

MASSES Week 19th to 26th July 2015

Sun	19	9.30am	Bob Dunham (Spl Int) Miriam Osagie (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	Oluwajoba Adegoke (Thanks giving)
Mon	20	12.30pm	Carmel Murray (Thanks giving) Helen Sweeney (RIP)
Tue	21	9.30am	William McEnrie (RIP)
Wed	22	9.30am	Sr Franka Jose (RIP)
Thurs	23	9.30am	Oliver Clear (Anni)
Fri	24	9.30am	Anne Dunnion (RIP)
Sat	25	9.30am	Sisters of St Ann (Thanks giving)
10.00 -11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sun	26	9.30am	Sally McGorman (Anni) Trudy Ann Shanley (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days:

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 19th July 2015

9.30 am Miriam Osagie, Julia
Barbara (E)
11.30am Jennifer, Honorine
Veronica, Loveness (E)

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Roisin, Asipita
Sophie (E)
Irene, Kingsley
Vera, Sr Leera (E)

R I P: Anne Dunnion, Elizabeth Keegan, Patrick Oboyle.

Anniversaries during this Week: Kevin Byrne, Michael O'Brien, Michael James Murphy, Joe Ryan, James Swan, Noel Dyas, Nancy Notaro, Minnie Byrne, Harold Sheppard, Betty Griffiths, John Plunkett, Mr & Mrs Noonan, Mr & Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr & Mrs Enright, Joe Leo Byrne, Patrick Joseph Herbert, Mr & Mrs McMahon, Patrick Travers, Michael Keane, Annie Ferry, Anthony Currigan, Trudy Shanley, Catherine Logan.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish., Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Maureen Patterson, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Currigan, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Duignan, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Nora O'Brien, Sean Harte, Eamon Finlan.

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IF ONLY YOU KNEW YOUR DUTY:

These days it is hard to listen to the radio or to watch the TV without hearing the word "rights" mentioned. We have "civil rights", "equal rights", "women's rights", "human rights", and even "animal rights". Everyone is demanding to have his or her rights. This is a good idea after all we are born to be free. Demanding for one's rights is not new; thanks to civil and human rights activists down the ages for the freedom we enjoy. I wonder how we would be today if slavery and colonialism were not defeated!

It is unfortunate that when people demand for their rights, they hardly think or speak of their duties and responsibility. Speaking with someone recently, he reminded me of his right to obtain vacancies for his three children in our Catholic School at the beginning of next term. I told him that the school is sponsored by the Catholic Church specifically by the parish of St. Mary's; was there any way he could support the church or the parish in its work? "I'm lapsed from the church, I hate the church, I don't go to Church on Sunday, why should I go for church fundraising events?" he grumbled. It was his right, but NOT his duty! Next time when you speak to someone about your rights speak to him or to her about your duties first, you will get your rights first hand.

Coming a bit closer home we all feel that we have the right to have a clean church, to have running water in the bathrooms and to pray in an environment that promotes personal reflection and conversation with God. But few of us know that it is their duty to turn off the taps, to collect their tissues from the church or to maintain silence for others who are in prayer. Your rights go hand in hand with your duties; there can be no separation of the two.

Every baptized has rights in the church, how many understand and do their duties! Maybe we look at the priest or to the bishops. Try to ask yourself what is my responsibility in the church as a baptized and in the parish as a member? Do you feel the duty to contribute to the work of the church or of the parish? I don't mean just giving money but being involved. Our duty in the church might be compared to a clock: in order for a clock to keep good time each part, however small, must do its work and do it well. If one part stops working, it will slow the clock down or stop it altogether. Each part must do its work properly. This illustrates why each member of the parish ought to be active and to get involved in something. It is not good to expect others to provide services and we call it **our right** even without the willingness to do our duty. Just as faith without good works is dead, so demand for Rights without recognizing and doing ones' duty is dead too.

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

Mass Times have changed during this summer. Weekday Masses will be in the morning at 9.30 and there will not be Holy Hour and Masses in the evening. However the Lady's chapel will remain open from Monday to Friday (Except on Wednesday) as usual for anyone who will wish to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) if you would like to become a member of the Catholic Church please note that in September each year the RCIA programme begins. It involves catechesis into the truth of our faith. If you belong to any other denomination but you would like to be baptized or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, I would like to encourage you. May I ask you to contact the Parish Priest or one of the Parish Sisters about your intention. This will help us to plan our pastoral activities.

Fr. David Burke a young man who was brought up in our parish was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Westminster on 27th June 2015. He arrived with his parents in the parish in 1980 and started serving Mass at a very early age becoming increasingly involved during Fr. John Danaher's tenure as our parish priest. Dave went on to become a senior Altar server and he was helpful in the parish youth club of the time. Having left and worked in London nearly 20 years ago, Dave Burke has been engaged in various youth ministries and at one time he was a lay chaplain for the Apostleship of the Sea. St. Mary's Parish had a great influence on him because his parents encouraged him to get involved in things rather than to sit back. He will return to celebrate both weekend Holy Masses with us on 2nd August 2015.

Deacon Gerry O'Reilly: has retired as a member of the governing body of our school. I take the opportunity to extend our gratitude to him for the service he has given to our school for 23 years as governor. I'm quite sure that many of your children have benefited from his wise counsel.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place on Sunday 6th September 2015. Rt Rev Robert Byrne Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will be the principal celebrant and Fr Brian Doolan will be the preacher. Mass will begin at 3.00pm preceded by confessions from 1.45pm-2.30pm. More details are on the notice board.

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 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.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £295.50 Loose £456.98 Total £752.48 Thank you.
Counters: 19th July Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris
Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 41 Nora Curristan
Mass Attendance: Week 12th July 439.

Other Matters of importance

Parish dance the other Saturday raised £1006.00 for the training of missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus. My sincere thanks to all who contributed to it by buying tickets and by turning up on the day. We were greatly supported by Mr. Bill Flynn and Tom Ward's friends from Christ the King Parish to whom I owe personal gratitude. The Superiors of the Apostles of Jesus have been invited by the Archbishop to visit him, it is my plan that that will be an opportunity to give this money as our parish support for the formation of missionary priests in that Institute. If someone thinks about something that can support this cause, please let me know.

Sponsors needed: Agnes Heffernan, Vera Dunnion, Tom Ferris and our three parish sisters Leena, Lydwin and Leera have organised a 10 km charity-walk to raise money in support of Train a Missionary Priest-Apostles of Jesus. If you wish to sponsor them please find them at the back of the church and fill in your names.

Summer Camp for the youth will be held from 24th -27th July at Alton Castle, Staffordshire. It is an opportunity to meet like-minded friends, to experience the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Mass. It is a time to pray, to enjoy outdoor activities. Be thrilled at Alton Towers, sleep in a castle, enjoy great music etc.... The Archdiocese of Birmingham brings you the most amazing experience you will have this summer. More details are on the notice board.

Monday Club will remain closed for next six weeks and will resume on Monday 7th September 2015. I thank all the members for their co-operation and wish them a very pleasant and restful holiday time. Looking forward to see you all in September.

Summer Vacations: Schools have closed for summer and most of the children, parents and teachers will be moving from one place to another enjoying much longed for break. I wish each and every one a safe and pleasant stay wherever you may be. Please remember your Christian duty and enjoy good things that the Lord offers you and do not forget your elderly and the housebound who will be left on their own.

Our Parish Sisters will be celebrating the feast of their Patroness St Ann and Joachim, the parents of Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday 26th July 2015. A thanks giving Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 25th July at 9.30am. You are all invited to join them in thanking the Lord for his goodness and for a cup of tea/coffee in the parish hall afterwards.



LIVE MASS BROADCAST FROM ST.MARY'S CHURCH
on parish website home page www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/ss.mary
Sunday Mass 9:30am and 11:30am.