green color until the first Sunday of Advent on November 29th.

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30th May to 6th June 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part 2 Pg 30

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Eleventh Sunday Year C

13th to 20th June 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 83/85 onwards

Dear Children receiving your first Holy Communion, I can only imagine what a wonderful experience it is for you today as you receive Jesus Christ in his full humanity and divinity for the first time. You have waited for so long. This day is indeed made for you by the Lord, let us rejoice and be glad. The reason why the Church asked you to wait until this time, was to emphasize to you the point that Holy Communion is not a joke, only those who have obtained sufficient understanding of what they are doing, can receive Holy Communion as you are doing today.

I remember the day I received my first Holy Communion as the occasion when I asked God what I wanted to be in my life – a priest. God heard it because it was my special day and he could not say No. Please ask him something for yourself today.

All of us need to eat food in order to keep our bodies alive, if we don't eat food, we starve and when we starve, we die. This applies to Holy Communion the food of our souls. It is true that while some Christians might be physically healthy, those who have given up receiving Holy Communion are undergoing spiritual starvation, a starvation which leads to death.

I wholeheartedly thank your parents who have been preparing you since the day of your baptism and your teachers who have encouraged you again and again. Remember that your parents, the teachers and the Christian community counts on you for the increased holiness of the church. May God bless you in a very special way on this day.

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Rosa Mystica prayers will take place as usual on Sunday 13th June 2010 between 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the Lady's chapel

Collection: Gift Aid £163.54 Lose £ 482.88 Total: £ 646.42
Thank you.

Second Collection: 27th June Peter's pence

Counters: Sun 13th June Sandra, Maureen

Bonus Ball: N0. 30 P. McKenna Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Welcome to Sr. Lydwin who has been on her holidays in India to see her family after 3 years. I never knew how hard it was to sit in the Office to handle all the work she was managing on behalf of the parish priest not until she left! Surely I need a holiday too.

Our Parish Piety Stall is a non- big- profit making establishment with a lot of Christian articles for sale to you. Its aim is to bring the services it offers close to you. I thank you all for supporting it over the years. When you buy an article from it, the little profit that comes out of it goes to subsidize our parish expenditure. Try to make use of it as many times as you can.

Family Draw will take place on Monday 21st June during the Monday club session. All the monies will be collected during this weekend 19th/20th June.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: This weekend we welcome Fr. Eugene Nee a friend of St. Mary's who will lead us in all the Masses. Next weekend Fr. David Francis Kaniry from the Ark of the Covenant will be here to take care of you until I return from home on July 8th. Please give them warm hospitality. I express my gratitude for their generosity to let me go to see my family including the graves of my parents.

During this time of my absence, I count on each and every one of you for the continual growth of the parish. I trust that you will keep an eye on each other, and that all our daily liturgical and devotional prayers will go on. A time will come when priests will get fewer in number than those we have today. The perseverance and faithfulness of the Christians to carry on until they get another priest, will secure the survival of any given parish.

Fr. David will do Saturday 10:30 Masses and preside over the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I will miss you all, but I will be extremely pleased to return and find you steadfast in faith and firm in hope. Remember that a priest is only a servant, the real burden of making sure that the parish continues lies in its owners – the parishioners.

On Mondays' the Service of the Word will precede the meeting. Fr. Jimmy will not be here, but Jesus is here among you in his Word and in the Eucharist. Please keep both as we normally do. I wish you all success as you take care of the Parish. I know you will do a fine job for the greater glory of God and for the growth of our parish.

Year for Priests: Let us pray for the following seminarians:

Sun	13th	Craig Davies
Mon	14th	Philip Bowen
Tue	15	David Doran
Wed	16th	Michael Glover
Thurs	17th	Ben Kelly
Fri	18th	Craig Szmidt
Sat	19th	Michael Puljic
Sun	20th	Roger Peck

Invitation to an Ordination: Mr. Robert Giampaglia invites the parishioners and friends of St. Mary's to his Ordination to Permanent Diaconate at St. Chad's Cathedral Birmingham on Sunday 18th July 2010 at 3:00pm. A coach is being booked and those wishing to go please call Mr. Robert on 02476221116. There will be refreshments served in the Grimshaw Hall after Mass. The cost of the coach per person will be £4:00.

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Twelfth Sunday 20th – 27th June 2010.
Mass Book Yr C, Part 2 Pg 39/ 44.

Dear Parishioners,

It is a Sunday and I know you are gathered again to celebrate the Eucharist. I must have mentioned to you in one of my homilies that when you come to Sunday Mass, I as your priest looking at you, I see a people who have been preparing for the event. Even for some who might take it as one of their habits; it is a holy habit which comes out of faith.

Here in my village, I'm amazed to see how families prepare themselves for the Sunday Mass. Moms and dads wake up a bit early to prepare the children for the Mass after all, they have been talking about it during the week to them. There is a lot of excitement as children put on their best cloths and shoes. You cannot imagine the amount of lotion some apply on their tiny faces to be at their best during Mass! Surely moms must be generous with it.

Here, the Sunday Mass is the greatest event of the week! There are televisions and sports everywhere, but nobody takes them as substitutes for the Sunday Mass. When you come here, you get shocked how every person is scrambling to take part for the development of the church. The priests here do not reach out to Yellow Pages instead men and women who are experts in some areas mobilize others to have certain works done for the parish. I can now understand why the African Church will continue to grow; it is because the Christians take it as their own heritage.

You know what, St. Mary's will grow even greater and stronger if we are passionate to see it grow and we feel happy to be part of that growth. This reminds me of the parable of the Shepherd who owns the sheep and the hired man at the time when the wolf appears on the scene.

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: This weekend Fr. David Francis Keniry from the Ark of the Covenant is here to take care of you. Please give him warm hospitality. I express my gratitude for his generosity to let me go to see my family including the graves of my parents.

During this time of my absence, I count on each and every one of you for the continual growth of the parish. I trust that you will keep an eye on each other, and that all our daily liturgical and devotional prayers will go on. A time will come when priests will get fewer in number than those we have today. The perseverance and faithfulness of the Christians to carry on until they get another priest, will secure the survival of any given parish.

On Mondays' the Service of the Word will precede the meeting. Fr. Jimmy will not be there, but Jesus is among you in his Word and in the Eucharist. I wish you all success as you take care of the Parish. I know you will do a fine job for the greater glory of God and for the growth of our parish.

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Thirteenth Sunday

27th June to 4th July 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 41/46 onwards

Dear Parishioners, Have you accumulated enough evidence to convict you? Here at my holiday I attended a court hearing at which I was one of the judges. There were lots of accusations and counter accusations that it was difficult to find out fiction from fact. Nevertheless as a judge it was my duty to conduct a fair trial, give each party a hearing, and pass sentence based on the evidence that could not be disputed.

In the course of the trial, some persons shed tears, others raised their voices pointing fingers and some cursed heaven while still some claimed innocence. Yet no behavior could attract my undue sympathy or derail my procedure, all I wanted was evidence which could be used either to convict or to free someone. Something struck my heart. Imagine this trial was being conducted to prove my being a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, would I have enough evidence to convict me as a Christian! This question is very deep; the answer can be given individually and personally. Being a Christian goes beyond appearing in the company of Christians or fulfilling the letters of Christian laws.

I believe that unless we become staunch Christians to a degree that nobody can prove the contrary we shall not produce enough evidence to qualify us for heaven as followers of Christ. Lukewarm Christianity and merely external religiosity must be avoided.

At the end of the trial, I dismissed the accused for lack of sufficient evidence, yet that did not mean that he was entirely innocent!

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Prayer for the Papal Visit to Britain

16th -19th September 2010.

God of truth and love, your son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light to all who seek you with a sincere heart. As we strive with your grace to be faithful in word and deed, may we reflect the kindly light of Christ and offer a witness of hope and peace to all. We pray for Pope Benedict and look forward with joy to his forthcoming visit to our countries. May he be a witness to the unity and hope which is your will for all people. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Family Draw Winners June 2010:

First Prize: 046 D.J. Ford 28 Clovelly Way, London

Second Prize: 334 Mary Griffith 22, Grantham Street, Coventry

Third Prize: 415 Peggy McKenna Terry Road, Coventry

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Fourteenth Sunday
4th to 11th July 2010
Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 43/48 onwards

Dear Parishioners,

I am already on the last phase of my holidays and very soon I'll be with you to celebrate the feast of St. Benedict, the patron of our parish.

St Benedict is known as the patriarch of Western Monasticism. He was born about 480AD and died in 547. At that time, the Goths set up a kingdom in Italy and were striving to defend it when at the age of 14 the young Benedict went to Rome to complete his education.

He fled Rome convinced that God was calling him to be a monk or hermit. Upon receiving his monastic uniform, he underwent 3 years probation of silence, penance and prayer at Subiaco. He built 12 monasteries for postulants, Goth and nobles who wished to share his way of life.

Benedict established the famous Abbey at Monte Casino where he spent the rest of his life and wrote a Rule of Life which has dominated Western religious life for 600 years. It is a remarkable document, rigidly Roman in style emphasizing the virtues of obedience and humility.

St. Benedict was buried at Monte Casino in the same grave as his sister St. Scholastica. The feast of St. Benedict was in earlier times celebrated on March 21st the date of his death but it was changed to July 11th. He is remembered especially for his famous motto "Ora et Labora" = Pray and work. Indeed every religious person you meet today no matter which part of the world he/she comes from, has something of St. Benedict in him/her. Let us try to imitate his motto as we strive to build our school and parish communities.

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Second Collection: £ 175.80 Peter's pence. Thank you

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Howkstone Hall Redemptorist International Pastoral Retreat Centre offers a number of courses on Scripture and Contemporary Moral Dilemmas during this summer. Ideal for all those involved in Pastoral Ministry and for those who wish to be better informed. Please find details on the notice board

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Meeting of Lectors of 11.30am Mass is on Sunday 4th July after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel. All the existing lectors and the new members are requested to attend the same.

Feast of St. Benedict: Next Sunday 11th July is the feast of St. Benedict, the Patron of our parish. We shall have Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am as usual. On this happy occasion I invite you all for a cup of tea/coffee in the parish hall after 9.30am Mass and also 11.30am Mass. It is an opportunity to come together and express our joy and sense of belonging to this spiritual home of ours.

A word of thank you to all those who offer their service in different ways however small it may be, for the building up of our Parish.

God bless you all.

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Fifteenth Sunday

11th to 18th July 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 45/50 onwards

Dear Parishioners,

I bring you greetings from my family and from the people of Uganda. I thank you all for taking care of the parish and for taking care of one another. I remember asking you to carry out these duties as by them we continue to support one another in our journey of faith. I'm grateful to you for warmly welcoming Fr. Eugene Nee and Fr. David Keniry and for your support to them as supply priests. I know you made them feel happy with our parish community.

At the time of my departure, I felt so tired and exhausted and I had convinced myself that throughout my holiday, I would not think about St. Mary's. I was deceived! The first week was fine, but after that, I started missing every one from the children to the oldest among us. My thoughts were on each one of you counting on your commitment to the building of our parish. Given the fact that this Mission has been entrusted to us by the Lord Jesus Himself, I could not bear waiting any longer to join you in this task.

May I remind you as I have done before, that while the future of our parish is in the hands of God; it is in our hands too. Each one of us is a key player and each one of us is placed in the central position by Jesus the owner of this mission in order to make our parish to bear fruit. That is why I have never noticed any single person among us who is least to be ignored; or found someone so indispensable that he/she could do all things for us. We are servants to each other and masters at the same time as others wait on us.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of St. Benedict our Parish Patron Saint and next weekend the parish will be blessed with a permanent deacon in the person of Mr. Robert Giampaglia. This is a sign of growth for us. Let us continue to do our duty to God and God in turn will not fail to do his duty to us.

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Mass of Beatification: As you will now be aware, the venue chosen for the Beatification Mass on Sunday 19 September at 10am is COFTON PARK, Rednal- Birmingham. The choice of the place means the number of people to attend will be reduced to about 65,000. Admission for the Mass is by ticket only. As the Beatification Mass is the only large event outside London and Glasgow, tickets will be in great demand, their allocation will be made by the London coordinating Office, thus fewer tickets will be available to each parish than we had hoped. Due to these circumstances, the Archbishop regrets that there will be some disappointed members from parish communities.

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Somebody is looking for a photograph of May Procession 1956, with Statue bearers Ann Pierotti and Mary Duffin. If you have this photograph and willing to loan it for copying please contact Fr. Jimmy.

R.I.P.; Please remember in your prayers Patricia Gibbons who died on Thursday 8th July. The Reception of her body into St. Mary's will be on Monday 12th July at 7.00pm and the funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 13th July at 1.00pm

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Sixteenth Sunday

18th to 25th July 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 48/54 onwards

Repairing our severely damaged Flat Roof

I must have mentioned to you in the course of the year that the flat roof of our church property right from the garage to the convent is leaking. You must have noticed basins and buckets in various corners whenever it rained. Well the situation needs to be rectified possibly before we get a severe weather again. I had several ideas including putting a pitched roof on the convent, the hall and the alleyway but this will be too expensive. It has been suggested that an improved flat roof be established instead, which will include an introduction on 8mm insulation material to meet the building regulations.

Various roofing material manufacturers and contractors have visited the project and given their suggestions. These have in turn been presented to the diocesan treasury for further study.

This project worthwhile as it will plunge the parish into a huge financial debt! We had borrowed £70,000 to pay for the works that had been initiated by my predecessor. Thank you all for working hard until now we have managed to reduce it to £21000 which is outstanding. Since the parish has no money to repair the flat roof, we are going to borrow again. The longer this work is postponed the worse it gets, we have no option but to come together and see what we can do for our parish.

Although this work would have started earlier, I did not want it to be carried on during my absence for reasons you can guess. It is my wish that the work starts as soon as possible once the deal is sealed. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

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Pilgrims to our Parish: Wednesday 21st July about 50 pilgrims from Switzerland will visit our parish and have a Mass at 7.00am.

Accommodation wanted... Bed & Breakfast for 6 people of Legion of Mary from the 21st to 28th August. Payment of £40.00 per person will be made. If you would like to help please contact Ron Jones on 024 76 525224. Details are on the notice board.

□ THE POPE'S VISIT:

Important information is put on the notice boards as you go out of the Church concerning the Pope's visit. Would you like to serve as the Pope' Steward or to act as a Volunteer Steward, Nurse, Doctor, and First Aider etc...? Please if you want to serve in any capacity read the information on the board and send your reply to the relevant office for your inclusion.

□ Tickets to Welcome the Pope: Sixty Seven Tickets have been allocated for St. Mary's Parish for the pilgrims wishing to go to welcome the Holy Father. The allocation is based on the percentage of each parish's Mass attendance. Please note that minors must be accompanied by an adult (parent or guardian). If you wish to go to the Mass please give your name to Sr. Lydwin. Tickets will be issued on the coach and £25.00 will be required for the coach per pilgrim.

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□ Nigerian Grand Night the Association of Nigerian Students Coventry University invite you to a Nigerian night out on Tuesday 20th July 2010 at Coventry University Student Union Building from 6:00pm. Dress traditionally. Admission fee £10. to include food, entertainment and raffle.

Family Draw for the month of July will be held on this Sunday, 25th July in the parish hall after 11.30am Mass. All the monies will be collected this weekend.

Marriage Bann: Anthony Paul Cunningham of 51 Beaconsfield Road, Coventry, son of Joseph Cunningham (Deceased) and Brenda Cunningham of 139 Charter Avenue, Coventry, intends to get married to Sandra Teresa Felton of 51 Beaconsfield Road, Coventry daughter of Francis Felton (deceased) and Teresa Felton of 54 Humber Road, Coventry. If there is anyone who knows why they should not get married, let him/her come forward and inform the Parish priest.

Coventry University Spirituality and Faith Centre: there will not be Mass in the chaplaincy until September 2010. If any student wishes to see Fr. Jimmy please contact on 07974984270.

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Seventeenth Sunday

25th July to 1st August 2010

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Dear parishioners,

It is holiday time, our roads and airports will soon get overwhelmed by holiday makers trying to get away. Last Friday as I celebrated holy Mass in the school to close the academic year, the excitement of the children was great as they looked forward to this time. In whichever way you plan to spend the holiday, God and the church must be at the center of it. It is a mistake not to think of where you will have your Sunday Mass as you plan your holiday. Sunday Mass ought to be on the agenda as well.

Jesus knew the necessity of rest; he himself rested several times. He told his tired disciples to come away to "some lonely place all by themselves and rest for a while" (Mk. 6:31); and when he stood up and said to those gathered round him "come unto me all you that labor and overburdened and I will give you rest" (Mt. 11:28) they did not ask what he was talking about! They knew; they saw it in his life. It was one of the things that drew them round him to listen to his words. Holidays therefore can also mean rest from those things that have often kept us away from doing our duty to God so that having some more time; we can give greater attention to our souls.

St. Mary's church will be open to anyone who will need a time of peace and quiet. This church remains a wonderful place to experience God's presence. Help the children to spend their time profitably by reading, playing and praying, keep them occupied. Help them to go to Sunday Mass.

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Counters: Sun 25th July Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

Bonus Ball: N0. 32 Peggy McKenna. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs on Sunday 5th September 2010. The confessions from 1.45 -2.30pm followed by Mass at 3.00pm. The Principal Celebrant & Preacher: The Most Rev. Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham. Details are on the notice board.

☐ Tickets to Welcome the Pope: Sixty Seven Tickets have been allocated for St. Mary's Parish for the pilgrims wishing to go to welcome the Holy Father. The allocation is based on the percentage of each parish's Mass attendance. Please note that minors must be accompanied by an adult (parent or guardian). If you wish to go to the Mass please give your name to Sr. Lydwin. Tickets will be issued on the coach and £25.00 will be required for the coach per pilgrim.

☐ What does it mean to you? The BBC Coventry and Warwickshire has asked me if they could come to the parish hall and interview volunteering parishioners what it means to them as Catholics the visit of the Holy Father to England. The program will be broadcast on air. This is a rare chance for us to catechize the nation. If you would be interested to come to the program which will be in our parish hall and to explain what the visit of the Pope means to you as a catholic please inform the Parish Priest.

Visiting Nuns from Lithuania: The Sisters of St. Elizabeth Convent will visit our parish on the weekend of 7th and 8th August 2010. They will have some works of art made by the Nuns themselves which they will be pleased to sell to us. Please give them a hospitable welcome.

Day for Life 2010 is celebrated this weekend. It aims to present the Church's teaching on death; it will highlight the importance of the sacrament of the sick, of praying for the dead and of accompanying the dying person as they journey towards God. It also points towards the consoling presence and support of the community of faith and all of those who 'have gone before us marked with sign of faith'.

Spirituality and Faith Centre: there will not be Mass in the chaplaincy until September 2010. If any student wishes to see Fr. Jimmy please contact on 07974984270.

Congratulations to our members of the Parish and Students of Coventry University who graduated during the course of the week. We hope that God will bless them with suitable jobs and a bright future.

Deacon Robert Giampaglia wishes to thank all the parishioners for their prayers, support and gifts on the occasion of his ordination and most of all for their presence at St. Chad's Cathedral which indeed made the day a memorable one. God bless you all.

Marriage Banns: Anthony Paul Cunningham of 51 Beaconsfield Road, Coventry, son of Joseph Cunningham (Deceased) and Brenda Cunningham of 139 Charter Avenue, Coventry, intends to get married to Sandra Teresa Felton of 51 Beaconsfield Road, Coventry daughter of Francis Felton (deceased) and Teresa Felton of 54 Humber Road, Coventry. If there is anyone who knows why they should not get married, let him/her come forward and inform the Parish priest.

Repair the Roof: There will be a meeting on Monday 26th July at 7:15pm to advise the parish priest on that matter. Everyone is invited to attend but those who were specially invited are requested to be present.

African Day Mass on Sunday 8th August 2010 starting from 2.30pm at St. Elizabeth's Church, St. Elizabeth's Road, Coventry, CV6 5BX. All are welcome. Details are on the notice board.

Accommodation needed... Bed & Breakfast for 6 people of Legion of Mary from the 21st to 28th August. Payment of £40.00 per person will be made. If you would like to help please contact Ron Jones on 024 76 525224. Details are on the notice board.

Family Draw for the month of July will be held on this Sunday, 25th July in the parish hall after 11.30am Mass. All the monies will be collected this weekend.

Funeral Mass for Margaret Wood, who died on 15th July 2010, will be held on Tuesday 27th July at 10.00am followed by interment at London Road Cemetery.

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Eighteenth Sunday

1st to 8th August 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 53/59 onwards

Dear parishioners, I'm very grateful to you all who turned up last Monday in the hall to advise me on the work of repairing the flat roof. Please thank you for your time and for the advice you gave.

The building regulations require putting insulation boards facilities on the roof in order to improve its thermal performance. The roofing material we intend to use is known as Resitrix SK self adhesive EPDM weatherproofing system complete with a 15 year manufacturers guarantee. If insulation boards are introduced as required by law, the manufacturer will increase the guarantee to 20 years.

The cost of the roof repairs is estimated to be around £50,000! We're certainly going to borrow this money but each one of us can contribute to the reduction of the debt. We need to work together just as we have always done. For example: do you have a party or bereavement gathering, why don't you hire our parish hall? Join the Gift Aid Scheme. Support other means by which the parish raises funds such as the monthly Family draw or the weekly Bonus Ball. Can you increase your weekly donation to the Sunday collection? Try to run our expenses down by switching off unnecessary lights, close the water taps, don't leave the room with lights switched on. Volunteering for minor jobs at the church saves money and makes money for the parish. Do you know how to fix it? Can you clean it or cut it down? We can save a lot if we volunteer doing some work for the parish. I hope dear brothers and sisters that the Lord Jesus will help us to do this work for this place of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama. AJ.

Is a parishioner sick or in hospital? Please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital tell their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

POINTS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE:

Pope's Mass List of Pilgrims: The deadline to give your name if you wish to go to welcome the Pope is on Monday 2nd August. These names will be submitted to the diocese from my office no later than 4th August. Please go to the Hall immediately after Mass and give your name and address, even those who gave their names, must do the same.

Security at the Pope's Mass. Only those whose names and address will appear on the security database, will be allowed to pass through the security. Make sure you give your names and detailed required today.

Meeting and departure point: will at Holy Family Church grounds, Package Road, Holbrooks, Coventry, CV6 4GF. Others from this point will be pilgrims from St. Elizabeth and Holy Family parishes. The Pilgrim leaders are Rev. Deacon Patrick Oldman (Tel. 02476332869 mob 07950331763) and Mr. Tom Ward (Mob. 07710143740).

Fee for pilgrimage Coach: £25.00 per person this will include a PILGRIM PACK with what is needed for the Mass. The treasurer has now authorized parish priests to collect the fee from those intending to go and send it to his office as it is received. This money cannot be gift aided. Please pay the cost as you give your details. 67 tickets were allocated to us, if you give your name and do not pay, or if you do not turn up, the parish will have to be charged by all ways by the coach company which has contracted the transportation of pilgrims. Take this seriously please!

Ability to walk: some coaches might be parked about a mile from where the Mass will take place. Take this into account. Seats will not be provided at the park, bring a rug or a folding chair to sit on. Don't forget the umbrella.

Children going to the Pope's Mass: must be accompanied by an adult parent or guardian. They will need to make the full £25.00 contribution to the pilgrim Pack as requested by the organizers. Give their names and address as you register to be sent to the papal security database.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The RCIA sessions will commence on Monday 6th September 2010 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Collection: Gift Aid £198.57 Lose £ 458.57 Total: £ 657.42

Counters: Sun 1st August Mary O'Sullivan & Barbara

Bonus Ball: NO. 19 Tony Smith. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

What does it mean to you? The BBC Coventry and Warwickshire will come to the parish hall on Thursday 5th August at 8.00pm to interview volunteering parishioners what it means to them as Catholics the visit of the Holy Father to England. The program will be broadcast on air. We need 5 to six people. If you are interested please contact Fr. Jimmy.

Feast of St. John Mary Vianney Wednesday 4th August is celebrated as the day of Parish Priests. Let us remember to pray for all the parish priests and particularly for our Parish Priest that their ministry in the Church be fruitful in the service of His people.

Wedding Bells: A marriage between Anthony Paul Cunningham of 51 Beaconsfield Road, Coventry, and Sandra Teresa Felton will be solemnized here at St. Mary's on Saturday 7th August at 2.00pm. Our prayers and best wishes for a happy married life are with the newly wedded couple. May God bless them and their families.

Parish Hall Rental: Our parish hall is available for any person or groups that would need it for hire. As parishioners you can help utilize the facilities of this hall in order to support the parish. If you have any functions like Birthday party, Baptism party, wedding reception, get-together after a funeral, group meetings etc. You may also tell your friends to do the same.

Helpers needed for Flower Arrangement in the Church. If you have a flair for flower arrangement and could spare some time please contact Sr. Leena. Beautiful flowers arrayed in a beautiful vase represent our hearts with their inner most desires before the Lord. Let us offer our hearts to the Lord that He may touch them with His tenderness and love.

Visiting Nuns from Lithuania: The Sisters of St. Elizabeth Convent will visit our parish next weekend of 7th and 8th August 2010. They will have some works of art made by the Nuns themselves which they will be pleased to sell to us. Please give them a hospitable welcome.

Funeral Mass for Betty Griffith of 80, Everdon Road, Coventry who died on Friday 23rd July 2010 will be held on Thursday 5th August 2010 at 12.00noon followed by the committal at St. Paul's Cemetery.

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Nineteenth Sunday

8th to 15th August 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 55/61 onwards

Dear parishioners, following the good advice that some of you have given me about what to do to repair the badly damaged flat roof, the work will soon start in the near future. As we come to Mass this weekend, let us keep this project in our prayers.

The building regulations require putting insulation boards facilities on the roof in order to improve its thermal performance. The roofing material we intend to use is known as Resitrix SK self adhesive EPDM weatherproofing system complete with a 15 year manufacturers guarantee. If insulation boards are introduced as required by law, the manufacturer will increase the guarantee to 20 years.

The cost of the roof repairs is estimated to be around £50,000! We're certainly going to borrow this money but each one of us can contribute to the reduction of the debt. We need to work together just as we have always done. For example: do you have a party or bereavement gathering, why don't you hire our parish hall? Join the Gift Aid Scheme. Support other means by which the parish raises funds such as the monthly Family draw or the weekly Bonus Ball. Can you increase your weekly donation to the Sunday collection? Try to run our expenses down by switching off unnecessary lights, close the water taps, don't leave the room with lights switched on. Volunteering for minor jobs at the church saves money and makes money for the parish. Do you know how to fix it? Can you clean it or cut it down? We can save a lot if we volunteer doing some work. I hope dear brothers and sisters that the Lord Jesus will help us to do this work for this place of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama. AJ.

Is a parishioner sick or in hospital? Please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital tell their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

POINTS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE:

Pope's Mass List of Pilgrims: The names of pilgrims intending to go to welcome the Holy Father have been submitted to the diocese. These names will be submitted by the diocesan authorities to the Papal Security Services database to ensure the safety of every pilgrim. Let us keep each other in prayer. A list of all the 67 pilgrims is put up on the notice board. Sorry, if your name is not on the list.

Security at the Pope's Mass. Only those whose names and address will appear on the security database, will be allowed to pass through the security. I hope you gave your names and details as was required. Meeting and departure point: will at Holy Family Church grounds, Package Road, Holbrooks, Coventry, CV6 4GF. Others from this point will be pilgrims from St. Elizabeth and Holy Family parishes. The Pilgrim leaders are Rev. Deacon Patrick Oldman (Tel. 02476332869 mob 07950331763) and Mr. Tom Ward (Mob. 07710143740).

Fee for pilgrimage Coach: £25.00 per person, this will include a PILGRIM PACK with what is needed for the Mass. The treasurer has authorized parish priests to collect the fee from those intending to go and send it to his office as it was received. This money cannot be gift aided. Please pay the cost if your name is on the list. 67 tickets were allocated to us, if you gave your name and did not pay, or if you do not turn up, the parish will have to be charged by all ways by the coach company which has contracted the transportation of pilgrims. Take this seriously please!

Ability to walk: some coaches might be parked about a mile from where the Mass will take place. Take this into account. Seats will not be provided at the park, bring a rug or a folding chair to sit on. Don't forget the umbrella.

Children going to the Pope's Mass: must be accompanied by an adult parent or guardian. They will need to make the full £25.00 contribution to the pilgrim Pack as requested by the organizers. Give their names and address as you register to be sent to the papal security database.

Thank you: Christians will be pleased to know that Birmingham Diocese raised a total of £83,083.50 towards the cost of the Papal visit. We had been set a target by the Bishops' Conference of raising £81,200. This was certainly very challenging at the time, but it is a wonderful mark of the appreciation, a sign that we love the Pope

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The RCIA sessions will commence on Monday 6th September 2010 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Tony Cunningham and Sandra Felton who got married here this weekend. May God fill their years together with happiness and peace.

Helpers needed for Flower Arrangement in the Church. If you have a flair for flower arrangement and could spare some time please contact Sr. Leena. Beautiful flowers arrayed in a beautiful vase represent our hearts with their inner most desires before the Lord. Let us offer our hearts to the Lord that He may touch them with His tenderness and love.

Visiting Nuns: we warmly welcome the Sisters of St. Elizabeth Convent in Lithuania who are visiting us this weekend. They have some works of art made by the Nuns themselves which they will be pleased to sell to us in order to raise money for their projects back home. Please pass by their stall and make your choice.

Lectors meeting: The lectors of 11.30 Mass will meet on Sunday 22nd August in the Lady's chapel after 11.30am Mass.

Collection: Gift Aid £175.18 Lose £ 376.77 Total: £ 551.95
Thank you.

Counters: Sun 8th August Sandra & Maureen

Bonus Ball: N0. 21 Sr. Leena. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

CAFOD calls all runners! Do you have a place for the EDF Energy Birmingham Half Marathon on Sunday 24th October, or would you like to take part, and raise money for CAFOD at the same time? Your local CAFOD office will give you support, and your efforts will raise vital funds to bring lasting change to communities living in poverty. Call CAFOD on 01922 722 944 - thank you.

Irish Dancing Reunion Did you attend Irish dancing classes in Ford Street in the 1950-60s? If you did, there will be a reunion for teacher Bridie Williams (now McMahan), on Friday, 10th September at the Standard Triumph Club, Tile Hill. If you are interested and would like to attend, please phone Clare Cassidy on 76471375 (07910436705).

Parish Hall Rental: Our parish hall is available for any person or groups that would need it for hire. If you have any functions like Birthday party, Baptism party, wedding reception, get-together after a funeral, group meetings etc. You may also tell your friends to do the same.

Funeral Mass for Catherine Logan of 121 Cubbington Road, Hall Green, Coventry who died on 26th July will take place on Tuesday 10th August at 9.30am. Reception on Monday 9th August at 7.00pm.

Also for Josephine Duffy of 72 Smith Street, Coventry who died on 15th July on Thursday, 12th August at 12.00noon. Reception will be on Wednesday 11th August at 7.00pm.

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
15th to 22nd August 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 97/111 onwards

Celebrating 80 years of the Consecration of St. Mary's Church:

Dear Parishioners our parish Church was established in 1893. It took parishioners that time 39 years to have it consecrated on Sunday 7th June 1932. We owe them gratitude for this place of prayer. In 1 and half years time (2012 – year of London Olympics), our church will be 80 years since its consecration. What return can we give to God for the graces received here over the years, for the baptisms, the marriages; the funerals and for the forgiveness of our sins that we have experienced?

Well I ask you that we prepare ourselves for the occasion both physically and spiritually. The most pressing project that we have is the renewal of our vast flat roof estimated to cost £50,000! I'm pleased to mention that some of you having read about it in the newsletter have already donated £305 pounds towards its repair. Thank you so much. Donations are always very welcome in order to have this work done in view of the 80th anniversary of the consecration of our church.

Some of you have kindly suggested to me that we need to have a second collection for the parish projects just like other parishes around. It is a good idea; but I continue to rely on your love for the parish which is the foundation of all the sacrifices you are making to keep it going.

We're standing on a holy ground! God has desired to have his name invoked here, to have the remission of our sins pronounced here and possibly to see some of us sent off in trust that God will raise our mortal bodies glorious and victorious on the last day. Let us do whatever we can to renew our church in view of the 80th anniversary of its consecration.

When that time comes, we shall invite a number of bishops, priests and friends dear to the parish, but before that happens let us give deep thought about the roof. Just as our predecessors handed over to us the care of this church, so should we endeavor to hand it over to the generations to come!

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

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Mass timing on the week end of 18th/19th September 2010: We might not have the 9:30am & 11:30am Mass on Sunday 19th September because I will be attending the Pope's Mass in Birmingham. But we are likely to have an Evening Mass on that day when we return. Please continue looking at this column.

BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Staff came to our parish and interviewed some of our parishioners on what it means to us as Catholics the visit of Pope Benedict to the UK. My sincere thanks to the volunteers who used this opportunity to explain their faith in Christ and his Church to a skeptical society. We shall be told when the program will be on air so that we can tune in.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The RCIA sessions will commence on Monday 6th September 2010 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Divine Mercy monthly prayer meeting is on last Thursday of every month from 6.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass. Prayer for priests is on first Friday of every month from 6.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

Lectors meeting: The lectors of 11.30 Mass will meet on Sunday 22nd August in the Lady's chapel after 11.30am Mass.

Collection: Gift Aid £167.12 Lose £ 380.10 Total: £ 547.22
Thank you.

Counters: Sun 15th August Mick & Vera

Bonus Ball: N0. 45 Gabby. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Parish Hall Rental: Our parish hall is available for any person or groups that would need it for hire. If you have any functions like Birthday party, Baptism party, wedding reception, get-together after a funeral, group meetings etc. You may also tell your friends to do the same.

Rev. Mr. Robert Giampaglia our parish deacon will start his ministry officially on the weekend of 4/5th September. We shall meet him in the parish hall after every Mass of that weekend and have a cup of tea and coffee together. If anyone would like to donate cakes and biscuits, he/she is welcome.

Welcome to Fr. Andrew Salli, AJ a great friend of mine who'll be with us for one month. Fr. Andrew was in the University of London for seven years and returned to Uganda where he is teaching in the seminary and also serving as a spiritual director to the seminarians.

Mass for the aged, the sick and housebound: will be celebrated here on Sunday 26th September 4:00pm at which anointing with holy oil will be administered. I invite you all to bring the sick members of your families so that we celebrate our faith in Christ's healing ministry among us. May I remind those who take communion to the sick to inform our sick and housebound of this event. All those who are above 70 are encouraged to receive the holy anointing at this Mass even if they are not sick.

Mass for the bereaved families: 10th October 2010 at 4:00pm for all those families that lost their dear ones in the course of this year and whose funerals were held at our parish. It will be a moment of coming together to share in our grief and to conclude our period of mourning with a Holy Mass of repose for their souls. After the Mass, families will go to the hall for a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits.

The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to our Lady of Walsingham on Sunday 12th September 2010 led by His Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, preparing for the visit of Pope Benedict to the UK. Details are on the notice board.

Funeral Mass for Patrick Plunkett who died on Tuesday 27th July 2010 on Tuesday 17th August at 1.15pm.

Plumber urgently needed: you might have noticed a pipe leaking in the parish toilets area. I have called several plumbers but upon looking at it they promise to come and repair it yet no one ever turned up because it is a small job, yet the damage is getting bigger! Is there a plumber among us? If so I would appreciate if you contact the Parish Priest as soon as possible, or if you know of a plumber who can come and repair the pipe, would he spare some time to fix this problem?

Family Draw: will be on Sunday 29th August 2010 after the 11.30am Mass. All the monies will be collected on the weekend of 28th/29th August.

Historical Flashback: In 1958 when Fr. McCabe was Parish Priest, the Catholic population of St. Mary's was 3,500. On Sundays there used to be six Holy Masses at 6:30am, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, and 12

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Twenty First Sunday
22nd to 29th August 2010

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Dear Parishioners, I wish to communicate to you some arrangements for the pastoral care of some members of our parish. Last year we had a Holy Mass here which brought together families of parishioners who had lost their dear ones and whose funerals were conducted here in our church. It was a moment of sharing in each other's loss and a time to conclude the mourning period. As Christians it is our duty to pray for the dead and to offer holy Masses for the repose of their souls (2nd Maccabees 12:38-45)

On October 10th 2010 at 4:00pm I'm inviting all the families who have had their loved ones buried from St. Mary's to return so that we can have a memorial Mass together for them. Families will be expected to play an active role at this Mass; they will for example light a candle and process with it to the altar where they will place it. At the end of the Mass, I will invite the families to meet in the hall for cups of tea, coffee and biscuits.

A second Holy Mass is organized for the sick, the elderly and housebound members of our parish on Sunday 26th September 2010 at 4:00pm. Included within this Holy Mass will be the anointing with Holy Oil. The reason for this Mass will be to bring back all our elderly, sick and housebound who used to come to St. Mary's for Mass but can no longer do it due to ill health. It will be a moment to recognize their faithfulness and to catch up with each other. I invite you all to bring the sick members of your families to celebrate our faith in Christ's healing ministry among us. May I remind those who take Communion to the sick to inform our sick and housebound of this event. All those who are above 70 are encouraged to receive the holy anointing at this Mass even when they are not sick. I will appreciate if you can inform me if you can volunteer to give a lift to any of the elderly parishioners to attend this Mass.

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Dangerous shoes: during summer many people put on their best cloths and shoes. I have noticed that some parts of our wooden church floor is severely getting damaged by some people whose shoes have sharp nails on the heels. I request that we use shoes that will preserve our wooden floor other than those that make holes in it. Thank you!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The RCIA sessions will commence on Monday 6th September 2010 at 5.30pm in the parish hall. If there are any candidates please contact Fr. Jimmy or Sr. Lydwin.

Baptismal Course: The next baptism course for parents who wish to get their children baptised will be on Monday 11th October 2010 at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

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Lectors meeting: The lectors of 11.30 Mass will meet this Sunday 22nd August in the Lady's chapel after 11.30am Mass.

Collection: Gift Aid £160.17 Lose £ 340.42 Total: £ 500.59
Thank you.

Counters: Sun 22nd August Mary O'Sullivan & Barbara
Second collection: 26th September- Fr Hudson's Society
Bonus Ball: NO. 18 Rose Hogan. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

We welcome Fr. Andrew Ssali, AJ a great friend of mine who has visited me. Fr. Andrew studied at the University of London for seven years and returned to Uganda where he is teaching in the seminary and also serving as a spiritual director to the seminarians.

Parish Hall Rental: Our parish hall is available for any person or groups that would need it for hire. If you have any functions like Birthday party, Baptism party, wedding reception, get-together after a funeral, group meetings etc. Also for groups for meetings, small sessions of various activities like flower arranging, painting, on regular basis. You may also tell your friends to do the same.

Rev. Mr. Robert Giampaglia our parish deacon will start his ministry officially on the weekend of 4/5th September. We shall meet him in the parish hall after every Mass of that weekend and have a cup of tea and coffee together. If anyone would like to donate cakes and biscuits, he/she is welcome.

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The APF Red Box returns for 2009: Mgr John Dale of Missio thanks you all for your generous and consistent support of the missions through the Red Boxes which raised £338,059.00 throughout the archdiocese. A lot of hard work has gone into collecting this great sum and it is very much appreciated.

Legion of Mary: The Peregrinatio Pro Christo team from Ireland are visiting our parish during this week from 21st -28th August. They will knock at our doors and speak to us about God and his Church. I'd be pleased if you all welcome them with open hearts. They are coming to us in the name of the Lord. As scripture says, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' (Lk 19:38) We welcome them and wish them a fruitful mission in our parish.

Family Draw: will be on Sunday 29th August 2010 after the 11.30am Mass. All the monies will be collected on the weekend of 28th/29th August.

Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Joan Caren of 14, Alverstone Road, Stoke, Coventry who passed away on 14th August will be on Friday 27th August 2010 at 10.15am followed by committal at Heart of England Crematorium.

Food for Thought: We do not have a Divine right to enter heaven. We must be prepared to work for it. We must not take being a Christian for granted. We must not feel that what we have to do is to show up, flash the ID card, or simply tell the gatekeeper that we know the boss and in we go. Salvation is God's gift but it has to be worked for.

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Twenty Second Sunday
29th Aug to 5th Sept 2010

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Dear Parishioners, some few weeks ago, I mentioned to you that the flat roof on our parish property is in a sorry state. This problem is not new, my predecessors have mentioned it several times; and some of you over a number of years have, out of concern, placed buckets in different places to contain the drip! It is possible that the repair has been put off on many occasions; of course something will always come up to prevent a worthwhile project being done, but as things stand, the damage is getting worse and we cannot wait any longer! I have prayed and prayed and every time I get the same inner voice; 'have the work started.' Well by God's grace it has to start.

The work will take 6 weeks the start date is 6th September 2010 and it is scheduled to be completed on 18th October. It is a big job; as it will include the re-roofing of the parish hall, the convent, the passage from the church to the hall, the roof above the main entrance on Hood Street and the roof above the former entrance before the foyer was added. It is estimated to cost about £50,000.

Our parish is not rich but it is renowned for having Christians who love it and are loyal to the faith! It is that same faith that will constantly inspire us all to come together to build this parish; do not be afraid or go away sad.

The hall has hosted so many parish and private social events over a number of years. The convent has been a home to the Nuns who have ministered to us in the past, in the present and hopefully in the future. I'm thankful for to you all for supporting the parish in your own ways. Thanks to those who have donated some money to have the roof fixed. I hope the 80th anniversary of the consecration of this church will bring us more blessing to help us complete our tasks.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama, AJ.

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A handbook for the Papal Visit has been sent to all pilgrims who will go to welcome the Holy Father. It is part of the package to participate at the Papal Mass. All those who booked for the pilgrimage, please make sure that you have picked your copy from Sr. Lydwin or Mr. Tom Ward. Also the books are available for everyone who would wish to have a copy to participate in the Papal Mass from your homes on the television, radio or internet.

Home Mission Sunday, 19th September 2010, falls within the historic visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom. Pope Benedict will beatify Cardinal John Henry Newman a pastor of souls, a university teacher, and a student of Christian theology and history. He had a profound understanding that his life had a purpose and a mission and he firmly believed that all who are baptized are called to radiate the presence of Christ'. It is therefore particularly pertinent that his beatification is taking place on the annual day of prayer for Home Mission. Let us pray that we may be enlightened to radiate the presence of Christ.

Lists of the names of Pilgrims intending to go to welcome the Holy Father are on the notice board at the back of the church. Please make sure that your name is included, if your name does not appear, it means you will miss the event as all tickets have been booked.

Meeting and departure point: will be at Holy Family Church Grounds, Package Road, Holbrooks, Coventry, CV6 4GF. Others from this point will be pilgrims from St. Elizabeth and Holy Family parishes. The Pilgrim leaders are Rev. Deacon Patrick Oldman (Tel. 02476332869 mob 07950331763) and Mr. Tom Ward (Mob. 07710143740). Time of departure will be notified later.

Mass timing on the week end of 18th/19th September 2010: We shall not have the 9:30am & 11:30am Mass on Sunday 19th September because I will be attending the Pope's Mass in Birmingham. But we shall have Mass on Saturday at 6:00pm and Sunday Evening at 7:00pm when I return.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Would you like to become a member of the Catholic Church? The RCIA sessions will commence on Monday 6th September 2010 at 5.30pm in the parish hall. If there are any candidates please contact Fr. Jimmy or Sr. Lydwin.

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Rev. Mr. Robert Giampaglia will meet parishioners in the parish hall for cups of tea and coffee to congratulate him as he starts his ministry officially on the weekend of 4/5th September. Please let us go and congratulate him.

Thanks to the families which offered accommodation and hospitality to the Legion of Mary group from Ireland. Blessed indeed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. I'm very pleased for their work in the parish and for everyone who welcomed them. They admired their reception by non-catholic people at whose doors they knocked. Remember, God will always use ordinary people and ordinary circumstances to call us back, but he will always give us chance to hear this call.

Collection: Gift Aid £137.30 Lose £ 389.54 Total: £ 526.84 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 29th August Sandra & Maureen

Second collection: 19th Sept Home Mission, 26th September- Fr Hudson's Society

Bonus Ball: N0. 47 Leslie. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Gift Aid: Our parish has been able to claim £2760.07 tax on your contribution through the Gift Aid Scheme during past year. Thank you and God bless you. I would encourage many more members to join this scheme.

Family Draw: will be this Sunday (29th August 2010) after the 11.30am Mass. All the monies will be collected this weekend. Thank you for your Support.

Monday Club: will resume its usual activities on Monday 6th September 2010. Please inform all the old members and encourage your friends and others to join. It is an opportunity for people to come together and spend some time socializing and relaxing.

Marriage Bann: Neil Hobbs Alcorn of 27, Camden Street, Coventry, CV2 4PZ son of Alan Alcorn and Janet Faulconbridge intends to get married to Anna-Marie Rogers of 27, Camden Street, Coventry, CV2 4PZ daughter of David Rogers and Margaret Zachert. If there is anyone who knows why they should not get married, let him/her come forward and inform the parish priest.

Fund Raising: Friends of the Poor Clares invite you to their Michaelmas fayre on Saturday 4th September from 10.00am to 1.00pm at the convent of the Poor Clares, rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, B93 0DE. Details on the notice board.

Results of Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School are out. The school achieved outstanding results at both A' Level and GCSE. "The Coventry Evening Telegraph" reported that it was second in the city out of the 19 state schools for top grades and passes at A' Level. Congratulations to all.

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Twenty Third Sunday

5th to 12th September 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 64/71 onwards

Dear Parishioners, our parish has interesting history, if you look around the church, whatever you see has meaning and historical reason. Are you aware that our church has no bell tower? Have you ever asked the historical reason why it was not put? Do you know that the first time a Cardinal stepped into Coventry after the Reformation; it was here at St. Mary's? Do you know the historical reasons why the ceiling of our church was made in that shape? Have you ever noticed that the design on top of the interior walls extends to the pews, the pulpit and the wall along Raglan and Hood Streets? Do you know their meaning?

Well I mentioned to you that on 7th June 2012, our church will turn 80 years since its consecration. When you think about the meaning and greatness of a consecrated church, then you know how blessed we are to be here!

St. Mary's has outlived all those who saw her being born and grow, it is our desire that she continues to be here. It is our duty to help her to continue her mission for which God allowed her to be established, namely that we may know God, love him, serve him in this life, in order to be with him in heaven for all eternity. This is the reason why St. Mary's church stands here.

As a preparation for the 80th consecration of our church, I will use this column to highlight its interesting history. I would like you to be familiar with it so that you may appreciate St. Mary's existence. No wonder God willed it to be here; by knowing this we shall do whatever it takes to keep this place holy; a place where God wanted his name to be invoked.

St. Mary's parish has supported many people who live in Coventry City either through the schools or through the church. As we look forward to her 80th anniversary please speak to them about St. Mary's contribution to the community and if they can help us in our material difficulties, we shall be pleased. – Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ.

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Statement from His Grace Vincent Nichols and Card. Keith O'Brien

The Handbook for the Papal Visit is being distributed throughout England, Scotland and Wales over the coming weekends. For those attending a Papal Mass or the Hyde Park Vigil, please do make sure you take a copy. Although there are not copies for everyone, there are enough for one per family or household. We would like to invite you to make a donation towards the Handbook if you are able. £2-00 per copy would help to cover the costs. Please use the Handbook when following the Pope's visit on television or the internet.

Cofton Park Journey Information: The Mass of Beatification will commence at 10.00am; all Pilgrims will be expected to be assembled at Cofton Park at 8.00am and be ready to begin Morning Prayer. Each one will receive a pilgrim pack as soon as we receive them. The Pilgrims should read thoroughly through the Pilgrim Passports. They will be given the Pilgrim Passes and the Pilgrim Bands on the day of the event when we gather as a Pilgrim Group at Holy Family Church Ground, 177 Park Gate Road, Holbrooks, Coventry, CV6 4GF. All the Pilgrims should bring along a Photographic Identification and the copy of the Magnificat booklet with them.

Very shortly, Travel Mandates will be sent out to all Pilgrim Leaders, confirming the Pilgrim Point, Pilgrim Leader, time of departure from the Pilgrim Point, time of departure from Cofton Park and estimated arrival back at the Pilgrim Point.

Special announcement: All those who have given their names and are on the Pilgrim list are invited for a meeting for instructions on Wednesday 15th September 2010 at 6.30pm in the parish hall. Please take this as a matter of great importance.

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Mass for the sick and elderly will be on Sunday 26th September at 4.00pm followed by a cup of tea/coffee for all. As Parish Priest, I consider the sick and elderly to be the treasures of the parish, what we are and some of the good things we enjoy as a parish, has been a result of their fidelity. If you have sick, housebound or elderly please help them to come and participate in this special Mass. During the Mass we shall have the anointing with the holy oil. All those who are above 70 years of age are encouraged to receive the anointing. After Mass there will be a cup of tea/coffee for all in the parish hall.

Bereavement Mass: will be celebrated on Sunday 10th October 2010 at 4.00pm. All those who have lost their dear ones during the course of past 12 months and had their funerals held in this church are invited to participate in this special Mass along with your family and friends. It is an opportunity to pray for the repose of the departed and to have support from each other who had the similar experience. After Mass there will be a cup of tea/coffee for all in the parish hall.

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Reroofing: A major repair of our flat roof starts this Monday 6th September it is scheduled to be completed on 18th October. It is a big job which will demand the understanding and support from each one of us. Thank you for supporting this cause.

Monday Club: will resume its usual activities on Monday 6th September 2010. Please inform all the old members and encourage your friends and others to join. It is an opportunity for people to come together and spend some time socializing and relaxing.

Collection: Gift Aid £121.13 Lose £ 365.30 Total: £ 486.43 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 5th Sept Tom Ferris & Agnes Heffernan
Second collection: 19th Sept Home Mission, 26th September- Fr Hudson's Society

Bonus Ball: N0. 4 Mick Hogan. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

St. Mary & St. Benedict's R.C. Church

Twenty Fourth Sunday

12th to 19th September 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 67/74 onwards

Dear Parishioners, the scaffolding has gone up to have the work of repairing the flat roof of our church started and it will go on until October 18th, 2010. Please be careful while moving in and out of church and make sure that your children do not interfere with anything in the compound. The repair of our church property has connection with our spiritual life, the way we take care of our church reflects on what we deeply believe and treasure as Christians, therefore, I ask you to take to heart this project whose rewards will never be obtained from anybody in this life but from God himself.

While the entire roof is going to be renewed, there are some areas of special interest. The Convent has been a home to all the Sisters who have ministered to the parish. Parishioners of all generations have recognized the ministry of Sisters in this parish. The first Convent was established here in 1861 and we wish that the Convent building does not collapse but continue to house the Sisters.

The Hall is the center of our social gatherings, and entertainment. How exciting to have heard laughter at the game of Bingo or to see people enjoying themselves! The hall belongs to you; it is at your service, it is our duty to keep it to serve our children and grand children.

Fr. Jimmy your parish priest is not trying to take money off you but helping you to see the spiritual connection between our faith and the material structures that help us to be strengthened by that faith. The project will involve the replacement of the old roofing materials with brand new ones and an installation of insulation boards to meet with the current building regulations.

To pay for this work, a £50,000 loan has been obtained from the bank which will have to be repaid. There are several ways in which we can slowly do this; I wish to suspend non-mandatory 2nd collections and propose a monthly second collection for parish projects. Out of your generosity, you can increase your Sunday offerings to the Church. If you are a taxpayer why don't you join the parish Gift Aid Scheme?

I believe that you will find my plans and proposals credible enough. I trust in your support, after all the existence of St. Mary's has always depended on the good will of those who love and value her.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ, Parish Priest.

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Special Announcement: Pilgrims going to witness the beatification of Cardinal J.H Newman are asked to organize their own transport to Holy Family Parish, 177 Park Gate Road, Holbrooks-Coventry, CV6 4GF where the coach will pick them up at 5:30am time of departure. Nobody will be waited for. Bring along a Photographic Identification (eg, Passport, Driving license) and the copy of the Magnificat booklet. Don't forget an umbrella, folding chair or a rug to sit on. Pilgrims remember our meeting on Wednesday 15th September 2010 at 6.30pm in the parish hall. On Friday 17th September 2010 at 6.30pm we shall have an hour of special prayer followed by Holy Mass for the success of the Papal visit to the UK. I invite all parishioners especially those who are preparing to participate in the Beatification Mass at the Cofton Park to join in praying for the safety of all the pilgrims.

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Vigil in preparation for PAPAL VISIT: All pupils, parents, staff, governors and parishioners are invited to gather together for a vigil in preparation for the PAPAL VISIT Wednesday 15th September 2010 at ST. Thomas More RC Church from 6.45pm. Details are on the notice board.

Pope Benedict's historic visit to the Midlands in September will be covered extensively on BBC Midlands today, BBC Local Radio and BBC websites. Those travelling to Cofton Park early Sunday Sept. 19th, will be able to tune into their local radio station en route for the best travel service and the latest news on preparations for the Mass. BBC West Midlands has made a special half hour documentary reflecting on the papal Mass in Coventry in 1982: that will be broadcast at 7.30pm on BBC One on Monday 13th September. Midlands today is making a programme about the day itself which it is anticipated will go out after the Ten o'clock News on the 19th. Local Radio frequencies are as follows:

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Baptism course: The next session on Monday 11th October at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Coventry University: Weekly Mass at the Spirituality & Faith Centre at the Alan Berry Building will once again start on Tuesday 21st September 2010 at 1.10pm. Fr. Jimmy the catholic chaplain will be available from 11.00am for confession or if anybody wishes to speak to him. I invite all our students to make avail of this opportunity to help keep up the faith and bear witness to God's presence in your life.

Understanding our Catholic Faith: A series of talks and discussions will be organized by Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes parish Coventry with St. Augustine's Chapel of Ease at the Church Library, Westhill Road from 15th September 2010 to 13th April 2011 at 7.00pm. The details are on the notice board.

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Collection: Gift Aid £182.35 Lose £ 419.96 Total: £ 602.31
Thank you.

Counters: Sun 12th Sept. Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

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Twenty Fifth Sunday

19th to 26th September 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 70/77 onwards

Dear Parishioners, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI and Vicar of Christ is in town. It is a great occasion for all of us Christians to welcome him and to listen to his teaching.

As the Pope comes to our countries, it is not so much the man we are welcoming, but more so who he represents – Jesus Christ himself. The papacy is the term for the office and the authority of the pope of Rome. He is the successor to Saint Peter as bishop of Rome and head of the universal Church. He is the spiritual head of all Christians and a visible symbol of unity in the Church. I believe that all committed Christians are very pleased to see the Holy Father among us during this time.

The Pope is also the universal teacher of Christian faith and morality. As a priest I will be very pleased to listen to his teaching even on those matters which public opinion might regard as reprehensible. It is the office of the Holy Father to call all of us to faith, love and repentance. In a secular society and in circumstances where pride is justified as 'independent thinking,' or where the real demands of natural law and conscience are dismissed as 'interference' and 'old fashioned Christianity,' I do not think that any bishop who puts on the shoes of St. Peter the fisherman will simply jump on the bandwagon of modernity, simply because that is what is upheld by the public. Let us not forget that the Catholic Church has a wealth of more than 2000 years of history. From these the Pope will seek guidance and conclusions for the way forward, surely not from placards of demonstrators.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ, Parish Priest.

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Parish Choir off to Hyde Park I wish to congratulate our Parish Choir here at Ss. Mary and Benedict which was invited to go to London to entertain the Holy Father. It is a great honor for each one of us you represent on this occasion. We wish you every success.

RCIA: The next session on Monday 27th September at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

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Collection: Gift Aid £177.56 Lose £ 363.45 Total: £ 541.01
Thank you.

Counters: Sun 12th Sept. Sandra & Maureen

Second collection: 19th Sept Home Mission, 26th September- Fr Hudson's Society

Bonus Ball: NO. 14 Bridie Kelly. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Red Boxes (APF): Please bring in your Red Boxes for counting and collect a copy of the Mission Today from the Piety Stall.

I wish you all a pleasant celebration of our Christian faith as we witness the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman.

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Twenty Sixth Sunday

26th September – 3rd October 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 72/80 onwards

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to brief you on our project underway concerning the repair of the flat roofs on our church buildings. The convent has been completed and the parish hall is almost done. I'm grateful to each one of you for the sacrifices you are making during these hard times to keep the church going. I thank the parishioners who have made some donations for this cause. It is due to your generosity that we are able to do what we think best for the parish. I don't think that it is out of your material abundance that you give; on the contrary it is out of your spiritual poverty that you are able to do so much.

You must be aware that over the years the flat roof has been leaking right from the Convent, the parish hall, the corridor until the garage. The scaffolding can give you the extent of the work being undertaken. Taking into account the damage, it was not wise to make patches, but to put a new overlay. This job leaves us with a big debt to pay but we should not be afraid because God is here among us and with us building his church.

I don't want to saddle you with greater financial burdens than you already have; however we have to work on the parish debt for the works undertaken. I'm suspending voluntary second collections in the church and proposing a second collection for the parish once every month to help us pay off our debts. As a matter of fact the parish has no collection for its own projects. The initial second collection for our church will be on Sunday Oct. 17th. Try to think of some other areas you can support the church; e.g. more generosity in your donation to the church every Sunday, Tithes that is giving 10% of your income to God's work, being parsimonious in shopping – if you don't really need it, don't buy it; joining family draw, bonus ball and renting our hall among others.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ, Parish Priest.

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Vocation Discernment Weekend Young women - ever wondered about being a Sister? The Franciscan Sisters Minorine are holding a taster weekend 5-7th November 2010 at St Clare's Convent, Clay Cross S45 9AQ. Contact vocations@franciscansm.org. Also see poster for details.

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Mass for the sick and elderly will be tomorrow Sunday 26th September at 4.00pm followed by a cup of tea/coffee for all. Please help the sick, housebound or elderly to come and participate in this special Mass at which there will be anointing with the Holy oil.

Bereavement Mass: will be celebrated on Sunday 10th October 2010 at 4.00pm. All those who have lost their dear ones during the course of past 12 months and had their funerals held in this church are invited with your family and friends. Come; let us celebrate our Christian hope together.

RCIA: The next session on Monday 27th September at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Baptism course: The next session on Monday 11th October at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Coventry University, I welcome all the students both old and new to the University. There is a weekly Mass at the Spirituality & Faith Centre- Alan Berry Building at 1.10pm every Tuesday. Fr. Jimmy the catholic chaplain is available from 11.00am for confession or if anybody wishes to speak to him. I invite all our students to avail of this opportunity to help keep up the faith and bear witness to God's presence in your life.

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Father Hudson Society: As we give thanks for the Holy Father's visit, you may be aware there is an official Diocesan Collection for Father Hudson's Society this week. This longstanding collection has taken place for 108 years in all parishes across the Diocese. It plays an important part in ensuring that the work of Father Hudson's Society continues and develops. Please be part of this work by giving generously to their Annual Collection and through your prayer support.

Diocesan Mass of thanksgiving for the successful visit of the Holy Father will be celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Longley at Holy Family Church Coventry on Sunday 26 September at 4pm. You are invited to attend if you can. Remember though that on that day we shall have our Mass for the sick and elderly.

Photographs of the Pope's visit: Did you take some snaps when the Pope came? I request pilgrims who took part in the liturgies with the Holy Father to develop them and bring them. We shall put them on the notice board to see who came more close to the Pope than the other. It will be a chance to share these memories together as a Parish. Please write your name as the photographer and where you snapped it.

CAFOD: First October is the first Friday of the month. It is a day for CAFOD Harvest fast. Next Sunday second collection will be made for the works of CAFOD.

Collection: Gift Aid £82.00 Lose £ 164.94 Total: £ 246.94 Home Mission £ 88.40 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 26th Sept. Tom Ferris & Agnes Heffernan

Second collection: 26th September- Fr Hudson's Society

3rd October - CAFOD

17th October- Parish Projects

Bonus Ball: N0. 19 Bridie Kelly. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Red Boxes (APF): Please bring in your Red Boxes for counting and collect a copy of the Mission Today from the Piety Stall.

Lectors Meeting for all those who read at 11.30 Mass will be on Sunday 3rd October 2010 after Mass in the lady's chapel.

The Friends of the Poor Clares presents a Family Evening of Music & Dancing on Saturday 25th September 2010 at 8.00pm at Bentley Health Community Centre. Details are on the notice board.

Nigeria's 50 years of independence will be celebrated next Sunday 3rd October starting with the 11:30 am Mass. All are invited to the Parish Hall for entertainments, food and other refreshments.

Money Problems? CAP money is a broad yet simple money management course designed to help you get and stay in control of your finances. The next CAP Money course will take place at Hope Center on Thursday 30th Sept. 7th and 14th October. Please take note the course is free. Details on the notice board

Family Draw-September will take place on Sunday 26th September 2010 after 11.30am Mass. All the monies will be collected this weekend.(25th/26th September)

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Twenty Seventh Sunday

3rd to 10th October 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 74/82 onwards

Dear Parishioners,

The gospel reading reminds us that faith is God's gift. Without faith there is no reason for anything and nothing is in its proper place. Faith gives meaning and vision to life; without it life is utterly unbearable.

During the week, I visited some sick members of our community in hospital and you could not fail to appreciate their faith which makes them to interpret their pain as a privilege to share in the cross of Christ. Human nature does not act that way, faith does! Without faith we are more likely to see our troubles as God's judgment upon us other than a call to fidelity. A little faith, provided it is authentic can do great things, endures many things and hopes in many things too!

Pope Benedict during his recent visit urged us not to be afraid to express our faith publicly because faith is not a thing but a relationship with God and every person needs God, including the cynics.

Recent newspapers carried intriguing headlines about the church and how we its members live the faith in practice. All of us need to make our own the prayer of the apostles "Lord increase our faith" let us not fall away because we have met a cross along the way.

Faith is not observing set of laws and regulations of the church but it must be shown in the way we value others. Meaningful witness to faith cannot bear its fruit without sharing it with others. I sincerely thank those who, after the Mass take time to chat with each other. Let us take it as a noble duty to greet each other and to talk to people who like ourselves have been called by God to be with us for a Sunday Mass. Faith will grow in us only if we take time to listen to the values of faith that others have.

Believe me faith is one of the greatest powers in the world; with faith what looks impossible becomes possible, those with a grain of faith never lose hope because they believe in the ultimate triumph of truth.

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Bereavement Mass: will be celebrated next Sunday 10th October 2010 at 4.00pm. All those who have lost their dear ones during the course of past 12 months and had their funerals held in this church are invited with your family and friends. Come; let us celebrate our Christian hope together.

Invitation to University Students I welcome all the students both old and new to the University of Coventry. I wish to invite all our Catholic Students to come and meet the Catholic Chaplains in the University Chaplaincy (Spirituality and Faith Center) Allan Berry Building next Tuesday 5th October from 11:00. Please feel free

to come in between 11:00am – 2:00pm there is a weekly Mass at the Spirituality & Faith Centre at 1.10pm every Tuesday. Fr. Jimmy the catholic chaplain is available from 11.00am for confession or if anybody wishes to speak to him.

From Archbishop's desk World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on the weekend of 23-24 October. The theme for this year is 'Share you faith – Give life!' The feast will be celebrated in all parishes throughout the world as a sign of communion and concern for the mission of the universal Church. There will be mandatory collection to the people of your parish and community. APF, through Missio, coordinates the worldwide mission work of the Church and as such has a very special place in our lives; it is our duty and privilege to support it.

Photographs of the Pope's visit: please if you took some snaps develop them and put them on the designated notice board share the memories together with others. Write your name as the photographer and where you snapped it.

Peter's Pence the Holy Father has thanked the people of the Archdiocese for their generous contribution of £41,265.76 to Peter's Pence in 2009. He is grateful for this donation and particularly for the devoted sentiments which inspired it. He knows that much effort was involved.

October – Month of Rosary: Praying the Rosary is a Catholic Church tradition during the month of October which is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. A family that prays together lives together. Let us make it a practice in our families to say the Rosary and seek the intercession of our Mother Mary to keep our families peaceful and united.

Lectors Meeting for all those who read at 11.30 Mass will be this Sunday 3rd October 2010 after Mass in the lady's chapel.

Collection: Gift Aid £168.36 Lose £ 388.07 Total: £ 556.43

Hudson society £ 174.00 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 3rd October Sandra & Maureen.

Second collection: 3rd October - CAFOD

17th October- Parish Projects

24th October – World Mission Sunday

Bonus Ball: N0. 14 Elizabeth Hughes. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Nigeria nationals invite all of us to their nation's 50 years of independence this Sunday 3rd October starting with the 11:30 am Mass. There will be food and refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. All are welcome.

Parish Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 4th December 2010 starting at 2:00pm – 4:00pm. I thank you all for the support you give to this event, which as for now is the major fundraising event for the parish. I will appreciate donations of any kind to make this event successful.

Christmas Dinner this year will be held on Sunday December 12th at 1:30pm. Further information will follow shortly.

Marriage Banns: Mr. Ifeanyi Marcel Ume, son of Mathias Okafor Umeh and Juiana Nwamebe of Icida Anambra State Nigeria would like to get married to Ms. Stella Chisom Ifebueme, daughter of Chief Gabriel Otodonze Ibueme and Justina Chikodili Ifebueme of Akwaeze Anambra State Nigeria. The couple currently live at Flat 16 Breton Court on 2 Paladine Way in Coventry. If you know any reason why they should not get married, please contact the Parish Priest as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Neil Alcorn & Anna Marie Rogers who got married here in our church last Saturday 25th September 2010. We wish them a happy and fruitful life together for many years to come.

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Twenty Eighth Sunday

10th to 17th October 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 76/85 onwards

The work of repairing the flat roof is progressing, thanks to the men who have dedicated themselves to have it done. You will all appreciate the fact that the maintenance of church property has to be done carefully and urgently whenever the need arises. I was thinking about the big debt which the roof repair will leave behind. I notice that we have second collections here in the church for various charities but we do not have a single collection for the parish projects. While there are second collections which are mandatory from the diocese, we have some which are voluntary, that is, they are left to the discretion of the Christian community. Well I suggest that given the huge debt we have, we shall suspend voluntary collections and concentrate on reducing our own debt.

I propose that we hold this collection once in a month. Next Sunday October 17th we shall have our initial second collection. The money we raise will go towards the cost of repairing the roof. St. Mary's Church has been a mother to many of us and she will continue to be; let us continue to love her and to come to her help whenever she calls us.

Once there was a man who being young despised older people. He was selfish too that he never thought of donating blood. His dad got ill and he was taken to hospital where he needed urgent blood transfusion yet the son would not be a suitable donor. One old woman most disliked by the youth volunteered to donate her blood to save the dying dad. As the boy sat by his dad's bedside seeing how blood was flowing into his veins, he realized that the old woman had donated the blood which was now keeping his dad alive. The youth made up his mind he began to respect every person since he was now aware that you never know who will come to your help at the time of need.

St. Mary's is like that; she is now old and she will need our hand from time to time. But she has given us so much more than we hope to pay, that is why gratitude is important. It makes us want to give something back. The readings this 28th Sunday speak exactly that – GRATITUDE!.

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Holy Mass in the University: There is Holy Mass for Catholic Students of Coventry in the Chaplaincy (Spirituality and Faith Center) Allan Berry Building every Tuesday at 1:10pm. Fr. Jimmy the catholic chaplain is available from 11.00am for confession or if anybody wishes to speak to him.

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Lectors Meeting for all those who read at 11.30 Mass will be this Sunday 10th October 2010 after Mass in the lady's chapel.

Collection: Gift Aid £177.77 Lose £ 412.15 Total: £ 589.92
CAFOD £ 338.86 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 10th October Mary O'Sullivan & Barbara

Second collection: 3rd October - CAFOD

17th October- Parish Projects

24th October – World Mission Sunday

Bonus Ball: N0. 14 John Crawford & Elizabeth Hughes. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Parish Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 4th December 2010 starting at 2:00pm – 4:00pm. I thank you all for the support you give to this event, which as for now is the major fundraising event for the parish. I will appreciate donations of any kind to make this event successful. Please write your name on the list if you wish to sponsor any item for the Christmas Raffle.

Christmas Dinner this year will be held on Sunday December 12th at 1:30pm. Those who wish to join in please write your name and address on the list at the piety stall.

Pilgrimage to Turkey: Fr Tony Norton is organising a 9-day pilgrimage for October next year 4th - 12th October, 2011 visiting the 7 churches of the New Testament. Cost £900 including scheduled flights, internal flight within Turkey, half-board accommodation, all sightseeing, insurance. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr Tony Norton (024)7645 6214 as soon as possible in order to get an idea of numbers”

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Death announcement: of Mary Murphy of 218 Gulson Road who died on Wednesday 6th October 2010. Mary used to bring the offertory from her wheelchair at every Saturday Mass for many, many years. Her faith was so great, she loved God and our parish so much that I could describe her death as a great loss. She will be greatly missed! The reception of her mortal remains into St.Mary's church will be on Tuesday 12th October at 6.00pm and the funeral Mass on Wednesday 13th October at 9.30am after which her body will be taken to Ireland for burial.

Aid to the Church in Need: David Jenkins will visit our parish on the weekend of 23/24th October to speak to us about the activities of Aid to the Church in need. This is a universal public association of the Catholic Church around the world which supports materially and spiritually any Local Catholic Church that needs support. They sponsor Seminarians, build churches and support priests in mission lands for their day to day sustenance. Surely it will be worth listening to a person from that charitable organisation.

Peace procession: All are welcome to join in the gentle walk starting at St.Osburg's Church on 31st October 2010 at 2.30 pm and finishing with Benediction at St.Mary's Church at Raglan Street at 3.30pm. This annual event, stewarded by the Knights of Columbus, lasts for about an hour.

Do you need a table? There are some nice tables ideal for kitchen or dinning. If you need one please contact Fr. Jimmy.

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Twenty Ninth Sunday

17th to 24th October 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 78/87 onwards

What could it be but the Hand of God!

This week saw the dramatic rescue of 33 miners buried half mile below the Chilean rocks of Copiapo; their survival and coming to surface brought relief even to us here thousands of miles away. But things do not simply happen without purpose. Even though the explanation of events might be hidden, some events reveal a God who wants people to draw meaning in events so that they can acknowledge him.

How could these men survive the first 17 days when they knew that surely one-by-one, death was their fate! From their evidence what kept them alive was their faith in God and the hope that possibly the next minute would bring good news. If anyone of these men did not encourage the other or if anyone preached a message of despair other than hope, or if anyone cursed God other than waiting for his time to save, the story would be different, instead the men worked, hoped and believed together. They observed a discipline of faith and hope. Every little thing, unnoticeable and insignificant though it might have seemed contributed to their survival half a mile below ground and in temperature above 40 degrees!

This word of God this weekend talks about the need to pray always. These miners prayed and God heard. On the outskirts of a remote village in Africa, an eclipse of the moon appeared. As the shadows crept across the surface of the moon, residents were asked what was happening. Some said that the moon was sinking behind the mountain, others it was hiding behind a cloud but one Sunday school girl said 'it is the hand of God covering the moon.' Yes, to be able to see the hand of God at work in the world is one of the greatest assets one can have. When the shadows are gathering for life's dark moments, the person who can still see God's hand at work even in adverse situation will be master of any situation in life.

Is a parishioner sick or in hospital? Please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital tell their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

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Collection: Gift Aid £157.77 Lose £ 403.48 Total: £ 561.25 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 17th October Tom Ferris & Agnes Heffernan

Second collection: 17th October- Parish Projects

24th October – World Mission Sunday

Bonus Ball: N0. 8 Seamus Crean. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

The Zero Poverty Campaign – Sign the petition! 13.2 million UK citizens officially live in poverty. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the umbrella organisation for Catholic social care charities in England and Wales, has sought to raise awareness of the work of its 37 members and other organisations within the

Catholic community in alleviating poverty and social exclusion. It has joined the European-wide 'Zero Poverty' campaign which aims to raise awareness of the plight of Europe's poorest people and the work of the Caritas network. Please sign the petition on the Zero Poverty web site www.zeropoverty.org and support the work of CSAN members (www.csan.org.uk)

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Second collection this weekend is for the support of our parish to pay off the cost for the repair of church roof. The work will be completed within this week.

Parish Christmas Bazaar I invite you all to come to the meeting on Wednesday 20th October 2010 at 6.30pm to organize our annual parish Christmas Bazaar which will take place on December 4th, 2010. The success of this event will always depend on the involvement of everyone. We need donations of bottles of whisky, wine, bailey, soft drinks, tinned food, toys, toiletries, bric a brac and raffle prizes of all kinds.

Christmas Dinner this year will be held on Sunday December 12th at 1:30pm. Those who wish to join in please write your name and address on the list at the piety stall.

Aid to the Church in Need: David Jenkins will visit our parish next weekend of 23/24th October to speak to us about the activities of Aid to the Church in need. This is a universal public association of the Catholic Church around the world which supports materially and spiritually any Local Catholic Church that needs support. They sponsor Seminarians, build churches and support priests in mission lands for their day to day sustenance. Surely it will be worth listening to a person from that charitable organisation.

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Confirmation of our school children will be made by Bishop William Kenny on Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 7.00pm. Thanks to the teachers who are preparing the children for this important day of their life. I urge the parents to understand their responsibility and support the children in their preparation to receive this Sacrament. If there are any adults who have not been confirmed yet; and desire to be confirmed please contact Deacon Robert Giampaglia.

Lectors (Readers) needed: If you can give your service as a lector in the church during Saturday 6.00pm Mass or Sunday 9.30am Mass, please contact Sr. Lydwin or Tom Ward.

Marriage preparation course: Are you intending to get married? All those who intend to get married are invited for a Marriage preparation meeting on Tuesday 19th October 2010 at 6.00pm in the parish hall.

Family Draw-October will be drawn on Monday 25th October 2010. All the monies will be collected on the weekend of 23rd/24th October.

Vacancy: There is a vacancy for a chaplain in Princethorpe College. Interested persons please contact Headmaster Ed Hester on 01926634252. Details are on the notice board.

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Thirtieth Sunday 24th to 31st October 2010

Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 80/89 onwards

Parish Christmas Bazaar:

I'm very grateful to the parishioners who turned up on Wednesday to organize our parish Christmas bazaar. This event concerns each one of us as it is the only time we can bring our families and friends to raise funds for our parish projects. We all know the struggle and sacrifices we make to meet the financial needs of our Church and school, therefore when an opportunity like this comes around, we should only feel excited about it with the optimism of involving people, who otherwise would not have another chance to help us.

As your priest, I'm here to serve the interests of your parish, but as you know, no priest is permanent in a given parish, only parishioners are. The success of a parish depends on how the parishioners value their involvement in the activities of their church. The challenges facing the world will not spare the church, if we work together and encourage each other and support the common good God will certainly bless our efforts and reward us through other ways.

For the success of our bazaar, we need your generous donations of the stuff that will be displayed and bought by us and the people we shall bring to support us. Boxes have been put at the back in the foyer to place our donations there. Please remember that whatever you bring, you are giving to God himself, it is therefore fitting that you bring things which are fitting for God and his church, not things which you think are useless to you. Remember the story of Cain and Abel (Gen. 4:3-6).

The cooperation of the rescued miners still has a lot to teach us. Their togetherness contributed to their survival. In whatever we do, we need to work together as no one should under rate the ability of the other to contribute to the common good.

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Marriage preparation course: started last Tuesday. Are you intending to get married? Well, the next marriage course session will be on Tuesday 26th October 2010 at 6.00pm in the parish hall.

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Collection: Gift Aid £172.39 Lose £ 343.54 Total: £ 515.93
Thank you.

Second Collection for roofing expenditure was £484.78 Thank you for your generosity.

Counters: Sun 24th October Sandra & Maureen

Second collection: 24th October – World Mission Sunday

7th November – Johnson Fun (Sick & the retired Priests)

14th November – Parish projects

21st November – National Youth Service

Bonus Ball: N0 26 Gabby. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

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Lectors (Readers) needed: If you can give your service as a lector in the church during Saturday 6.00pm Mass or Sunday 9.30am Mass, please contact Sr. Lydwin or Tom Ward.

Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated next Sunday. It is a very important feast for the whole church as we rejoice with our family members who are reigning with Christ. Let us prepare for that event.

Mass requests for the Holy souls are out and available at the back of the church. The month of November is dedicated to pray for the Holy souls. It is a Christian practice to pray for those dear ones who have died by requesting a holy Mass. I believe each one of us will need other people's prayer for God's mercy.

Lilies for the departed Please write down the name of the family on the list and contribute towards the lilies for the departed. It is our duty to remember and pray for the departed of our families whose life we shared and who have touched our lives.

Family Draw-October will be drawn on Monday 25th October 2010. All the monies will be collected this weekend of 23rd/24th October.

Raffle Tickets are being distributed this weekend. Please take them graciously, sell them on behalf of our parish community and return the stubs / counterfoils to Sr. Lydwin for the main raffle.

Parish Car Park Warning: I understand that Coventry University to whom we lease our car park during the week has employed a private firm to manage its car parks around the city. Make sure that when you come to church during the week you use only those areas allocated to the church. If you park your car in the university slots, you will be fined £80 pounds. If you will be able to pay within 14 days, the fine will be reduced to £40 pounds. Please read their new regulations in the car park.

Funeral Mass We remember in our prayers Maureen Delargy of 107, Terry Road who died on 11th October 2010. The reception of her mortal remains will be on Sunday 24th October at 7.00pm. The funeral Mass on Monday 25th October at 11.00am followed by burial and Roger Kockelbergh of Victoria Manor, Abbey Road, Coventry who died on 14th October 2010 will be on Tuesday 26th October at 10.30 am followed by cremation at charter Chapel Canley Crematorium.

Special notice change of Mass time on Monday 25th Oct. at 11:00am due to the funeral of Maureen Delargy. Please inform all the members of Monday Club. On Tuesday 26th October, Mass will be at 10:30am due to the funeral of Roger Kockelbergh.

Clocks go back next Sunday by an hour. Please adjust all your clocks so that you may not miss out your weekend plans including your appointment with the Lord to meet at the Mass.

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Solemnity of all Saints 31st October to 7th November 2010

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Dear parishioners,

Thank you for raising £484.78 towards the repair of the flat roof, your generosity will bear fruit for us all who use St. Mary's as our place of prayer and socializing. If this collection is supported it will slowly help us to pay off our parish debts. The next parish collection will be on the weekend of 13/14 November. I hope you will appreciate my approach to this matter.

Our Christmas bazaar is not far, we urgently need stuff that will be sold to raise funds. Please note that there are attractive raffle presents (thanks to the sponsors) these include:

A Mountain bicycle for an adult person

A Meal for 4 persons/ friends of your choice at Bulls

Head pub.

Pantomime Tickets (entry tickets to renowned comedian shows)

Raffle tickets are on sale and everybody is a winner.

I'm very grateful to you all for taking interest in our parish development especially at this time when everyone is struggling. As you might notice, the scaffolding has been taken away, which means that the roof repair has been completed. The fact that we have to meet the cost is a matter of concern to us all; that is why the Bazaar is very important since it is the only time we can bring our families and friends to help us. We all know the sacrifices we make to meet the financial needs of our Church and school, therefore when an opportunity like this come around, we should only feel excited about it and try to involve as many people as we can.

I mentioned last week, the challenges facing the world will not spare the church, but if we work together and encourage each other and support the common good God will certainly bless our efforts.

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Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

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Marriage preparation course: has been running for some weeks now. The next marriage course session will be on Tuesday 9th November 2010 at 6.00pm in the parish hall.

Preparation for Confirmation of Adults: All those adults who are not yet confirmed and wish to be confirmed on Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 7.00pm by Bishop William Kenny please attend the preparation session on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

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We welcome Coventry University Students who form members of our parish community. After the 11:30am Mass please proceed to the parish hall for a cup of tea/coffee. May I ask all our parishioners to go along with them to the hall and have a chat with them. It is an opportunity to get to know each other who share the same faith as we are.

Collection: Gift Aid £149.00 Lose £ 341.15 Total: £ 490.15
Thank you.

Second Collection World Mission Sunday £ 194.85

Counters: Sun 31st October Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

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21st November – National Youth Service

Bonus Ball: N0 32 Kieran Hogan. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Aid to the Church in Need: Mr. David Jenkins who visited us last weekend has written a letter thanking us all for the support we gave him last Sunday. He was able to raise £226.95. David made a very interesting statement in his letter "Yours is one of the most friendly and spiritually rich parishes I have ever visited and you all made me feel very welcome to be with you." Yes let us always endeavor to make everyone welcome into our parish community.

Peace procession: All are welcome to join in the prayerful peace walk starting at St.Osburg's Church this Sunday 31st October 2010 at 2.30 pm and finishing with Benediction at St.Mary's Church at Raglan Street at 3.30pm. This annual event, stewarded by the Knights of Columbas, lasts for about an hour.

Lectors (Readers) needed: If you can give your service as a lector in the church during Saturday 6.00pm Mass or Sunday 9.30am Mass, please contact Sr. Lydwin or Tom Ward.

Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated this Sunday. It is a very important feast for the whole church as we praise God for our family members already reigning with Christ. Let us prepare for that event.

ALL Souls Day: we shall have two Masses here in the Church at 9:30am and at 6:30pm. Mass requests for the Holy souls are out and available at the back of the church. The month of November is dedicated to pray for the Holy souls. It is a Christian practice to pray for those dear ones who have died by requesting a holy Mass. On a date to be announced later, we shall visit the Cemetery. I believe each one of us will need other people's prayer for God's mercy.

Lilies for the departed Please write down the name of the family on the list and contribute towards the lilies for the departed. It is our duty to remember and pray for the departed of our families whose life we shared and who have touched our lives.

Christmas Bazaar: on Saturday 4th December 2010 from 2.00-4.00pm. Your contribution towards it either in kind or cash will be highly appreciated. Please put in the boxes at the back of the church any items you can contribute like bottles of spirits, wine, soft drinks, tinned food, boxes of biscuits, chocolates, any other items for tombola.

Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday December 12th at 1:30pm. Those who wish to join in please write your name and address on the list at the piety stall.

Christmas Raffle Tickets are being distributed at the back of the church. Please take them graciously, sell them on behalf of our parish community and return the stubs / counterfoils to Sr. Lydwin for the main raffle which will be drawn on 4th December 2010.

Family Draw-October Winners:

First Prize	No. 388	M. Young	154,
Gulson Road			
Second Prize	No. 108	Cis Dunnion	41,
Carmelite Road			
Third prize	No. 129	Natasha Johnson	Coventry

Save energy: winter time has started I ask you to cooperate in keeping the heating costs of the church and parish hall as low as possible. Please try to keep the doors, windows and curtains closed to keep heat in. This is what we are likely to do even at our homes. Thank you for taking this matter seriously.

Parish Car Park Warning: I understand that Coventry University to whom we lease our car park during the week has employed a private firm to manage its car parks around the city. Make sure that when you come to church during the week you use only those areas allocated to the church. If you park your car in the university slots, you will be fined £80 pounds. If you will be able to pay within 14 days, the fine will be reduced to £40 pounds. Please read their new regulations in the car park.

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Thirty Second Sunday 7th to 14th November 2010
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Dear Parishioners,

The Month of November in which we pray for the faithful departed should also remind us the reality of Purgatory and Hell. Preachers these days tend to speak more of Heaven as if the other two are outdated church inventions! Could this be the tactic that the devil who has toughened the consciences of people to think that 'there is no such a thing as sin is using? Is it true that only foolish people think of such things anymore?

The reality of the existence of hell is based on the teaching of Jesus himself. He spoke of the eternal fires prepared for the devil, he taught about the place of eternal suffering where there is weeping and grinding of teeth. He advised his followers not to lose heart but to take up their daily crosses. He told them to enter by the narrow door.

This reminds us that salvation is not to be taken for granted as many people seem to think these days; we must play our part by keeping God's commandments and by belonging to the fold.

It is good to remember that affluence in this life is not necessarily a guarantee for the life hereafter, I'm thinking about the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. Heaven and Hell start while we are still here on earth and both are based on the choices we make. Take someone swollen with pride; he'll persist in his pride even though he internally suffers its consequences. Similarly people who hate God or the church will find every reason to justify themselves, some will feel as if they are on top of the world because they don't believe; yet they will always suffer the constant reminder by their souls. This month of the Holy Souls calls upon us to remember the four last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. While the bible tells us that our span of life is seventy or eighty for those who are strong, I wonder where you would like to spend your eternity.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

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Marriage preparation course: has been running for some weeks now. The next marriage course session will be on Tuesday 9th November 2010 at 6.00pm in the parish hall.

Preparation for Confirmation of Adults: All those adults who are not yet confirmed and wish to be confirmed on Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 7.00pm please attend the preparation session on Wednesday 17th November at 7.00pm in the Lady's Chapel.

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Collection: Gift Aid £169.50 Lose £ 350.90 Total: £ 520.40
Thank you.

Second Collection for the roofing project will be on the weekend of 13/14 November.

Counters: Sun 7th November Sandra & Maureen

Second collection: 7th November – Johnson Fun (Sick & the retired Priests)

14th November – Parish projects

21st November – National Youth Service

Bonus Ball: No. 6 Mary Mulrooney. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Visit to the cemetery. Our prayer visit to London Cemetery will be on Monday 15th November 2010 at 3:30pm. We shall meet at the main entrance in the chapel compound. We shall then proceed to the place where our First Parish Priest Fr. Placid Rea OSB is buried.

Report on Legion of Mary: earlier in the year, a group of the Legion of Mary visited our parish for one week. During that time 3,354 homes were visited. They made 1,548 contacts. They distributed 1,360 Miraculous Medals. They met 119 practicing Catholics within the parish and 132 lapsed Catholics. They met 33 people no-Catholics who showed interest in RCIA program. They recruited 8 active Legionaries and 9 Auxiliary. We sincerely thank them for their work in our parish. Thanks to you all who supported them during their visit in various ways.

Ms. Sue Cutter: I'm sure most of you remember her; she used to manage the Fairtrade table before she went on a Mission in Sierra Leone. I'm sorry to inform you that her dad passed away few weeks ago at his home and burial took place in London on the 28th October 2010. Please let us keep Sue in our prayers.

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Proposed evening prayer at St. Mary's due to cuts in public services in our city, some parishioners are finding it hard to get buses in the evening. Some working people and students who wish to have a moment of prayer and Holy Mass to conclude the day find it difficult too if they have to wait for less frequent buses taking their route. This affects especially those who have family obligations. I'm planning to make some changes as follows: Except for the day of Divine Mercy that is on last Thursday of every month and on the day when we have Prayer for priests, that is on first Friday of every month, we shall start Adoration at 6:30pm and Holy Mass at 7:00pm. This means that both Adoration and Holy Mass will take only 1 hour. The two mentioned days will not be affected but remain as usual. This takes effect from Thursday 18th November.

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Eucharistic Ministers and Readers of the Word of God in Church: Have you been a Reader in your home church? Were you commissioned to distribute Holy Communion at Mass? Would you like to be trained for these ministries? Well our parish needs people who can render service in the mentioned ministries. I suppose that there must be some students among us who have been carrying out these ministries in their local churches of origin. Do not lose this ministry. Please contact the Parish Priest if you wish to continue doing so.

The repair of the flat roof has been completed and I hope to give you a report of its cost possibly in next weekend's Newsletter. I thank you all for supporting this work. Let us continue to work together for paying off its cost.

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Thirty third Sunday 14th to 21st November 2010

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Briefing on Roof Expenditure:

During our deanery meeting last Tuesday Canon Gary Byrne said "the worst thing you can ask any Parish Priest is the condition of his church roof" He went on to say related topics and at the end I approached him and said 'Father, all the time you were speaking, I held my breath because I felt as if you were talking about St. Mary's.

Well, you all know that among the many things I inherited when I became your Parish Priest was a vast leaking roof from the Sister's Convent to the Garage on Hood Street. Some parts of the Church used to leak too. This has gone on for years. I thank you all who have cooperated with me to go on fixing these things.

The repair of the roof has been completed it involved overlaying a new rubberized Resitrix SK system, application of 80mm insulation boards to meet with building regulations, for which the manufacturer has given us a 20 years' guarantee.

The work needed the approval of the City Council, it had to meet Health & Safety regulations (H/S officials made several unannounced checks), and a Surveyor to make sure that it met with the requirements of the Law. All these came at a cost.

Roofing Contractor £41,059.20 incl. VAT. Building Control application submission £135.13. Building Control Inspection Fee £405.38 incl VAT. Surveyor's Fees £1900.25 incl VAT. Health and Safety Fees £350.

All these will come to cost about £.43, 861.58 incl. VAT. We had no choice, either we fixed the roof or we left it to collapse on our heads some day!

I thank the parishioners who have given so far £2,155.50 since 01/08/2010 and for £484.78 which was given in the second collection. All contributions to the roof total £2,640.28. This leaves us with a deficit of over 41,221.30 to pay.

Our Christmas bazaar due 4th December let us support it. Our second collection for the roof will be this weekend. Let us always do our best and from a pure motive of service to God and to his church.

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Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on 15th November 2010 at 7.45pm. All the members are reminded to attend.

Collection: Gift Aid £249.58 Lose £ 404.08 Total: £ 653.66 Thank you.

Second Collection this weekend is for the roofing project of our parish. Thank you for the sacrifices each one is making for this cause.

Counters: Sun 14th November Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

Second collection: 21st November – National Youth Service

Bonus Ball: No 34 Rose Hogan. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

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Every Thursdays and Fridays adoration will start at 6:30pm and Mass will be at 7:00pm except when we have the Hour for Priests or prayer session for Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy monthly prayer meeting is on last Thursday of every month from 6.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass. Prayer for priests is on first Friday of every month from 6.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass. This takes effect from Thursday 18th November.

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Confirmation: Bishop Kenny: will visit our parish and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a number of parishioners and the children from our school on November 23rd 2010. The Mass will start at 7:00pm. Please let us turn up to celebrate yet another great event of God's grace among us.

Christmas Bazaar: on Saturday 4th December 2010 from 2.00-4.00pm. The active involvement of each one of us contributes to the success of the event. There are still some raffle tickets available being distributed at the back of the church. Please take them, sell them on behalf of our parish community and return the stubs to Sr. Lydwin for the main raffle which will be drawn on 4th December 2010. Boxes are at the back of the church for any items you can donate like bottles of spirits, wine, soft drinks, tinned food, boxes of biscuits, chocolates, any other items for tombola.

Pleased preserve heating by keeping the doors closed behind you in order to keep our church and hall warm. Remember to put on warm clothing. Thank you.

Toddlers at Mass: Thanks to Catholic families that bring children to Sunday Mass. I sincerely commend you for this. Some little children need a lot of freedom; to talk and to walk about during Mass; others cry! All these are normal for a child. If the child is likely to make unnecessary noise during Mass, I wish to suggest that you take the child to the Lady's Chapel, fitted with sound proof glass and loudspeaker. There you can let the child do what he/she likes while you help him/her to learn to pray. Do not feed crisps and biscuits to the child during Mass.

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Thought for Remembrance Sunday: They died a brutal death; why, if we do not keep the peace they fought for? I heard you say that you are angry; you feel like hitting someone. What do you gain! If you are strong why choose war on the weak to prove it? If someone does it, let your answer be No, it is wrong. Strength is not measured by the number of the dead around you or by widows and orphans you create but by perseverance in negotiations for peace and by right behavior. Learn to control yourself; to forgive and to quickly reconcile with those who offend you. In this way you will prove your worth. Imagine no ship on the high seas carried weapons in two minutes. Imagine no truck on world roads carried weapons for two minutes. Imagine, no arms salesman publicized his weapons in two minutes! Imagine no bullet, no missile; no grenade were made or fired in two minutes. Imagine no ammunitions changed hands in two minutes. Imagine weapon factories closed for two minutes. What a difference the two minutes silence would make!

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Solemnity of Christ the King 21st to 28th November 2010
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"Lord it is Wonderful for us to be here" (Matt. 17:4)

Last Monday on a visit to London Road cemetery, we again prayed at the graves of those who have gone before us. Some of our former parish priests and parishioners are buried there. Visiting a cemetery, gives you a feeling of gratitude to God that we are still here; it makes you to feel humble, to remember that we are nothing but dust, and to realize that our bond with God must be out of love and deep faith.

As you walk through the cemetery in prayer, you feel how close heaven is to us. It was at this St. Mary's Church that many of the dead invoked God's name. It was on these very pews that for almost 120 years generations of Christians called on God's name. Here, Jesus looked upon his people with kindness, granted their requests, extended his forgiveness and gave them peace. As your parish priest and taking into account that we are not here for comedy or to appear in the sight of people as God fearing but to worship God who is with us and among us building the kingdom, I appeal to you that we recognize God's presence as we pray.

I can assure you that the Sunday Mass at St. Mary's will not be rushed; it will not be unduly prolonged either. There are 168 hours or 10,080 minutes in a week. Jesus asks from us only ONE HOUR for Sunday Mass or just 60 minutes to be with him. (Peter you had no strength to keep awake with me one hour! Matt 26:40)

Coming late to Mass as some are tempted to do, is as a matter of fact cheating on God's time. We have 167 hours or 10,020 minutes every week for ourselves. Sunday program should set aside the hour for God for Sunday Mass uninterrupted.

I invite you to recognize God in the signs and symbols of our celebration. Unless it is in cases of extreme necessity, our Catholic tradition does not encourage us to leave the church before the priest. Faith demands that we observe silence in church and avoid idle conversations. The fact that we are in the presence of God should overwhelm us, "Be still and know that I'm God" People of no faith will think that they are greater than Jesus who humbles himself to live among us here, who speaks to us in his word and who feeds us in the Eucharist.

If our Sunday Mass was a comedy, I would have told you and acted as a comedian. But since we worship a God who is present among us, we cannot behave in any manner that does not proclaim that truth.

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Collection: Gift Aid £258.16 Lose £ 312.99 Total: £ 571.15
Thank you.

Second Collection £476.76 for roofing project of our parish. Thank you for the sacrifices each one is making for this cause.

Counters: Sun 21st November Mary O'Sullivan & Barbara
Second collection: 21st November – National Youth Service
12th December – Parish projects

Bonus Ball: No 8 Mary Morgan. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

From Archbishop's Desk: National Youth Sunday falls on this weekend of November 20/21. Every year a second collection to support youth ministry has been used for national projects. However, from now on the money collected will be for our own youth ministry in this Diocese.

Christmas Bazaar: I'm pleased to all who have brought in stuff for our parish Christmas bazaar due Saturday 4th December 2010 from 2.00- 4.00pm. An event of this kind requires many hands. All of which contribute to its success. Boxes are at the back of the church for any items you can donate like bottles of spirits, wine,

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Season of Advent: Next Sunday 28th November will be the first Sunday of Advent. Advent Walk With Me booklets and Calendars: are available at the piety stall to help us in our journey of prayer during Advent and Christmas time. Please take them. Although you can take it for free, the diocese recommends that we contribute at least £1.00. Nevertheless make sure that you take them for your use.

Confirmation will be celebrated here on Tuesday by our area Bishop William Kenny. Mass will start at 7:00pm, please come and celebrate our faith. Congratulations to those who will be confirmed. Thanks to all who have prepared them for this event.

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: As you notice our Parish has a Deacon in the person of Rev. Mr. Robert Giampaglia, who by virtue of his ministry will assist the Priest in all functions pertaining to the Altar. I wish to suggest that at Masses when the deacon is present, the Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will not be necessary. I thank them all both present and in the past who have supported our Parish. I ask them to continue taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, a service for which we are all very thankful.

Interfaith Week Day Conference on the teaching of Catholic Bishops will take place on Tuesday Nov. 23rd at St. Chad's Cathedral in the Canons Dining Room. The theme is "The Pressing Need to foster respect and mutual understanding between religions." Guest Speaker will be Archbishop Kevin McDonalds (Retired Bishop of Southwark) All are welcome.

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Family Draw –November will be on Monday 29th November. All the monies will be collected by the weekend of 28th/29th November.

Death Announcement: of John Ledwidge of No. 3 St. Catherine Rd. He was a very good man who supported the initial preparations for the painting of our church. May He Rest in Peace.

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Dear Parishioners, our Christmas bazaar will be next Saturday from 2:00 to 4 O'clock. I thank you all who have worked hard to buy and to sell raffle tickets, those who have brought-in stuff and those who have encouraged each other in preparation of this event. While you might do these things simply out of duty, they at the same time reveal some hidden truth:

- a) It shows your love for God and of his Church,
- b) it manifests your respect and love for the parish. How could anyone explain the time and energy you have spent without mentioning you love for the place!
- c) it shows your appreciation for what St. Mary's has been in your life and possibly in your family. Many people on coming to England and Coventry in particular start their life from St. Mary's. It is easy for some people to forget; yet your involvement whenever St. Mary's needs you, is a sure sign that you have not forgotten.
- d) it shows your love for the Parish Priest since he cannot function without the support of his people, little less if he comes from the other part of the village. I thank you for working hard and together in order to make St. Mary's to continue witnessing to God's presence in our city.

The real task ahead of us takes place on Saturday; let us bring our families and friends. You will all realize that while there might be few people that come to Mass in our church, this Church renders so many services to people in our city. Try to imagine how many families that have their children in our parish school? How many have had weddings or funerals of dear ones and were so pleased to be in a nice church? How many others have appreciated hosting their social event using our parish hall and they wished to come again? How many still would refer to our church whenever they try to help visitors to find their way around the city? It is hard to exhaust the benefits that St. Mary's is offering to people. Allow me to mention this too; parishioners who have lived a little longer in the parish told me that they don't recall at any time when St. Mary's was ever rich or when it had rich people around, all of them have always been those who really struggle to survive day by day. In spite of this St. Mary's has been blessed with very loyal parishioners who love their faith, their church and their parish priests. Let us come again next Saturday and do what we can for the glory of God.

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Rosa Mystica: 'Hour of Grace' will be held on Wednesday 8th December from 12. to 1.00pm in the Lady's chapel.

Collection: Gift Aid £205.00 Lose £ 365.97 Total: £ 570.97 Thank you.

Second Collection Catholic Youth £ 193.94

Counters: Sun 29th November Sandra & Maureen

Second collection: 5th December Poor Parishes of the Diocese

12th December – Parish Projects

Bonus Ball: No. 37 Bridie Kelly please collect your prize at the piety stall.

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LIFE has launched an on-line petition calling upon the Government to require that every woman seeking an abortion shall be fully informed of the risks to her physical and mental health, shall receive professional counseling and shall have a 'cooling off' period between diagnosis of the pregnancy and the abortion operation. Please sign the petition by going to www.ipetitions.com/petition/informedconsent. For further information call LIFE on 01926 421587 (daytime) or 01926 428255 (evening)

From the Archbishop's Desk: The Bishops were informed by the Department for Christian Life and Worship of changes to the National Calendar for England. The Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome has granted the raising to the rank of Feast of the following celebrations:

The English Martyrs, 4 May

St Augustine of Canterbury, 27 May

St Gregory the Great, 3 September

St Thomas Becket, 29 December

Further information is available through the Bishops' Conference Liturgy Office website www.liturgyoffice.org.uk

Sacrament of Confession: in preparation for Christmas will take place on December Friday 17th at 7:00pm. It is an opportunity for us all to seek reconciliation with God and with one another in order to be worthy for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

Confirmation: I would like to sincerely congratulate the young Christians who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday in our Church. My gratitude goes to the (R.E) Religious Education teachers who have been preparing the children in the school and to Deacon Robert who prepared the adults. Remember that the holiness of each one contributes to the holiness of the other. It was a very religious celebration indeed for us all. Let us always be true witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Coventry University Graduation: we congratulate the students of Coventry University who graduated this week. Some of those who took their degrees are faithful members of this parish community. It was so good to see you being rewarded for your hard work.

Baby pram/ pushchair needed urgently by Fr. Jimmy. If you have one that you do not want to use anymore kindly donate it and he will give it to someone who needs it.

Funeral Mass of John Ledwige takes place on Wednesday 1st December 2010 at 10:00am. Reception of his body in our church will be on Tuesday 30th November 2010 at 6:00pm. May He Rest In Peace.

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Dear Parishioners,

May I thank you all for celebrating our Parish bazaar. A day before it took place someone came and told me 'this bazaar will flop; it is going to be very cold and after all our local team Coventry City will be playing at home, no one will turn up for the bazaar'!

Fr. Jimmy is always aware that the "Evangelical Seed" will always have the darnel growing with it and that fidelity is proved during trials. There will be moments when God asks us to make choices. I'm so pleased that you came bringing your families and friends, and that each one did what he/she could for the good of the parish.

Since the bazaar was announced, I constantly saw hope at work in your hearts my parishioners. Hope is vital for perseverance. We spend our lives longing, waiting, eager for one thing or the other. It is impossible to live when we are totally without hope.

While we all hoped for a successful bazaar, you did not sit back waiting for things to happen, instead you were driven into action; bringing-in stuff, buying and selling raffle tickets and talking about it everywhere. Our hope that St. Mary's has a future and that she should have a future made you to work hard. Our strength and commitment depended to a great extent on the degree and quality of our hope.

We believe that our efforts are worthwhile and that whatever each one has done to make the bazaar successful has made a real difference. I thank the pupils of our school who worked so hard to tell their parents about the bazaar sometimes with stammer. Thanks to the parents who guessed what children wanted to say and for acted on it.

While it is our duty as Christians to keep hope alive and to set and example, we must remember that when all is said and done, this world will never fulfill our deepest hopes. Only Jesus will do that. Praised be God for his blessings in the past and ask for his help for what we hope to achieve.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

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Rosa Mystica: 'Hour of Grace' will be held on Wednesday 8th December from

12. to 1.00pm in the Lady's chapel. The monthly prayer of Rosa Mystica will be on Monday 13th December as usual in the Lady's chapel

Collection: Gift Aid £202.77 Lose £ 424.32 Total: £627.09
Thank you.

Counters: Sun 5th Dec Sandra & Maureen

Second collection: 5th December Poor Parishes of the Diocese
12th December – Parish Projects

Bonus Ball: No. 29 Kasule please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Family Draw –December will be on Sunday 19th December. All the monies will be collected on the weekend 18th /19th December 2010

Antiphons at Mass: A new Roman Missal will soon be published. The Holy Father asks us to familiarize with the changes that are recommended for the active participation of God's faithful. During Mass there are various antiphons e.g. Entrance, Gospel Acclamation and Communion antiphons. Let us try to recite them together.

Lectors Meeting: for all those who wish to read at 11.30am Mass will be on Sunday 5th December 2010 after the 11.30am Mass in the lady's chapel.

Baby pram/ pushchair needed urgently by Fr. Jimmy. If you have one that you do not want to use anymore kindly donate it and he will give it to someone who needs it.

Post for a Foundation Governor: I'm looking for some one who can fill in a vacant post of a Foundation Governor of our School St. Mary's and St. Benedict. This post and the activities relevant to it are all voluntary with no salary or remuneration. From time to time, the governing body meets at the school to discuss and to decide on matters concerning the education and general welfare of our children. Please if you can volunteer becoming a member of the governing body of our school, kindly contact the Parish Priest Fr. Jimmy on 07983755406 not later than November 30th 2010.

Pick your Baptismal Certificates: Ms. Judith Ohaeri, Mr. Leo Izeyamu, Mr. Poniah, Mr. Fernando Alantine and Mr. Benedict Tochukwu. Please contact the Parish Priest.

Sacrament of Confession: in preparation for Christmas will take place on December Friday 17th at 7:00pm. Visiting Priests from our deanery will be here to help us with this Sacrament. It is an opportunity for us all to seek reconciliation with God and with one another in order to be worthy for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Dinner: will be on Sunday 12th December 2010. A thanksgiving Mass will be offered at 11.30am followed by Christmas dinner in the Parish Hall.

Holy Family candles: It is in a family where we receive true love and freedom to grow as fulfilled human persons. Christian family life is in difficulties even in real danger. Why don't you offer a prayer for your family? Let us ask the Holy family of Nazareth to bless our families with peace, trust, understanding and to strengthen the bond of love. Please take a candle and light it before the Crib and say the prayer on that candle. Candles are available from the piety stall.

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 Third Sunday of Advent 12th to 19th December 2010
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Dear Parishioners,

May I thank you again for the successful bazaar we had last Saturday our cooperation and good will enabled us to raise £ 4,648.19 after deducting all the unavoidable expenses. The reason for this success has been due to your sacrificial generosity and to your knowledge that it is God's work we are all doing. Surely it is faith, our love for God and of his Church that are at work in us. Please read the following carefully, check your tickets and collect your prizes.

Raffle Prize Winners: 1st Prize £150.00 No. 0182 Sis Dunnion. 2nd prize £100.00 No. 0198 Sis Dunnion. 3rd Prize £50.00 No. 7686 Nora O'Brien. 4th prize Food Hamper No. 3980 Steve Cox. 5th prize Bottle of Spirit, No.1606 Harry Thompson, 6th prize Box of chocolates, No 6816 D. Ward. 7th prize Box of Biscuits, No.4301 C. Hanna, 8th prize Bottle of wine No.4016 Jackie Crawford, 9th prize Fruit Cake No. 7902 Patrick McNicholas. 10th prize Christmas pudding No. 0074 Mal Barnes. Christmas cake winner No. 14 blue color serial No. AD 358084 Nora Currison. Mountain Bicycle winner No 626-630 pink color serial No. AD 493465. Name the Teddy No. 27 Brendan Butler and No 38. Tom Ward.

Please check your tickets as many of these important prizes have not been claimed; you could be the winner. As a parish we thank you for buying the tickets and congratulate you on your becoming winners.

The truth dear parishioners is if we can raise this money for the church, it is a sure sign that God approves the sacrifices we are making and blesses them. Much energy was spent by volunteers to organize the event for which I'm thankful. Occasions of this kind need not be missed or ignored without sufficient reasons put before God. Jesus did not ask us to become successful, he does not expect us to be so, but he expects us to be faithful no matter what happens. As your Parish priest, I feel greatly supported by each one of you. On your behalf I try like any parish priest to promote whatever is good and as a prophet to denounce whatever is evil in us.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

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Rosa Mystica: The monthly prayer of Rosa Mystica will be on Monday 13th December as usual in the Lady's chapel

Collection: Gift Aid £156.80 Lose £ 368.90 Total: £525.70 Thank you.

Second collection: Poor parishes £196.04

Second collection: 12th December – Parish Projects

Counters: Sun 12th Dec Vera Dunnion, Sisters

Bonus Ball: No. 48 Rose Hogan please collect your prize at the piety stall.

Family Draw –December will be on Sunday 19th December. All the monies will be collected on the weekend 18th /19th December 2010

Performance of each stall: it is a good idea to put in the newsletter the performance of each stall. As a parish we're proud of whatever we can do for the building of the church no matter how big or small it may be. As your parish priest I thank everyone who contributed to the success of the parish bazaar. Thanks to those who volunteered to put up stalls and for all who contributed stuff. If we work together, we can do great things. The success of our parish will depend on how we want to work together for its common good. United we stand, divided we fall.

Stall 1 Wheel £ 796.50

Stall 2 Kitchen	£ 93.00
Stall 3 Bottles	£ 279.75
Stall 4 Toys+ Santas	£ 54.30
Stall 5 Piety	£ 131.00
Stall 6 Jewellery	£ 44.00
Stall 7 Tombola	£ 269.50
Stall 8 Indian Curry	£ 127.00
Stall 9 snacks	£ 39.80
Stall 10 Irish coffee	£ 36.00
Stall 11 Cakes	£ 40.88
Stall 12 children clothes	£ 89.20
Stall 13 Bric a Brac	£ 184.30
Stall 14 Jams	£ 43.70
Stall 15 Games	£ 42.20
Books	£ 38.00
Raffles: Main	£1792.00
Bike:	£ 240.00
Name the Teddy	£ 120.00
Cake:	£41.00

Thanks to every one for such a great work well-done for our parish.

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Our Parish Website: some of us have been trying to visit it for information. Due to the technical breakdown in the system at Gabriel Communication Offices, this is not possible at the moment. They told me that they are working on their machines to restore our internet connection as soon as possible. The Archdiocese of Birmingham depends on Gabriel Internet Connection for its services.

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Christmas 2010 - Mass Timings

Friday 17-12-2010	7.00pm	Parish Christmas Confessions
Friday 24-12-2010	6.00pm	Vigil Mass for children
	7.30pm	Carol singing
	8.00pm	Vigil Mass for Adults
Saturday 25-12-2010	9.30am	Christmas Day Mass
	11.30am	Christmas Day Mass
Sunday 26-12-2010	9.30am	Feast of the Holy Family
	11.30am	Feast of the Holy Family
Family		
Monday 27-12-2010	10.00am	Feast of St. John the Evangelist
Tuesday 28-12-2010	10.00am	Feast of the Holy Innocents
Wednesday 29-12-2010	10.00am	Feast of St. Thomas Becket
Thursday 30-12-2010	10.00am	
Friday 31-12-2010	10.00am	Day of Thanksgiving
Saturday 01-01-2011	10.30am	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
	6.00pm	Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday 02-01-2011	9.30am	Feast of the Epiphany
	11.30am	Feast of the Epiphany

I wish you all a Merry Christmas 2010 and a Blessed New Year 2011.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent 19th December 2010 to 2nd January
2011

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Dear Parishioners,

By the end of this week we shall have celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ the Savior of the world. We adore God made visible in the infant child of Bethlehem. God became human so that he might make us divine.

As your priest, I have spent this time since our last Christmas to teach you the doctrine of our faith and to call each one to the obedience of faith. What I was doing was to say in simple terms: 'this is what we have received from the Lord Jesus, this is what the Catholic Church has taught from the very beginning; this is what we believe; take it, defend it, teach it to others and practice it in your own life.' The reason for this is we have absolute certainty of what we possess because it is a revelation made by God himself.

As you might have noticed, there has been considerable criticism of the church in the media during the year especially during the months that preceded the visit of the Pope. It was a wake-up call for us Christians and Catholics in particular, that we ought to teach what we believe, to believe what we teach and to practice what we believe in our own lives. This makes our practice of faith more demanding. It is a fight to death! The Holy Father told us not to be afraid to express it publicly. It is a battle and the Church does not want lukewarm combatants.

May I thank each and every one of you for the services you have made to keep our parish moving. Those small things, those tasks we have done for the parish contributes to the success of the Church throughout the world.

Thank you for supporting me in my ministry of service here at St. Mary's. Surely I commend you to God and to the word of his grace that has power to build you up and to give you your inheritance among all the sanctified (Acts 20:32).

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Baptism course for parents who wish to have their children get baptized will be on Monday 10th January 2011 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Collection: Gift Aid £187.75 Lose £ 320.03 Total: £507.78

Second collection: Parish Projects: £296.08 Thank you.

Counters: Sun 19th Tom Ferris & Agnes Heffernan

Bonus Ball: No 41 Susan Skarwinko Christmas Bonus Ball No. 41 Henny Taylor please collect your prize at the piety stall.

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Christmas Mass Collection: Collection made during the Masses will be your gift for your parish priest Fr. Jimmy. Please find the Christmas offering envelopes at the back of the church if you need one.

Donations put in the Crib basket will be send to the spiritual director of Bukinda Junior seminary Fr. Andrew Ssali who wants to print new prayer books for seminarians. Thanks in advance.

Marriage banns: Judith Chidinmma Ohaeri, daughter of

Prof. Jude Uzoma Ohaeri and Dr. Mrs Beatrice Mgboro Ohaeri of Umuovum village, Ulakwo, Owerri North local government area Imo State Nigeria

wishes to get married to Mr. Zeribe Emmanuel Nlamedim, son of Prince Ambrose Esogwa Nlamedim-Dibia and Mrs Sylva Nlamedim-Dibia, of Umuganmma, Amakohia, Ikeduru local government, Imo State, Nigeria. If anyone knows of any reason that would prevent them getting married to each other, please inform the Parish Priest.

Coventry City Council has a policy on home to school transport (for children) which sets out the circumstances in which it provides free transport to assist pupils to get to secondary school. The Council reviews that policy each year and decides whether or not it needs to make changes. As part of the drive to ensure the most efficient use of resources, the Council has decided to consider making changes to the policy to be brought in from September 2012." The changes relate to the withdrawal of free discretionary transport to faith and single sex secondary schools for new applicants from September 2012. The withdrawal of free bus passes to children going to secondary schools from September 2012 requires a response from every person. The Council is seeking a wide range of views on this issue. Please be prepared to give your own opinions when the time comes.

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Church cleaning: We are very much in need of some volunteers to clean our church on Wednesdays or Saturdays in the morning from 8.00am. Please, if you can come forward to keep our house of prayer clean and tidy

Feast of St.Stephen the patron of Altar servers is on 26th December. I invite all our altar servers to come on Sunday 26th December either at 9.30am or 11.30am Mass to renew their commitment.

**Wish You All A Very Happy Christmas And
A Bright And Peaceful New Year 2011**

