

**MASSES Week 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015**

Sun	18	9.30am 11.30am	Margaret Frowless (RIP) Peter Harte (RIP)
Mon	19	12.30pm	Mary Murray (RIP) Kathleen Delaney (B/d)
Tue	20	9.30am	Linval George Morant (RIP) Michael Hyland (RIP)
Wed	21	9.30am	Rony Armstrong (RIP)
Thurs	22	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Donna Doyle (Spl Int)
Fri	23	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Bob McGorman (RIP)
Sat	24	10.30am	Betty Gracy (RIP) George McMullin (Get well)
11.00am-12.00Noon Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sun	25	9.30am 11.30am	People of the parish Jane Marron (Spl Int)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015**

9.30 am Asipita, Tom Ward  
Betty Osagie (E)  
11.30am Honorine, Jeanette  
Loveness, Veronica (E)

**Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015**

Julia, Nazareth  
Barbara (E)  
Serso, Sr Leera (E)

RIP: Bob McGorman, Don McCaffer, Vincent McKeown, Mary Kavanagh, Ellen Flaherty, Michael O'Shea, Jim Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

Anniversaries during this Week: Florence Maggs, William Stuart, Mary Jane Bohan, Angela Dunnion, Christopher Mooney, Dolores Fealey, Garry Mark Wood, Eugene Pinto, Michael Hyland, Francis Hannon, Sylvia forest, Kathleen Waters, William Peyton.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish.: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Maureen Patterson, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Curriston, 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, Maria Drabik, Michelle, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan.

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Hearing Aid users – Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'

**Second Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015**

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**SAUL THE FANATIC WHO BECAME PAUL**

Hard-headed people convert when they meet with a crashing defeat. It comes to them as a surprise even to the disbelief of many. Try to think of waking up one morning to read headline in the papers that a renowned dictator is championing democracy and freedom! I'm sure few of us will take it seriously. If you have ever read the story of the Conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus, they you truly understand what crashing defeat can do.

To gain the full measure of the man, we must examine his dark side and what he symbolized before becoming "the Apostle of Grace." Saul was born in a pious Jewish family, moderate in its observance of the Law of Moses. At the age of thirteen Saul was sent to Palestine to learn from a rabbi named Gamaliel, under whom he mastered Jewish history, the Psalms and the works of the prophets. His education would continue for five or six years Christian tradition speaks of Gamaliel as a celebrated Pharisee, a doctor of Jewish Law. The Acts 5:34 speaks of Gamaliel as a man of great respect who spoke in favor of the arrested and the Jewish law teacher of Saul who became St. Paul Acts 22:3.

Saul's early life was marked by religious zeal, brutal violence, and the relentless persecution of Christians. Was he radicalized? No, he was simply taught to have a living love for God and his Law. Gamaliel was not a fanatical teacher or a fanatical preacher he was as the Bible says a respectable teacher of the Law.

Religion must be practiced with moderation and with a sober mind, once a believer of any faith starts to "fight for God" be sure that something is getting out of hand. God is not so weak to be fought for therefore when you set yourself on the path of fighting for God, you do no less than killing and destroying those he asks you to love and "to forgive not seven times but seventy seven times.

At one point Saul set out to fight for God with uncompromising zeal that led him to religious extremism. Unlike the religious radicals and fanatics of our time there is much we can learn from the life of Paul. He was given the opportunity to do great things for the Kingdom of God. The story of Paul is a story of redemption in Jesus Christ and a testimony that no one is beyond the saving grace of the Lord.

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

**Baptismal Preparation:** if God has blessed you with children, you should think about having them baptised in case you have not done so. Our next baptismal preparation course will soon be announced.

**Commissioning of Altar Servers** who missed on December 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30am Mass. Altar servers who were not present at the commissioning are asked to be present if they still wish to serve at the altar.

**Going to secondary school** is very important in the life of the child and in the family. Unfortunately for some children it marks the end of fervent commitment to the church as some stop going to Sunday Mass or to carry out important ministries such as serving Holy Mass. I wish to ask parents to encourage their children to continue practicing the faith and those ministries which they enjoyed doing while in our catholic primary schools. Never grow tired of doing what is right.

**First Holy Communion:** children from the catholic Polish tradition who are preparing for First Holy Communion will receive this Sacrament on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 during the 9:30am Mass. I'm very grateful to their parents who accompany these children with great faith. I'm very sure that all of us are impressed by their regularity and discipline Please let us all keep them in our prayers.

**Call to respect other religions:** Pope Francis became the second pontiff to visit a Buddhist temple as he changed his schedule at the last minute to pay his respects at an important place of worship in Sri Lanka's capital and to witness a key ritual for Buddhists: the opening of a casket containing relics of two important disciples of the Buddha. The Pope listened respectfully as Buddhist monks chanted and prayed while opening the *stupa*, or casket, in the Agrashravaka temple on Wednesday, the Vatican said. Usually, the relics are only put on display once a year, and Buddhists from around Sri Lanka line up for days to pay homage to them since it is such a rare privilege. John Paul II visited a Buddhist temple during a 1984 visit to Thailand.

**Octave of Christian unity:** that is eight days of prayer for the unity of all who call on the name of Jesus will starts today 18<sup>th</sup> January until 25<sup>th</sup> January the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. Please put this intention in your prayers, but above all work for the unity of all the children of God

### Parish Development

**Collection:** Gift Aid £223.20 Loose £650.89 Total £874.09 Thank you.

**Counters:** 18<sup>th</sup> Jan Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 23 Julia Hunt

**Mass Attendance** Week 11<sup>th</sup> January 526

### Pious Devotions

**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.

### Other Matters of importance

**Eighteen (18) ordained deacon** on December 8, 2014, on the solemnity of Immaculate conception of Mary, 18 students training for the priesthood were ordained Deacon at the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Shrine Langata Nairobi. Rt. Rev. David Kamau Ng'ang'a, the Auxiliary Bishop of Nairobi Archdiocese thanked the parents for offering their sons to serve God in the Church. He thanked the benefactors who make sacrifices to sponsor the education of seminarians. Allow me to boldly say that our parish of St. Mary's has greatly contributed to the training of priests through crib donations at Christmas which are sent to purchase text books which seminarians use during their training. The 18 deacons will be ordained priests from June 2015

**New Year's Resolution** - Volunteer for CAFOD! Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help tackle poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs volunteers to speak in parishes and/or schools about its work in the developing world. To find out more and book a place on our next "Understanding CAFOD" training day on Saturday, 31 January call CAFOD on 01922 722944 or email [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

**Do you need a sofa set?** Please if you need one contact Fr. Jimmy who will help you to get one before Santa Clause goes away. The sofa is available for inspection. I consider it extremely good especially for persons who have just moved home or are new in the area and they are trying to start life in Coventry.

**St. Agnes is our Saint** of the week; martyred in 304 she was 13 years. She refused to be married off to a pagan she was tortured and beheaded.

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