

**MASSES Week 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014**

Sun	16	9.30am	Osagie Family (Spl Int) Annie Shanley (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	17	12.30pm	Michael Clear (Get well) Jim Dunleavy (RIP)
Tue	18	9.30am	Deceased of Mathias Family
Wed	19	11.00am	Requiem-Mary Esther Kavanagh
Thurs	20	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Mary Murray (RIP) Jerry Mahoney (RIP)
Fri	21	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Mary Theodora Philip (Anni) Deceased of Kanaventi Family
Sat	22	10.30am	Cecilia Mathias (RIP)
11.00am to 12.00Noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sun	23	9.30am	Jimmy Johnston (Anni) Dod Lena & Drogogi Family (RIP)
		11.30am	Kuwan Judith Kinyuy (Anni) Antony Kelly (RIP)

**Feast Days:** 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov St Cecilia

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014**

9.30 am Asipita, Julia  
Jean Hoey (E)  
11.30am John, Ajiri  
Serso, Veronica (E)

**Weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2014**

Roisin, Elena  
Elizabeth (E)  
Mena, Stella  
Loveness, Sr Lydwin (E)

**RIP:** Mary Kavanagh, Ellen Flaherty, Michael O'Shea, Jim Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Ann Devaney, Joseph Costelloe, Kathleen Nicola Hayden, Larry Moroney, Lawrence Sequeira, Gwendoline Margaret Whittington, pat Martin, Marion Glennon, Chris Glennon, Annie Shanley, Margaret & Joseph Hamill, William Greene, Robert Wood, Marina Patricia Murphy, John Ledwidge, Thomas Dalton, Willie Docherty, James Cummings Johnston, Con McFadden, Nikkei Cherry, Piety Pinto, Cecilia Agnes Wilkinson.

**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, Bob McGorman, Maria Drabik, Michelle, James Hamill, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan.

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

**Thirty Third Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2014**

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OUR PARISH REPORT - VISITATION 1ST & 2ND NOVEMBER 2014.

*This weekend I present the last part of the report that has been sent to the Diocese following the visit of Bp. William Kenny. It was read to us but it is important that you read it in your own time and reflect on it.*

**Infrastructural development of the parish since the last parish visitation:**

At the last visitation the parish had serious infrastructural problems. Just to remind ourselves: The massive flat roof from the Convent through the parish hall to the presbytery garage was leaking. The church needed redecoration; the car park needed a new surface. The following has been done: Complete redecoration of the church; new flat roof has replaced the old one. Our Lady's chapel has been refurbished it is open every day for people of the city who need a moment of prayer and quiet. The parish hall and kitchen were redecorated and refurbished they are set up as commercial enterprise for the parish. Church car park resurfaced and set up as a commercial enterprise for the parish. The parish website is set up and maintained we have live broadcast of Mass via the web. These achievements have been possible due to our working together knowing that WE are the Parish.

**SS. Mary and Benedict Primary School:**

Our parish has one primary school. There 308 pupils out of which only 152 that is 50% are Catholics. 35 languages are spoken; children from ethnic minorities form 70% of the cohort 55% of children receive free school meals. The parish does not receive unanimous and generous support from all parents who take their children to the school. If parents need their child to go to the Catholic School, they need to support the Catholic Church that provides it, but this is not always the case. We thank the teachers and supporting members of staff who help our children to achieve such high academic standards: Standards that are consistently above the national average: as well as providing excellent spiritual and moral guidance.

**Challenges facing the parish:**

Lack of priests in the diocese; means that the parish could have some difficulties in the future that might lead to losing a resident priest at St. Mary's. Our parish priest does not have many opportunities to visit his family. The parish has very few permanent resident Catholics this is brought about by the expansion of the city and of Coventry University. Emergence of new churches (Pentecostals/ evangelical). Influx of Muslims into the area, this has also affected the number of catholic children in our school. Maintenance of church property (the buildings, car park, boilers etc.)

**Parish debts and liabilities:**

In 2008, the parish incurred a massive debt of £100,000.00 to pay off liabilities to

contractors and to repair the flat roof. This debt has been paid off thanks to the hard work of everyone. Money has been raised through, Christmas bazaars, parish dances, personal donations and stringent expenditure policies of the parish priest. The parish has an outstanding debt of £10,000.00 due to be paid in 2017.

#### **Future Plans and Priorities:**

As a parish we want to continue focusing on our spiritual growth, to make sure that the parish is rooted in Christ. This will require a prayerful devotion to the faith. Due to the expansion of Coventry University, we envisage our parish will be within the center of the university. We embrace the fact that our congregation will be young, fleeting and multicultural. We will continue to welcome them and engage them in parish activities.

Our Catholic School forms the future of our parish; we call upon our catholic parents not only to send their children to the school but also to bring them to the Sunday Mass. At present there are 308 pupils out of these only 152 are Catholics making it 50%!

We thank Your Lordship Bishop William Kenny for making this pastoral visit to our parish on behalf of his Grace Bernard Longley the Archbishop of Birmingham and on your own behalf as our area bishop.

May God continue to bless us all. **END.**

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**

**The Vicar General Mgr Timothy Menezes** visited our parish last Sunday and officially launched French Speaking Community Mass in Coventry. French speakers came from Birmingham, Coventry and Rugby. Mass in French will be held on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at St. Mary's Church from 2:30pm. Fr. Noel Bisibu N'tungu from Tamworth was appointed to lead French Speaking Catholics. He can be contacted on 07459187237;

**Parish Penitential Service** in preparation for Christmas will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm.

**Holy Mass is celebrated** every Tuesday at the Spirituality & Faith Centre-Coventry University at 1.10pm in "The Hub" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Fr. Jimmy the catholic chaplain is always available any time on 07906124756.

#### **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 £371.00 £599.03 Total £970.03 Thank you.

**Counters:** 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

**Second Collection** 23<sup>rd</sup> November Catholic Youth Service

7<sup>th</sup> December Poor parishes

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 39 M Hogan

**Mass Attendance** Week 9<sup>th</sup> Nov **625**

#### **Other Matters of importance**

**Crisps and biscuits in church:** may I remind parents with small children that it is not right behaviour to feed toddlers on crisps and biscuits in church during Mass. The place is left in a mess and there might not be enough time to clean it before the next service takes place. Let us have great respect for the church by keeping it clean.

**St Mary's Parish primary** School has been ranked in top class according to recent Government's data. Our school is one of the top 1% for pupil progress in reading, writing and maths for 2014. Let us love and support our school. The teachers do a lot of self-sacrificing service to educate the children. Please support them by your cooperation and welfare of your children.

**Parish Christmas Bazaar** will be on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014** from **11.00am to 2.00pm**. Please support this event by donating tins of food, biscuits, chocolates, bottles of wine, tea, coffee, (within date) toiletries, soft toys and cash. We don't need old clothes, shoes and old electrical items. Put in the box at the back of the church. I invite you all for a meeting on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 6.00pm** to discuss how we can organise well for a successful bazaar.

**Christmas Raffle Tickets** are available. Buy them for yourself or collect them and sell them to your family and friends. Please remember to return the stubs along with money by the 26<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

**Something to reflect on:** On 11<sup>th</sup> of November was Armistice Day recalling the time when the guns fell silent in 1918. I have been following these celebrations and the more I do so, the less impressed I become. The silence of the guns was not meant to be remembered as an event that came and went but as a process that begun and was to continue. It makes no sense at all to recall an event that took place at that particular moment if it is not emulated from then on. The human face is at its worst when it engages in war and violence.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 Parish Christmas Bazaar 11:00am – 2:00pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December Parish Penitential Service at 7:00pm

#### **LIVE MASS BROADCAST FROM ST. MARY'S:**

Step 1: Go to internet Google and type in **www.mcnmedia.tv**

Step 2: Click on: **Mcn Media Church Services-Webcams-Live Streaming.**

Step 3: Click on **photo of St. Marys Church.** Sunday Mass at 9:30am & 11:30am