

MASSES Week 13th to 20th July 2014

Sat	12	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	13	9.30am	Samuel Aikionbare (Birthday) Sharon Watson (Get well)
		11.30am	Anne Rodgers (Birthday remembrance) Luz Alba de Taylor (Birthday remembrance)
Mon	14	12.30pm	Liturgy of the Word
Tue	15	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word
Wed	16	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs	17	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Liturgy of the Word
Fri	18	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Liturgy of the Word
Sat	19	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	19	6.00pm	Bulungu Bwana Miteo (RIP)
Sun	20	9.30am	Oliver Clear (Anni)
		11.30am	Mama Helen Forbie (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 12th /13th July 2014

6.00 pm Clare Wilson, Theresa
Sr Leera (E)
9.30 am Roisin, Aspita
Elizabeth (E)
11.30am Honorine
Serso, Loveness (E)

Weekend 19th /20th July 2014

Sr Leena, Tom Ward
Barbara (E)
Julia, Nazareth
Sr Lydwin (E)
Honorine
Vera, Serso (E)

RIP: Surya Utama, Mrs. Josephine Onye, Phylis Brolly, Elizabeth Gamble, Peter Harte, Patrick Bernard Ward, Marie Garner

Anniversaries during this Week: Donald Brennan, Francis Casey, Robert Butler, Sam Murphy, Kitty Denny, Cissie Allen, Owen Ferry, Margaret Wood, Josephine Duffy, Luz Alba de Taylor, Mary Reid, Josephine Shanley, Nora Nugent, Elizabeth Cole, Kevin Byrne, Michael O'Brien, Michael James Murphy, Joe Ryan, James Swan, Noel Dyas.

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, Tess Pearkes, Joe Reynolds, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Duignan, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Bob McGorman, Maria Drabik, Michelle, James Hamil, Danny Diver.

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

Fifteenth Sunday 13th to 20th July 2014

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PARISH FEAST OF ST BENEDICT

On the occasion of the dedication of the rebuilt monastery of Monte Cassino in 1964, Pope Paul VI proclaimed St. Benedict the principal heavenly patron of the whole of Europe. The title piously exaggerates the place of Benedict but in many respects it is true. St. Benedict did not establish the monastery of Monte Cassino in order to preserve the learning of the ages, but in fact the monasteries that later followed his Rule were places where learning and manuscripts were preserved. For some six centuries or more the Christian culture of medieval Europe was nearly identical with the monastic centres of piety and learning.

Monasticism and religious life as was started in Africa by St. Anthony of Egypt and it did not come to Europe not until after it had been lived in Palestine and Asia Minor. Therefore Benedict was not the founder of Christian monasticism. Benedict became a monk as a young man and thereafter learned the tradition by associating with monks and reading the monastic literature. He was caught up in the monastic movement but ended by channelling the stream into new and fruitful ways. This is evident in the Rule which he wrote for monasteries and which was and is still used in many monasteries and convents around the world

Benedict was born in Nursia, a village high in the mountains northeast of Rome. His parents sent him to Rome for classical studies but he found the life of the eternal city too degenerate for his tastes. Consequently he fled to a place southeast of Rome called Subiaco where he lived as a hermit for three years.

Benedict was discovered by a group of monks in 1450 who asked him to become their spiritual leader. His rule became too much for the lukewarm monks that they plotted to poison him on several occasions. Gregory recounts the tale of Benedict's rescue; when he blessed the pitcher of poisoned wine, it broke into many pieces. Thereafter he left the undisciplined monks, and established twelve monasteries with twelve monks each in the area south of Rome. Later, perhaps in 529, he moved to Monte Cassino, about eighty miles southeast of Rome; there he destroyed the pagan temple dedicated to Apollo and built his premier monastery. It was there too that he wrote the Rule for the monastery of Monte Cassino though he envisioned that it could be used elsewhere. The rule of St. Benedict was meant to invite people to love God and to serve him through prayer and work. As we mark his feast this year let us follow his rule which he summed up in *Ora et Labora* (pray and work).

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

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 to whom you need to tell about your intention. This will help us to plan our pastoral activities to help you out.

Assist by joining the Choir: I would like to ask as many of you as possible to join the choir to animate our prayer of the Mass. God has given you a voice to speak, it is good that you raise that voice to him in prayer and praise. The choir is especially made up of students from abroad, once they leave; a big gap is left unless someone joins the choir. Choir practice takes place every Friday at 7:30pm in the Lady's chapel. Please come and join and make our liturgical celebrations more meaningful and uplifting for all those who come to participate in it.

Marriage banns Mr. Charles Chris Waweru Kibiru of 24 Haytor Rise Coventry CV2 3LE Son to the late Simon Kibiru Waweru and the late Lucy Wanjiku Kibiru of Gitwe Village, Kiganjo location Kiambu County- Kenya, would like to marry Miss Jean Njeri Kangoroto of 24 Haytor Rise Coventry CV2 3LE; Daughter to Mr. Clarence Kangoroto and Rosemary Kangoroto of Kamulu village Ruai location Nairobi County. If there is someone who knows why they should not get married to each other, please come and inform the Parish Priest.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £371.00 Loose £531.05 Total £902.05 Thank you.

Counters: 13th July Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 18 Rose Hogan

Saturday Draw

Second Collection: 27th July Day for Life

Mass Attendance Week 5th/6th July 501

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.

Other Matters of importance

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place on Sunday 7th September 2014. Rt Rev Robert Byrne Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will be the principal celebrant and preacher. Mass will begin at 3.00pm preceded by confessions from 1.45pm-2.30pm. More details are on the notice board.

Apostleship of the sea: Sea Sunday is celebrated this weekend 13th July, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. It is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain; it provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Let us support them with our prayers.

Annual Rosary Rally will be held at Holy Cross Church, Whitwick at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire to pray for World peace and young people on Sunday 24th August 2014. The Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm. Fr Anselm Stark OCSO will be the Principal Celebrant. Please find the details on the notice board.

Multicultural Mass of the African Day will be celebrated on Sunday 10th August 2014 at St Elizabeth's church, Foleshill Road, Coventry. The Mass will begin at 2.30pm followed by sharing of cultural dishes, barbeque and other foods in the parish garden. All are welcome.

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School presents the WIZ on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 7.00pm. The tickets are available from student reception or by telephone 02476414515. The tickets cost £3.00 adult, £2.00 concession and £8.00 Family ticket.

Congratulations to all our pupils who performed the play "Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat". It was fabulous and all enjoyed to the full. I thank all the staff who put in immense effort to make it a tremendous success and all the parents for their co-operation and support.

Day for Life: the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life will this year call upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Summer Camp: The third annual Summer Camp at Alton Castle for 12-17 years olds will take place from 23rd -27th July 2014. You can enjoy the company of lot of friends; learn more about our faith and fabulous fun activities! Prices start from £165.00 Contact Beccy for more information or to book your place beccy.roseman@bcys.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

6th Sept

Seminar for the Married Couples

23rd Oct

Confirmation