

MASSES Week 1st to 8th June 2014

Sat	31	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	01	9.30am	Peter Harte (RIP)
		11.30am	Bulungu Bwana Miteo (Anni)

Mon	02	12.30pm	Monday Club Volunteers (Spl Int)
Tue	03	9.30am	Fr Jimmy's Intention
Wed	04	9.30am	Mrs Laffey (RIP)
Thurs	05	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Kristina Clark (Get well)
Fri	06	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer for priests
		7.30pm	Jean Scott (RIP)
			Eileen Garnett (Birthday)
Sat	07	10.30am	Helpers on St Patrick's Day
		11.00am -12.00noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sat	07	6.00pm	Peter Harte (RIP)
Sun	08	9.30am	Rose & Mick Hogan (Spl Int)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days: 3rd June Feast of the Ugandan Martyrs
8th June Solemnity of Pentecost

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 31st May/1st June

6.00 pm	Clare Gibson, Theresa Sophie (E)
9.30 am	Stephanie, Roisin Elizabeth (E)
11.30am	Stella, John Serso, Loveness (E)

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Patrick, Sr Leera Barbara (E)
Sr Lydwin, Elena Bridie (E)
Honorine, Veronica Vera, Kath (E)

RIP: Mrs. Josephine Onye, Phylis Brolly, Elizabeth Gamble, Peter Harte, Patrick Bernard Ward, Marie Garner

Anniversaries during this Week Bridget Bernadette Murphy, John Peter Dunnion, Danny Dorian, Alec John Garner, John Crone, John Flanagan, Andrew Mooney, Theresa Andrew Meehan, Doreen Meehan, Mary Moran, Margaret Crawford, Michael Woods.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Maura Marron, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrooney, Maureen Patterson, Jim Dunleavy, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, Joe Reynolds, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Duignan, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Bob McGorman, Maria Drabik, Michelle.

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 1st to 8th June 2014

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HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW ONE ANOTHER?

Knowing people means letting them to know you. Our culture is obsessed with making right pronunciation of names and places. Missionaries like me will always have difficulty in pronouncing names to the annoyance of the non-travelled lot! I remember the difficulty that missionaries from abroad have in pronouncing names of their parishioners in my village back in Uganda! What is comforting to the missionaries is the calm and a sense of humor by which the people take it; they know that missionaries are pronouncing words in a foreign language, thus the wrong pronunciation is not meant to offend. The people are so enthusiastic to teach the missionaries their vernacular. No wonder when missionaries return to their home countries, all they dream of is to go back to the missions!

It is unfortunate that some people are not so understanding and sympathetic to foreigners who cannot speak their vernacular properly. I remember one person at a funeral who angrily interrupted the priest because he was not pronouncing her dead mother's name properly; she was "Kathleen" and not "Catherine".

It is easy to be taken up by tiny details and forget the most important things in our Christian life. We bear the name of the Savior Jesus Christ, we are called Christians, we belong to a great religion and the mysteries of our faith are very deep; but how many baptized people would mind if either the name of Jesus Christ or their Christian names were not pronounced properly? It is good to keep our Christian identity and to be proud of who we are.

In places where many people share common interests such as Christian faith, it is easy for them to segregate one another along sectarian lines, but in those places where Christians are minority the more collaboration that exists between them, the greater the survival of each one is enhanced. These days a parish will have greater chances of survival if its members will try to know one another more deeply and if they will work together to help one another. Just as it is important to come to church and not find an empty building but with people in it, it is important that you try to know who they are and that you let them know who you are. A church is not a private club. Ask yourself: 'how many people do I know in this church and how many know me'?

Is any 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.

Pastoral

Coventry deanery Corpus Christi procession will take place on Sunday 22nd June in St Osburg's Church with prayers and opening hymn at 3pm, and proceed across the bridge, through the precinct, to The Priory Ruins, where there will be a Service and Benediction at 4pm. The Priory Ruins is where the Christian Faith was first lived and proclaimed in these parts, with the monastery founded by the Abbess, St Osburg, at the beginning of the eleventh century. It is fitting that the Christian community in Coventry today should return there in the joy of that same faith. There is ample parking in The Belgrade Plaza Parking, across the blue St Osburg's Bridge. His Grace, the Archbishop, has said that a deanery Corpus Christi Procession is very much in the spirit of responding to Pope Francis' request to join him in Eucharistic Adoration on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. It is also a joyful public proclamation of the Good News. Please take part. Children who will have received their First Holy Communion are encouraged to come dressed in their ceremonial dresses.

Baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their children baptized will be on Monday 2nd June 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall. It is a session which lasts just for an hour. Coming late will disturb other participants besides you missing out something in your preparation for your Child's special day. So please be on time in order to have all the preparation in place.

First Holy Communion: The First Holy Communion of our children will take place on Saturday 14th June at 10.30am. Let us continue to support them with our prayers and good example. It is a very special day for our children and also to their families. Please prepare your children spiritually along with all the material preparation to meet the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. Let us make it a very memorable day for our children.

Free to pronounce ourselves Christians: some of you might have read in the papers about Marian Yehya Ishag a Sudanese woman formally a Muslim converted to Christianity who was sentenced to death in Sudan by hanging because of marrying a Christian man. She gave birth to a baby while shackled in chains last Wednesday. She will nurse her baby for two years before she will be given 100 lashes for adultery and then killed by hanging unless her case is reversed. Such cases remind us of how lucky we are that we can practice our faith in total freedom. Please remember her in your prayers.

Lectors Meeting will be on Sunday 15th June 2014 after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £244.00 Loose £524.62 Total £768.62 Thank you.

Counters: 1st June Vera Dunnion & Mick Hogan

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 21 Elizabeth Hughes
Saturday Draw No 46 K Leslie

Second Collection: 1st June Catholic Communications
29th June Peter's pence

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Pious Devotion

Divine Mercy monthly prayers are every last Thursday of the month 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Prayer for priests is every first Friday of the month from 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Rosa Mystica prayers on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

The Lady's chapel is open from 9:00am to 7:00pm from Monday to Friday for anyone who wishes to come and spend some time in prayer. It is closed on Wednesday.

Other Matters of importance

Marriage banns: Mr. Henry Joseph Egboh of 120 St. Georges Road Coventry Son of Joseph Egboh and Elizabeth Egboh of Awunda Nnubi Madona Catholic Church Nnob Anambra State Nigeria, would like to have his civil marriage to Amaka Chika Madubuobi daughter of Isaac Madubuobi and Chinyere Madubuobi of St Stephen's Anglican Church Umdim Nnewi Anambra State Nigeria blessed in the church. If there is anyone who knows why this blessing should not take place, please inform the parish priest as soon as possible.

World Communications Day is celebrated this Sunday 1st June, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. On this day, Catholics all over the world are invited to reflect anew on the command of Jesus to his followers that we should preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Missionary activity is the greatest and holiest task of the Church. Let us join the Holy Father in praying that the media may be an instrument in Church's mission of proclaiming Christ to all nations. May Mary, the Star of Evangelization guide and lead the Church in the path of truth, justice and peace.

The Annual APF-Mill Hill Mission Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 12th July 2014 at 2.00pm at Christ the King & Our Lady of Lourdes 4 Westhill Road, Coventry, CV6 2AA. The Principal Celebrant will be Mgr Canon James Cronin. There will be refreshments and a short talk about the work of APF and Mill Hill after the Mass.

Dates for your Diary

2 nd June	Baptism preparation course
14 th June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
6 th Sept	Seminar for the Married Couples