

**MASSES Week 27<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Sat	26	6.00pm	Curriston Family (Spl Int)
Sun	27	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.30am	Mama Helen Forbie (RIP)
Mon	28	12.30pm	Sr Leena (Spl Int)
		6.30-7.30pm	Holy Hour
Tue	29	9.30am	Josephine Lobo (Spl Int)
Wed	30	9.30am	Marie Garner (RIP)
Thurs	01	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Patrick Ward (RIP)
Fri	02	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer for priests
		7.30pm	Kathleen McMullin (RIP)
Sat	03	10.30am	Fr Jimmy (Spl Int)
		11.00am -12.00noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Sat	03	6.00pm	Kathleen McMullin (RIP)
Sun	04	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Ngayu Lawson & Tantoh Berinyuy (Thanksgiving)
			Marho & David Sagua (Thanks giving)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> May**

6.00 pm	Tom Ward, Patrick Barbara (E)	Brendan, Theresa Dr Jay (E)
9.30 am	Stephanie, Keyna Sr Leera (E)	Aspita, Sr Lydwin Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	Julie, John Loveness, Veronica (E)	Stella, Hannah Serso, Vera (E)

RIP: Elizabeth Gamble, Peter Harte, Patrick Bernard Ward, Marie Garner

Anniversaries during this Week: Mario Giampaglia, Minnie Noonan, Mary McCarron, Nada Stojanovic, Mary Margaret McGlynn, Roseleen Killen, Brendon Noel Gilroy, Mary Greene, Jistus St John, Frank Seamus, P Carolan, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan, Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly.

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 Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Margaret Brolly, Tess Pearkes, Joe Reynolds, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Duignan, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Bob McGorman, Maria Drabik.

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**Second Sunday to Easter 27<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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**PARISH PRIEST IN 'UKRAINE ROBBERY'?**

Dear Parishioners, I believe you had a good Easter. I thank you all for your prayerful celebration and participation since Ash Wednesday which culminated in the proclamation of the Lord's resurrection. I thank those who were directly involved, namely the Altar Servers, the choir, lectors and Eucharistic ministers.

The cleanliness and beauty of our church captures almost every eye of the visitors who come to pray with us. From time to time, I hear comments from visitors and of course many of them tend to thank the Parish Priest. However the truth is that the cleanliness of this church is done by those people who volunteer their time to come and do the cleaning. For this reason, I would like to thank all those parishioners who cleaned the church. May God bless all of us who cherish St. Mary's as our spiritual home.

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April soon after Easter, a good number of you received an e-mail at 8:25am with the following message

*" I'm sorry for not informing you about my trip, Am in Ukraine with my family during the Easter it was a place fun to be ,but unfortunately we got mugged at the hotel park were stayed, All cash an credit cards were stolen off me. Wondering if i get a loan from you in getting settling my hotel bills and get back your money as soon as i get back home. Please do get back to me immediately to let you know the easiest way to get the fund to us."*

This was the work of internet gangsters who hacked into my internet mail box. If you analyse the language and lifestyle portrayed even an ordinary person immediately notices that this is not the kind of lifestyle that the parish priest is living at the moment. I wish to commend you for so many telephone calls that I have received from those who got the email and for the advices you gave. Former parishioners sent their spontaneous warnings from as far as Canada, Ireland and Australia. Surely you love your parish priest!

All my contacts were lost therefore I could not contact many of you to ask you to ignore the scam. The Parish Priest has not been in Ukraine at any time, he is safe and doing his work. I will be pleased to get your contacts again. A good parish priest yearns to keep in touch with his people.

Please take care when you are on line, we are vulnerable in so many ways.

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**

**Canonization of Two great Popes:** Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII will be Canonized by Pope Francis this Sunday in Rome on the Feast of Divine Mercy. These Great Popes of our recent history who experienced the mercy of God and dispensed the same to their brothers and sisters are a great example to us in today's world stricken with war, hatred and violence. May the Mercy of God be the remedy for our global ailment. May their intercession help to restore peace and tranquility in the World

**Divine Mercy Sunday** please come and join us in celebrating the mercy of the Lord this weekend 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at St Mary & St Benedict RC Church, Raglan Street, Coventry, CV1 5QF. Prayers will commence at 2.00pm. Check on the noticeboard for details

**This behavior does not reflect that we believe:** Holy Week and Easter liturgies are very long and exhausting for everyone including the priests. There is no short-cut to the prayers. I noticed some people who walked out of the church on Good Friday as if in protest against the service being too long! What a pity that they missed the veneration of the Cross! How completely dependent we are on that Holy Cross, for the grace of God's friendship, for forgiveness of sin for hope of heaven here after! If this was done by pagans, I would understand but the people who left the church were some of the most trusted by the parish priest which left him heart broken. When you go to church, try to know what you are doing and before whom you are standing – God. Faith is reflected in behavior.

**RCIA:** or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program that aims at instructing people who are of mature age and do not belong to the Catholic Church to be initiated into the Christian faith as understood and practiced by the Catholics. The program starts in September of each year and ends on Easter vigil. If you are baptized in other Christian denominations and you would like to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, or if you are not baptized at all and you would wish to, please contact the parish priest.

**His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley** has written a letter to thank all the Catholics of the archdiocese for the generous contribution of £30,000 when Cardinal Vincent Nichols visited the diocese on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. *'The response in excess of £30,000 was immensely generous'* he wrote. The Cardinal has in turn donated this money to the Christian community in the Holy Land and he will decide which specific project that will benefit from it.

**Lectors meeting** on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel.

**Holy Places Collection:** on Good Friday there is always a collection throughout the Catholic Christian world for our Brothers and Sisters the Christians who live in the place where Jesus lived. It is still today the principal source which sustains the life and works of the region's Christians, in response to the ardent desire of the Supreme Pontiffs, who especially on the occasion of Good Friday, have always recommended concrete acts of authentic fraternal charity.

### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid £339.20 Good Friday collection £492.86 Thank you.

**Counters:** 27<sup>th</sup> Maureen Jones & Vera Dunnion

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 40 June Bentley

**Second Collection:** 11<sup>th</sup> May Clergy Training Fund

### **Mass Attendance**

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Funeral Masses:** During the Easter Octave I was saddened by the death of two of our Parishioners namely Peter Harte of St George's Road and Elizabeth Gamble of 8, Chantries. The funeral details are:

The reception of the mortal remains of Elizabeth Gamble will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm and the Requiem Mass on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am followed by Interment at Lenton's Lane Cemetery.

The reception of Peter Harte on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm and the Requiem Mass on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am.

**Thanks for your generosity** over Easter. Your greeting cards, letters and telephone calls indeed enhanced the festivity of the celebration. May God bless you all for your kindness.

### **Dates for your Diary**

14 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish penitential service 6:00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 11.30am
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Training Session for Eucharistic ministers 6:00-9:00pm (church)
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Divine Mercy Sunday
14 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Confirmation at 7.00pm

### **Timetable set by the Archbishop on new Mass times:**

The implementation of new Mass times in Coventry Denary were expected to take effect from today 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Until we hear from the archbishop, the matter remains suspended.