

MASSES Week 9th to 16th Feb 2014

Sat	08	6.00pm	Rita McDonald (RIP) Linval George Morant (RIP)
Sun	09	9.30am 11.30am	People of the parish Pa Kuwan Stephen (RIP)
Mon	10	12.30pm 6.30-7.30	Olivia Gregson (Birthday) Holy Hour
Tue	11	9.30am	Tom Dagnon (Spl Int)
Wed	12	9.30am	Pat Murphy (Spl Int)
Thurs	13	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Agnes Carroll (RIP)
Fri	14	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Charlotte Walsh (RIP)
Sat	15	10.30am	Janie Patalong (Get well)
11.00am to 12.00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sat	15	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	16	9.30am 11.30am	Anthony Braganza (Anni) Catherine Lutwama (Anni) Lazarus Obalim (RIP)

Feast Days: 10th Feb St Scholastica
14th Feb Ss Cyril & Methodius

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>Weekend 8th /9th Feb</u>	<u>Weekend 15th /16th Feb</u>
6.00 pm	Sr Leena, Brendon Barbara (E)	Tom Ward, Theresa Sophie (E)
9.30 am	Sr Lydwin, Roisin Bridie (E)	Nazareth, Elena Elizabeth (E)
11.30am	Veronica, Honorine Serso, Loveness (E)	John, Noble Vera, Serso (E)

RIP: Ralf Jordan, William Stewart, Sylvia Forrest.

Anniversaries during this Week: Frank & Maura Corrigan, William Mulrooney, Leslie Burke, Bridget Clisham, Bridget Molloy, Teresa Langan, Ellen Crawley, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Bohan, Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama.

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 Currison, 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, Peter Harte, Job Giles, Bob McGorman.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th to 16th Feb 2014

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Change of Mass Times Second Stage:

On Tuesday 11th February, the clergy of Coventry deanery will gather for their monthly meeting at St. John Fisher Parish Wyken. This meeting will focus on the Second item on the Archbishop's time-table for the process of reducing weekend Masses and change of Mass times in our city which is: *"From mid-Jan. until Sunday 23rd Feb., consultation period. Every parish looks at its Mass attendance, its current times and what their preference for revised Mass times (with no guarantee). Where possible, each parish will be able to keep one established time. Here in our parish, those consultations have been made. We have had the opportunity to voice out our preferences. Some of you have also sent in e-mails, made telephone calls or visited the office to give advice on the issue. My own assessment of all these initiatives is that we share common passions for the welfare of our parish. We are standing on a common ground because we are talking about 'the St. Mary's of yesterday, the St. Mary's of today and the St. Mary's we would wish to see tomorrow.*

As I go to the meeting on Tuesday I will take with me the feelings of my people to the deanery table just as they are. This meeting will not make decision but it will give a picture of what is going on in individual parishes and how their proposals will affect other parishes within the deanery. If you did not turn up for the meetings you lost an opportunity to contribute to the debate and to shape the course of catholic pastoral evangelization in the Coventry of the future. It is good to remember that no one should presume that these changes will not affect him/her; the fact is; they will!

Coventry City Council has robust plans to continue the city's development. Coventry University too has greatly changed the shape of the city to such an extent that visitors who passed by St. Mary's Church ten years ago, might not recognize the place any more. St. Mary's church is going to be a tiny oasis /island in the midst of commercial infrastructures and academic research institutions. As Christians and members of the Catholic Church, it should be our passion to make sure that our Catholic presence continues to be felt here. What is at stake is not our present personal convenience but the presence of St. Mary's Church and its influence on the spiritual life of God's people. Unlike other churches which are situated in residential areas, St. Mary's is in the inner city, therefore whatever the outcome; we ought to realize that we have a special mission to which God is calling us to respond to at this time of change.

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 Issues:

Confirmation date: 23rd October 2014 Thursday at 7:00pm if you are an adult who is not yet Confirmed and you would like to receive the Sacrament please contact Sr. Lydwin immediately. You will need to produce your baptismal certificate and to attend preparation classes before you are admitted to the Sacrament..

At the request of Archbishop Bernard, and in celebration of his recent election as Cardinal for England & Wales, Cardinal-designate Vincent Nichols has accepted an invitation to celebrate a Mass of Welcome and Thanksgiving on Sunday 30 March 2014 at 5pm in St Chad's Cathedral.

Rite of Election will take place on Sunday 9th March at 3:00pm at St. Chad's Cathedral. Parish priests from the archdiocese will present all the catechumens who are currently doing their religious catechism to the Archbishop who will receive them and accept them to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

RCIA: The next session will take place on Tuesday 11th February at 6.00pm in the parish hall. All our candidates to be baptized and to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church are reminded to be present.

First Holy Communion preparation course for our school children will commence with a meeting for parents of children in year 3 on Monday 24th February 2014 at 6.00pm. If your child is attending a Non-Catholic School and you wish that he/she should receive Communion here at St Mary's please contact Mrs Pauline McDonald, the Head Teacher in the school. We can now confirm that the date for children to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is Saturday 14th June 2014 at 10:30am.

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 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 £182.61 Loose 535.80 Total £718.41 Thank you.

Counters: 8th /9th Feb Maureen Jones, Vera Dunnion

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 29 Tom Ferris

Saturday Draw No 29 Marie Garner

Second Collection: 16th February-Catholic Education Service

2nd March - Cathedral Maintenance

Mass Attendance: Weekend 1st /2nd Feb 463

Other Matters of Importance

Timetable set by the Archbishop on new Mass times:

1. Weekend of 11 / 12 January 2014 letter from Archbishop Bernard was read in all parishes of the City of Coventry announcing the decision of 2 Masses per parish.
2. From mid-Jan. until Sunday 23rd Feb., consultation period. Every parish looks at its Mass attendance, its current times and what their preference for revised Mass times (with no guarantee). Where possible, each parish will be able to keep one established time.
3. From 24th February to 2nd March the clergy will review the preferences of their parishioners and shape a proposal to give to the Archbishop.
4. First Sunday of Lent (9th March) - announcement of new Mass times for the City.
5. 27th April 2014 implementation of new Mass times on 2 Mass policy per parish.

Warning: *no parish should automatically seek to keep times unchanged, as the provision across the Deanery is of a higher priority than the needs of any individual parish.*

Further Details can be found at www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk and the Archdiocese of Birmingham website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Catholic parliamentary and public policy internships: For the last eleven years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Four interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; one in a parliamentary support role within the Bishops' Conference Secretariat; one in each of the Catholic Agencies (CAFOD and CSAN) in a public policy role; and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2014 - July 2015 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/interns> Completed application forms and references must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 5pm on Wednesday 26th February 2014; the Assessment days will be 1st and 2nd April 2014.

Nursery Applications for September 2014: Application forms for Nursery class for September 2014 will be available from the school office along with the Admissions Policy. Your child must be three by 31st August 2014. Completed forms should be returned to the office with an original birth certificate and a baptismal certificate before 31st March 2014.

Cake sale: The next cake sale will be on 22nd /23rd February 2014 after all the three Masses.

RIP: With great sadness I wish to announce the death of Mr Jeremiah Donavan the dad of Mrs. Pauline McDonald our head teacher at St. Mary's School and Mr. Jack McFeely, the dad of Miss Anne Marie McFeely our Year 6 class teacher. Please let us pray for them at this sad moment.
