

**MASSES Week 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015**

Sun	14	9.30am 11.30am	People of the parish Josephine Onye (Anni) Clarence Kangoroto & Dave Gitau (Get well)
Mon	15	12.30pm	Sr Leera (Thanks giving)
Tue	16	9.30am	Kathleen Scullion (RIP)
Wed	17	9.30am	James Hamill (RIP) Eddie Flynn (RIP)
Thurs	18	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Tom McGill (RIP)
Fri	19	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Sheila Scampton (RIP)
Sat	20	9.30am	Curriston Family (Spl Int) Sr Joan (Get well)

10.00- 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Sun	21	9.30am 11.30am	Betty & Emmanuel Osagie (Thanks giving) People of the parish
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Feast Days: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Solemnity of Dedication

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers****Weekend 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

9.30 am Sr Leera, Roisin  
Betty Osagie (E)  
11.30am Honorine, Stella  
Serso, Sr Lydwin (E)

**Weekend 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015**

Asipita, Elena  
Sr Leena (E)  
Cynthia, Stella  
Loveness, Vera (E)

R I P: Edmond Patrick Flynn, Phelena Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week: Jack Dunne, Michael Joseph Connors, Katie McHugh, Patsy Cooke, Bridget Meehan, William Maggs, Daniel Murphy, Martin Ward.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Maureen Patterson, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, 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'

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015**

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**THE HUGE CRUCIFIX IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S**

I can remember the words of Cardinal Vincent Nichols when he appointed me your priest; *"the parish where I'm sending you, he said; has a big crucifix above the altar, as you celebrate the Mass look at it and meditate on its implication in your ministry."* There is no doubt that upon entering our parish church the image of the crucifix captures the eye. This crucifix came from Spain. Since it was donated to this church many eyes have looked at it in petition, supplication and in veneration. The crucifix conveys a message written in large letters namely God's love. Almost all Christian churches use the cross as a symbol of salvation but some churches have taken away the image of the crucified Christ leaving the cross empty. They argue that Jesus is risen he is no longer the crucified.

The Catholic Church has without doubt the image of the crucified Christ on the cross. The reason is simple; we were not saved by the wood of the cross but by the one who hang on it. Justification of an empty cross is ridiculous and the theological explanations given to defend it are devoid of the true events on Calvary more than 2000 years ago.

St. Paul writing to the Corinthians said: *As for me brothers, when I came to you, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy....During my stay with you the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus and only about him as the crucified Christ" 1Cor.2:12. And so while the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom here we are preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the Greeks madness but to those who have been called a Christ who is the power and wisdom of God" 1Cor. 22-24.*

The first Christians knew Jesus was risen yet they continued to address him as "crucified." The Catholic Church has no plan to put icing on Christian beliefs in order to make it acceptable, the thorn crowned head of Jesus, the sacred five wounds, the precious blood are retained on catholic crucifix. The crucifix is not jewellery; it is a symbol of salvation. Unless it is dear to us we are in the presence of a danger signal every time we approach it. Something is wrong with our religion if an empty cross occupies our life. But our faith is greatly strengthened and our religion is made credible if the crucifix (cross and him who hang on it- Jesus) have a definite place in our daily life and devotion. Do not water down your faith for the convenience of the unbelievers.

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

**First Holy Communion:** Yesterday twenty eight of our children both from the school and parish made their First Holy Communion. It was a joyful occasion indeed to see them taking this step with great enthusiasm and joy. We pray that the joy which encompassed them on this occasion may remain in their hearts always and give meaning to their Christian way of life. I thank the teachers and parents who journeyed with them through their preparation.

**Marriage preparation:** I wish to let you know that if you are preparing to get married in the Catholic Church, you will be required to attend a marriage course to prepare you for the sacrament. The course takes several days, according to Canon Law the priest will require evidence that this has been done. Therefore if you want to get married this year, give your name and contacts to either Fr. Jimmy or one of the Sisters for the course to be organized.

**World Youth Day - Krakow 2016** the Archdiocese of Birmingham invites young people to take part in the event next year. The Coventry Promotional evening will be held at **St. Osburg's Parish Hall on Monday June 8th at 7pm - 8pm**. If you are a young person and are interested to find out more you will be most welcome!

**Baptism preparation course** for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 5.30pm in the parish hall. There will not be baptism preparation sessions during the month of July and August.

#### 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.

#### Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £322.00 Loose £492.71 Total £814.71 Thank you.  
Counters: 14<sup>th</sup> June Sandra McAvoy, Maureen Jones  
Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 5 Mary Morgan  
Mass Attendance: Week 7<sup>th</sup> June 509  
Second Collection: 28<sup>th</sup> June Peter's pence

#### Other Matters of importance

**APF Red Boxes:** Please can you return your Red Boxes to the church for counting next weekend. When you drop off your box please make sure your name and address are on the box so that we can keep a record of boxes received. Also take your free copy of Mission Today.

**Parish dance:** has been organised to support the Religious Order of the Apostles of Jesus which sent priests to our parishes of St. Marys and St Elizabeth. Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Moses as you know were sent to these two parishes to support us in our pilgrimage of faith. Tickets are on sale now for £3.00. Dance will be on 11<sup>th</sup> July from 8:00pm till late. Live music will be provided by Irene and Full Circle.

**Youth 2000 Summer Prayer Festival:** The Promised Land: will be held from 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 at the National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. It is an opportunity offered for young people to have a spiritual experience. I encourage our young people to make avail of the opportunity.

**The Archdiocese of Birmingham** extends from Stoke in the North to the Thames in the South. It includes 7 cities and 5 Counties; an area with 5 million people. It serves Catholic population of some 450,000 through a network of 224 parishes and some 240 schools. In order to strengthen the support which the central functions provide to Parishes the Archdiocese is seeking four individuals to be based at Cathedral House, St Chad's, in Birmingham for following posts namely *Director of Human Resources, Property Manager, Head of Development, Finance Manager and Evangelisation Fieldworker*. The Diocese is being assisted by Odgers Berndtson in the management of this recruitment, on a pro bono basis. They will be dealing with all enquiries relating to the above posts. If you are interested please contact Richard Love on [Richard.love@berwickpartners.co.uk](mailto:Richard.love@berwickpartners.co.uk) or 0121 654 5913, quoting the relevant reference, to receive further details. Details of the posts are on the noticeboard.

**Marriage Banns:** Mr. Uchenna Tony Okeke of 7, Thackhall Street Coventry, son of Anthony Okeke and Florence Okeke of 463 Tony Okeke Street Prefab Owerri Imo State Nigeria,, would like to get married to Adaugo Ugorji, daughter of Livy and Nene Ugorji of No.6 Ugorji Close, Works Layout Owerri Imo State Nigeria.

**Daniel Martin Williamson** of 8 Knight Avenue Coventry son of Peter Michael Williamson and (deceased) Meredith Williamson would like to get married to Ms. Kelly Ferguson of 8, Knight Avenue Coventry daughter of William James Ferguson and Mrs. McWilliams.

If there is anyone who knows the reasons why they should not get married, please come and talk to the parish priest as soon as possible.

**Incidences of plastic** bottles, tins and nappies being thrown into the toilets are on the rise in the parish hall. I appeal to parents to accompany their children when they use the facilities. It is very expensive paying for a plumber worse still when you have to do so a number of times every months. Common property is your personal property. Remember to close the taps. Parents who accompany children to the bathrooms should help them to observe these etiquettes

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Step 3: On Side bar click on **West Midlands**, will bring you to SS. Mary & Benedict.