

MASSES Week 21st to 27th April 2014

Mon	21 st	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy Lutwama (Spl. Int.)
Tue	22 nd	9.30am	Celine Ferris (Anni)
Wed	23 rd	9.00am	Sr. Anne Marie (Spl. Int.)
Thurs	24 th	9.30am	Rose & Mick Hogan (Spl. Int.)
Fri	25 th	9.30am	Mark Lewis (RIP)
Sat	26 th	9.30am	Cony Aspin (Anni)
		6.00pm	Curriston Family (Spl. Int.)

Sun	27 th	9.30am	People of the Parish Mama Helen Forbie (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the Parish
		2.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers followed by Mass

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 12th /13th April Weekend 26th /27th April

6.00 pm	Sr Leena, Theresa, Tom Ward, Patrick (Gospel) Sophie (E)	Tom Ward, Patrick Barbara (E)
9.30 am	Julia, Elena Roisin, Aspita (Gospel) Sr Lydwin (E)	Stephanie, Keyna, Sr Leera (E)
11.30am	Ekimeni, John Honorine, Noble (Gospel) Vera, Serso (E)	Julie, John Loveness, Veronica (E)

RIP: Patrick Bernard Ward, Marie Garner

Anniversaries during this Week: Ann Crawley, Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McElaney, C. Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Masterson, Tom & Eileen Fitzsimons, Annie Sheehan, Teresa & Jackie Sheehan, Catherine Healy, Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs, Georgina Martin, Jeremiah Hoban, Sheila Mary Guines, Feichin Patrick Fagan, Fiona Bernadette Logan, Jeannette Smith, Sheila Byrne, Meta Stretton, Michael Kavanagh, Bridie Durkan.

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 Curriston, 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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Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday 13th to 20th April 2014

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THIS WOMAN STUNNED THE WORLD:

An episode was broadcast on BBC1 during the news on Monday 7th April. It was about the 20th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. A woman survivor sat on the same bench with a man who had actively participated in the genocide and possibly killed all her family members! **George Alagiah** the BBC presenter who conducted the interview asked the woman what it meant for her to welcome into her house and to sit with a man who killed her relatives. The woman immediately talked about her Christian faith and how forgiveness is central to the Christian message. "I'm a Christian" she went on to say, 'Jesus Christ has told us to forgive those who do evil to us and to pray for them.' Many of you who might have seen this episode must have been left dumbfounded as I was!

Well, God's call on us for conversion is revealed in ordinary people who seek neither compensation nor any feeling of self-importance. Our culture is may be more prone to resuscitate past injuries in order to have them compensated rather than to proclaim the positive achievements of the past so as to be followed by young people.

As the woman went on to explain to Mr Alagiah why she had to forgive the killers of her family, I remembered the parable of the Sower where Jesus described the various depths at which God's word is received. Surely that Christian woman brought out Christianity at its best, reminding the world that it is through forgiving others that true peace is achieved.

During the Easter season the church celebrates God's love and mercy, for "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life" Jn. 3:16. St. Francis of Assisi meditating upon the death of Jesus on the cross came to the conclusion that the twofold reasons why Jesus accepted to die on the cross were to show us how much he loved us and also to reveal how much our sins offend him.

If Jesus had not died on the cross, how much would we know of God's love? We wouldn't have learned anything; just like if you do not punish your children for misbehaving they never learn the right way to behave. Or look at it this way how could we know that forgiveness is possible if a Christian woman, a genocide survivor in Rwanda had not showed it in action! If you were contemplating lodging your compensation claims, try to think it over again. It might be more rewarding to forgive them rather than to make monetary claims against them.

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

Holy Week and Easter is the holiest season in the Christian calendar. It starts from Palm Sunday during the Sixth Sunday of Lent; through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. In these seven days, the Church provides us with daily services enabling us to reflect on the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus. The good news in the early Christian communities centered on these events, that is why the passion narratives in the New Testament are reported by all the four evangelists and at greater details than all the other activities of Jesus.

I take this occasion to wish you all a Happy Easter. I hope that we shall all try as much as possible to enter into the full meaning of this season by taking every opportunity to remain good Christians wherever we are.

RCIA: We are delighted to welcome Aspita Iroko, Betty Osei-Bonsu, Stella Chisom Nsiegbunam, Samuel Aikhionbare, Amaka Chikka Joseph our new members who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church on Easter Vigil. They have been attending the RCIA sessions since September in preparation for this great event. As they will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church let us support them with our prayers that the Lord may bring to completion the good work begun in their lives and strengthen their resolve to follow in his footsteps.

Parish Penitential Service: In preparation of Easter will take place on 14th April at 6:00 Pm. Priests being busy at this time, I wish to ask you to be on time.

Confessions of Sick & housebound : If any member of our parish who would like to have the Sacrament of Confession celebrated in their homes please contact the parish priest on 02476258901 or 07906124756

Training and re-commissioning of Extra-Ordinary ministers will take place on Maundy Thursday 17th April 2014 during the Lord's Supper. I invite all extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to come for a training session on Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 6:00pm- 9:00pm in the Church.

Easter Monday Mass: at St Osburg's with Bishop Kenney with the people and clergy of Coventry and district at 10:00am. This custom originated in Birmingham in the early part of the last century. His Grace, the Archbishop, will be celebrating a similar Mass in St Chad's Cathedral and Bishop McGough in Stoke. It is a profession of faith in the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a cup of tea in the Hall afterwards.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions at St Mary & St Benedict RC Church, Raglan Street, Coventry, CV1 5QF will be celebrated on 27th April 2014. The prayers will commence at 2.00pm followed by Mass at 3.45pm. Details are on the notice board.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £266.50 Loose 524.63 Total £791.13 Thank you.

Counters: 13th April Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion
27th April Tom Ferris & Agnes Heffernan

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 9 Rose Hogan
Saturday Draw No 41 Cis Dunnion

Second Collection: 18th April Holy Places
11th May Clergy Training Fund

Mass Attendance: Weekend 5th /6th April **525**

Easter Offering: The collection made during Easter Masses will be your gift to your parish priest. Please find the envelopes attached to the copy of your Newsletter.

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.

Timetable set by the Archbishop on new Mass times:

1. First Sunday of Lent (9th March) - announcement of new Mass times for the City. (delayed)
2. 27th April 2014 implementation of new Mass times on 2 Mass policy per parish.

Dates for your Diary

14 th April	Parish penitential service 6:00pm
16 th April	Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 11.30am
16 th April	Training Session for Eucharistic ministers 6:00-9:00pm (church)
27 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday
14 th June	First Holy Communion

RIP: It's with great sadness to announce the death of Patrick Bernard Ward of 33 Trentham Road, Coventry, CV1 5BG who died on 8th April 2014. His mortal remains will be received into St Mary's church on Tuesday 15th April at 7.00pm and Requiem Mass on Wednesday 16th April at 9.00am followed by interment at Canley Garden Cemetery. May he rest in eternal peace.

This newsletter will serve for two weekends. Please refer to it for events taking place in the parish from 13th to 27th April 2014.