

MASSES Week 12th to 19th April 2015

Sun	12	9.30am	Francis Mathias (Anni) Samuel Aikhionbare (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Kuwan Stephen & Judith (RIP) Mary Francis Okoli (Thanks giving)
Mon	13	12.30pm	Sr Fabiola (RIP)
Tue	14	9.30am	Sr Bernadine (RIP)
Wed	15	9.30am	John Isinka (RIP)
Thurs	16	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Fr Jimmy (Spl Int)
Fri	17	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Danny Kirkwood (RIP)
Sat	18	9.30am	Sr Anne Marie (Spl Int)
Sun	19	9.30am	Jeannette Smith (Anni) Peter Harte & Annie Laffey (Anni) Pascal Osagie (Birthday)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 12th April 2015

9.30 am Asipita, Nazareth
Dr Jay (E)
11.30am Honorine, Veronica
Vera, Sr Lydwin (E)

Weekend 19th April 2015

Julia, Elena
Barbara (E)
Julie, Charles
Serso, Loveness (E)

R I P: Felina Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week: Anne Crawley Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McEleney, C Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Masterson, Tom & Eileen Fitzsimons, Annie Sheehan, Teresa & Jackie Sheehan, Catherine Hearty, Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs, Georgina Martin, Jeremiah Hoban, Sheila Mary Guinness, Feichin Patrick Fagan, Fiona Bernadette Logan.

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'

Second Sunday of Easter 12th to 19th April 2015

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IF NIGERIA CAN DO THIS WE CAN DO IT TOO:

I welcome you again to this column where you can know what is going on in the head of your parish priest. Two weeks before Easter, this column carried the report that Bishop William Kenny gave at the conclusion of denary visitations.

As Easter was fast approaching so too were the General elections in Nigeria. I remember urging my brothers and sisters from Nigeria to use their mobile phones as instruments for national peace building for Nigeria. I asked you to send as many text messages as possible to encourage the people at home to go out to vote and to accept the outcome of the vote as the true will of the nation. I wish to thank and to congratulate our parishioners from Nigeria who sent as many text messages as possible to encourage their friends back home to go to vote and to accept the results.

The Swahili people of East Africa have a saying "Vyaelea vimeundwa" which means "When you see things sparkling in beauty, it is because someone has spent time and energy to make them shine. Well there are many people who coming into the peace and comfort of Europe, instigate violence anarchy and hate among the people back at home such that there is unending suffering among the people. They do this simply because they are not directly affected; after all they are far away in Europe enjoying peace created by others.

The coming of technology in terms of mobile phones, twitter and facebook can be of great benefit in bringing about peace especially in Africa. That text message which you send back home can do much to influence the mentality of the person on the ground. When you send a message calling for peace it makes the recipient to see a fellow countryman in the face of his neighbour who comes from the other part of the country but when you send a message calling for war, it makes him to see a beast in the face of his fellow country man. We all know what happens after that.

I was deeply delighted that President Goodluck Jonathan, a Christian acted "heroically" by peacefully conceding the presidency to his rival, Muhammadu Buhari, a Muslim even before votes were all counted. Could it be perhaps due to his Christian teaching which calls upon us as Christians to be humble in humiliation and to be peacemakers? Looking at all these, I now know what I will do when elections come around. If Nigerians can do it, we can do it too in our country.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday today at 2:00pm this afternoon we shall have prayers of devotion to the Divine Mercy which is celebrated on the second Sunday after Easter. This Feast is observed by Roman Catholics as well as some Anglicans. It is based on the Catholic devotion to the Mercy of God that Saint Faustina reported as part of her encounter with Jesus. The feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from Jesus himself the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. In specific, Jesus reputedly said that a person who goes to Sacramental Confession (Confession may take place some days before not necessarily on that day) and receives Holy Communion on that day, shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Saint Faustina, a Polish nun reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with Him. He asked her to paint the vision of His Merciful Divinity being poured from His Sacred Heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in Him: *"I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it."* Here at St. Mary's parish we have that beautiful image of Divine Mercy which will be solemnly blessed and publicly venerated. Come let us celebrate the mercy of the Lord. Do not keep the good news of the Lord's mercy to yourself; please inform your family and friends and bring them along to experience and celebrate it.

Baptism preparation course for parents seeking to have their children baptised will be on Tues 5th May 2015 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

First Holy Communion will take place on Sat 13th June 2015: I urge the parents of those children who will be receiving their first Holy Communion to accompany them in their preparation and help them to understand the meaning and gravity of the Sacrament. Let us support them with our prayers.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £178.45 Thank you.

Holy Places: £344.94

Counters: Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 1 Cis Dunnion

Mass Attendance Week 5th April 640

Second Collection 26th 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 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.

Other Matters of importance

I wish to thank you all for your best wishes to me over Easter. Thank you for your good Easter cards and for the best spirit that inspired them. I was very delighted to see so many of you making efforts to make spiritual renewal during Lent. The nuns too thank you for the support you gave especially they thank those who cleaned the church, washed the linen, arranged the flowers and polished the brass ware.

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

Spirituality and Faith Centre: There will be Mass in the S & F Centre this Tuesday 13th April 2015 at 1.10pm. Fr Jimmy Lutwama, the Chaplain will be available from 11.00am till 2.00pm in the Hub 3rd Floor. He can also be contacted on **07906124756**

Job vacancy: St John Fisher catholic Primary School, Kineton Road, Wyken, Coventry CV2 3NR seeks to appoint a Head teacher for 1st September 2015. Application forms and further details can be obtained online and from the school and should be returned to Rev. Fr. R Wright, St John Fisher Presbytery, Tiverton road, Wyken, Coventry, CV2 3DL. Princethorpe College currently has a number of employment opportunities at the College. If anyone is interested please find the details on the noticeboard.

Monday Club resumes on Monday 20th April 2015. As usual we have Mass at 12.30pm followed by something to eat and a game of bingo which everyone enjoys. It is a time of relaxation and to get to know each other. Please invite your friends to come along to this weekly event.

Cake Sale: The good ladies have baked the cakes once again. There will be cake sale this weekend. Please pass by their display of delicious variety of cakes and pick your choice. This is one way of supporting your parish.

Polish children who are doing catechism will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 24th May during the 9:30am Mass. They will make their first Confessions on Sat. 16 May at 7:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

This habit must stop: these days we have people who come to the church simply to charge their mobile phones, Ipads and Tablets to be collected by their owners the following day. I think this is not right and I ask those who are engaged in this habit to stop it. Thank you for your cooperation.

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