

**MASSES Week 22nd to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Sun	22	9.30am	Martin Keary (RIP) Margaret Collins (RIP) Greg Osagie (Birthday)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	23	12.30pm	John McHugh (Anni)
Tue	24	9.30am	Anne Creed (Spl Int)
Wed	25	9.30am	Mary Kavanagh (Anni)
Thurs	26	6.30-7.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
		7.30pm	Jim Dunleavy (B'day Remembrance)
Fri	27	6.30-7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Christina Clark (Spl Int) Monica Bannon (Get well)
Sat	28	<b>9.30am</b>	Marie Garner (Anni)
<b>10.00 to 11.00 am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</b>			
Sun	29	9.30am	Samantha Aikhionbare (Birthday)
		11.30am	Olivia (Birthday)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015**

9.30 am Julia, Nazareth

Sophie (E)

11.30am John, Honorine

Vera, Loveness (E)

**Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Theresa, Elena

Roisin, Tom Ward -Passion Reading

Barbara (E)

Jeanette, Veronica

Honorine, Cynthia-Passion Reading

Serso, Kath Slater (E)

Anniversaries during this Week John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney OFM, Frank Keegan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Marian Christina Hart, Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury, J. O'Sullivan, Bernard Kelly, Mary O'Mara, Mary Whiting, Aloysius Patalong, Emma O'Brien, Marie concept Garner.

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, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Nora O'Brien, Sean Harte.

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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Mass Book Yr. B Part 1 pg. 176 onwards**

**VISITATION REPORT COVENTRY DEANERY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 PART TWO**

*Continuation of the report Bp. W. Kenny gave about parish visitation including St. Mary's Clergy*

"With so many priests and as in so many cities there can be differing practices in the pastoral methods of administering the sacraments. This is not always good, and at its worst means that people play one priest off against another. I would encourage priests therefore, when approached for baptism, first communion, confirmation or marriage by people not from their own parish, always to contact the parish priest of the person's home parish.

**Sacramental Preparation**

The matter of preparation for First Communion and Confirmation was brought up in a number of parishes. There seems to be two concerns. The first is the cooperation between the school and the parish in these matters. They, with other institutions, are part of the one parish community. This means that there is need of close cooperation. It is true that quite a number of people who make up the school community do not always take part in the parish life. This is not ideal but should not mean that they are excluded from the activities of the community which take place in the parish. In one or two places there seems to be the idea that all preparation for sacraments should happen under the aegis of the parish. Schools are an enormous resource for catechetical education and sacramental preparation. I think that this needs to be reflected upon.

The second point that has been raised with me in several places is the so called "passports for faith". These require that the person preparing for First Communion or Confirmation gets an acknowledgment that they have attended Sunday Mass. That can definitely have a place as part of a complete package of sacramental preparation but cannot be the point on which any decision is made as to whether the person should receive the sacrament or not. I have met during the visitation a number of parents who obviously did not understand what this was about; I have also met parents who cannot read English and would have possibly needed explanations in other languages.

I have already said that the 'passport' might be a useful part of emphasising the importance of Sunday Mass, and some parishes may wish to pursue this matter. I would suggest, however, that should it be discovered that a person, preparing for the reception of sacraments, is not attending Mass somewhat regularly, then the least that happens is that the priest, deacon or lay catechist makes at least one and preferably several home visits to find out why and what the attitude of the parents or guardians is to the reception of the sacraments. This would give the opportunity to discover if there is a misunderstanding, and also possibly an opportunity for proper catechesis of the adults involved." *To be continued.....*

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**

**Please do not forget our Parish Penitential Service** on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.00pm. Priests from the deanery will be here to assist us in the individual Confessions.

**Stations of the Cross:** take place every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm in the church followed by Mass. Please join in this traditional prayer of reflection and meditation on the Cross of Christ.

**Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st April at 11.30am in St Chad's Cathedral.

**Spirituality and Faith Centre:** There will not be Mass in the S & F Centre during Easter vacations. We will be back on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. In case of any need Fr Jimmy Lutwama, the Chaplain can be contacted on **07906124756**

### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid £245.00 Loose £572.93 Total £817.93 Thank you.

**Counters:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 11 Patsy Sproul

**Mass Attendance** Week 15<sup>th</sup> March 655

**Second Collection** 3<sup>rd</sup> April Holy Places

26<sup>th</sup> April Clergy Training Fund

### **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**

**Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham** will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 led by the Rt Rev William Kenney C.P. Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Details are on the noticeboard.

**Catholic Partnership Supply Service** (CPSS): The Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership is working together with the CPSS to actively recruit teachers and support staff to work within Catholic schools. If you would like to become part of the valued supply team, here is an opportunity. Alternatively if you know anyone who may be interested in this service then please pass on the details. The details are on the noticeboard.

**Fr. Jonathan Veasey**, Director, Diocesan Education Service wishes to announce a number of Senior Leadership vacancies in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese which are now being advertised on the Diocesan Education Service website at: [www.bdes.org.uk](http://www.bdes.org.uk) For further information please contact: Bernadette Harding on 01675 464 755 or by email on [Bernadette.harding@theredepartment.com](mailto:Bernadette.harding@theredepartment.com)

**Are you thinking of becoming a Religious woman?** A vocations weekend for young women (20s and 30s) is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Location: Broadstairs, Kent. There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**A Retreat in daily Life:** You are invited to a retreat to be held at Christ the King Church, Coventry from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Three evenings of talks and prayer for Lent. Details are on the noticeboard.

**Gift Aid Envelopes (taxpayers):** The weekly envelopes for the new tax year are ready to be collected and Roisin Byrne will be at mass this week and next to hand them out. For every £1 given under the scheme, the parish gets an additional 25p. If you would like to join the scheme or were previously a member and would like to re-join, please talk to us today, alternatively talk to Fr. Jimmy our parish priest.

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMME 2015**

March 29 <sup>th</sup> Sun		Palm Sunday
March 30 <sup>th</sup> Mon	9.30am	Audrey Nyamande (Spl Int)
	7.00pm	Parish penitential service
March 31 <sup>st</sup> Tues	9.30am	Betty & Pat Keoghan Family (Spl Int)
April 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	9.00am	Ken Clear (Anni)
		Celestine Lewis (Thanks giving)
	11.30am	Mass of Holy Chrism at St. Chad's-B'ham
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs.	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
		Commissioning of Extra-Ordinary Ministers.
		Adoration until 9.00pm at the Altar of Repose
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	3.00pm	Good Friday- Stations of the Cross
	3.30pm	Celebration of the Passion of our Lord
April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
April 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	9.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
	11.30am	Easter Sunday Mass

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

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