

**MASSES Week 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014**

Sun	12	9.30am 11.30am	Mary Murphy (Anni) People of the parish
Mon	13	12.30pm	Desmond Quinn (RIP)
Tue	14	9.30am	Maura Marron & Teresa Carey (RIP)
Wed	15	9.30am	Gina Martins (RIP)
Thurs	16	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Anne & Thomas Travers (RIP)
Fri	17	12.00noon 6.30-7.00pm	Requiem-Michael Oshea Adoration
Sat	18	10.30am	Liturgy of the Word
11.00am -12.00noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
Sun	19	9.30am 11.30am	People of the parish Mama Helen Forbie (RIP) Joyce Mutashobya (RIP)

**Feast Days:** 15<sup>th</sup> Oct St Theresa of Avila  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct St Ignatius of Antioch  
18<sup>th</sup> Oct St Luke -Evangelist

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014**

9.30 am School Children  
School Staff  
11.30am Julie, Stella  
Vera, Loveness (E)

**Weekend 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014**

Keyna, Elena  
Bridie (E)  
Mena, Stella  
Sr Lydwin, Serso (E)

**RIP:** Michael Oshea, Jim Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Nora Edwards, David Doran, Elizabeth Villiers, Catherine McKeon, Michael McKeon, Roger Kokelberg, Christopher Doyle, Victor Pickett, James Delaney, Jim Hogan, Patrick Benson, Nicki Cherry, Hanorah Royal, John Doyle, Eileen Teynan, James Crawford, Dolly Rixon, James Flynn, Agnes Kathleen Molloy, Eve Jones.

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:**, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Maureen Patterson, 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, James Hamill, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan.

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**Twenty Eighth Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014**

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**"YOU ARE A BAD PRIEST YOU NEVER INVITED US"**

A priest will always meet with Christians who will blame him for not inviting them to important church occasions. I remember some people from this part of the city who of late blamed me for not sending them invitation cards for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of our church two years ago. One man said to me:

*"You are a bad man, we heard about the celebration and we waited for the invitation card but you never sent us one; St Mary's was our church and it still remains our church even though we now live in the other part of the city we felt let down when you never sent us invitation cards to such a church function!"*

I assured the men that the invitation cards were sent and that they had been keeping them for many years. "Look here Joseph" I said to one of them, "you were invited 69 years ago and for the last 69 years you have not taken notice of it." He thought I was joking and I'm sure you might think so as well.

Have you ever thought that when we were baptized we received "invitation Cards" summoning us to every function in the Church? Many people might forget that by baptism we became members of a family of God, we are expected to take interest in every affair of the church and to get involved as much as we can. In ordinary life, family members are not invited to family functions, this is taken for granted, it is those outside the family who are invited. A baptized Christian who waits for an invitation in order to participate in the life and activities of the church, has not understood what baptism meant and what the baptismal card entitles one to. If we take this notion seriously we realize that to sit on the fence when there is an issue to be solved or an activity to be done in the church is a lack of understanding of the meaning of our baptism in practice.

There are many services to be carried out in the church but these can only be done if we understand that by virtue of our baptism it is our duty to do them. If you drive to Sunday Mass, it becomes a Christian duty to help someone to go to Mass. Are you a singer, it becomes a Christian duty to praise the Lord through song. Has God given you a voice to read, it becomes your Christian duty to proclaim the Word of God. Do you have some free time, giving some of it to your church becomes a Christian duty. Yes baptism exposed us to all sorts of good work in the church.

Am I a bad priest if I did not invite you? No! but you are a bad Christian to have the invitation (Baptismal) card and not show up!

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**

**Parish visitation:** a meeting to plan for the pastoral visit of Bishop William Kenney sat last Wednesday. A parish pastoral visit is important it is the occasion when parishioners present their mission to their bishop. A number of meetings have been organized for the bishop to meet us as follows:

- Saturday 10:00am – 12:00noon visit the elderly and housebound
- 2:00pm meeting school head, governors and safeguarding.
- 5:30pm meeting with parish pastoral agents.
- Sunday 9:30am and 11:30am Holy Mass
- Sunday 1:00pm meeting young people of the parish and students.
- 4:00pm bishop meets religious of the parish.

A pastoral report is being prepared based on the points which were discussed at the meeting last Wednesday in answer to the Bishop's expectations. It will be read and presented to Bishop William Kenney when he visits our parish.

**Practice for Confirmation** for those to be confirmed will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. in the church at 6:00pm. This practice includes adults as well. Candidates and their sponsors should make provisions to make sure that they are all present for the practice and on time.

**Baptism preparation course** for parents who wish to have their children baptized will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

**University Students:** remember that there is Mass every Tuesday at the Faith and Spirituality centre "The Hub" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fr. Jimmy the catholic chaplain is always available to speak to you at any time. You can contact him on his mobile **Number 07906124756**. He is present at the University every Tuesday from 11:30am until 2:30pm. On Sunday **26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 11.30am** we shall welcome all the students into our parish community. I ask all Catholic students to come for the 11:30am Mass. We shall have some tea/ coffee and biscuits in the parish hall afterwards. I ask the youth club to come and assist me in organising this event.

### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid £437.56 loose £525.76 Total £963.32

**CAFOD** £4-63.91 Thank you.

**Counters:** 12<sup>th</sup> October Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

**Second Collection** 2nd November Johnson Association (Retired & Infirm Clergy)  
23<sup>rd</sup> November Catholic Youth Service  
7<sup>th</sup> December Poor parishes

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 20 J Curristan

**Mass Attendance** Week 5<sup>th</sup> October **604**

### **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**

**The deadliest outbreak of the Ebola** virus in recorded history has infected more than 8,000 people and killed more than 4,000 in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea. Some estimates suggest that without rapid action in the next 90 days, 1.4 million people could be infected by Christmas. I ask you all to take precaution by visiting your family doctors (GP) whenever you feel sick.

**Gift Aid Scheme:** if you give your Sunday offerings through Gift Aid Scheme and you do not come to St. Mary's due to the loss of our Saturday Mass, you can still go on using your envelopes in any parish where you might attend your Sunday Mass; the priest in that church will forward them to St. Marys. Our parish is one of the poorest in Coventry; offerings made through Gift Aid Scheme are of tremendous help to the running of the parish.

**St Mary & St Benedict School** is seeking for 2 people who are committed to the education and spiritual well-being of the children of the Parish to join the Governing Body of our primary school, St Mary and St Benedict. This is a responsible role that requires you to commit time voluntarily to attend a minimum of 6 meetings a year. You do not have to have a background in education. Training and support will be provided. We are particularly seeking at least one person who has had a child/ grandchild in the school in the past. If you are interested please speak to Fr Jimmy or Elizabeth Hancock, the Chair of Governors (attends 11.30am Mass) or the Head Teacher Mrs. McDonald or leave your name and a contact number with one of the Sisters.

**Talk to someone new today:** there are a number of new people in our church these days, please take interest in each other, speak to someone new today and welcome each other into this house of God; it is how we build a parish as a community.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014 practice for Confirmation: in the church at 6:00pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2014 Confirmation at 7.00pm

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Welcome Mass for students

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2014 young people will meet Bp. William Kenny after 11:30 Mass.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 Parish Christmas Bazaar

### **LIVE MASS BROADCAST FROM ST. MARY'S:**

Step 1: Go to internet Google and type in **www.mcnmedia.tv**

Step 2: Click on: **Mcn Media Church Services-Webcams-Live Streaming.**

Step 3: Click on **photo of St. Marys Church.** Sunday Mass at 9:30am & 11:30am