

MASSES Week 17th to 24th August 2014

Sat	16	6.00pm	Winifred Busby
Sun	17	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Kuwan Judith & Kuwan Stephen (RIP)

Mon	18	9.30am	Susan Esther (Birthday)
Tue	19	9.30am	Sr Rosalia Ekka (RIP)
Wed	20	10.30am	Requiem-James Daniel Farrell
Thurs	21	9.30am	Rosaleen Jordon (Get well) Rose Mary Doherty (Spl Int)
Fri	22	9.30am	Alan & Juliet Ward (Wedding Anni)
Sat	23	10.30am	Sr Flavy Tauro (RIP)
11.00am to 12.00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			

Sat	23	6.00pm	Bulungu Bwana Miteo (RIP)
Sun	24	9.30am	Pearl Osagie (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	Mama Helen Forbie (RIP) Gilbert Ijibor (RIP)

Feast Days: 20th Aug St Bernard, Abbot
21st Aug St Pius X, Pope
22nd Aug Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23rd Aug St John Wall, priest, Martyr

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 16th/17th Aug 2014

6.00 pm	Tom Ward, Sr Leena Sophie (E)
9.30 am	Julia, Elena Elizabeth (E)
11.30am	Cynthia, Mena Serso, Vera (E)

Weekend 23rd/24th August 2014

Sr Leena, Theresa Jean Hoey (E)
Keyna, Aspita Sr Leera (E)
Ajiri, Honorine Vera, Loveness (E)

RIP: Robert Dunham, James Daniel Farrell.

Anniversaries during this Week: Luz Alba De Taylor, Dorothy Dewhurst, Mary McGrath, Winifred Ivy Busby, Grace Philomena McSweeney, Patrick Christopher Kirwan, Nora Philomena Reilly, Elizabeth Pickett, Alfred Gibson, William Green, Andy Mooney, Johanna Ward, Mamie Dunleavy, Pat Whelan, Pat Sheehan.

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 Hamill, Danny Diver, Michael Clear.

St. Mary & St. Benedict's R.C. Church

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

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FIDELITY IS PROVED AT THE DIFFICULT TIME:

Finally His Grace the Archbishop has made a final decision concerning the provision of Masses within our denary. This was reached as a result of your involvement in the process which gave him insight to reach this decision. The denary had 60 Masses every weekend we have lost 28 and remained with only 32 Masses across the city. At St Mary's we have lost the Saturday 6:00 O'clock Mass, I consider losing a Mass a very serious matter, however every difficulty has an opportunity. The opportunity for us at this time is to consolidate our efforts to build our parish. Certainly we have come a long way to where we are. You must have heard me at one time telling you that when I was appointed to St. Mary's, Archbishop Vincent bluntly told me that "there was a plan to close St. Mary's because the diocese had tried all the means" but he encouraged me to come. In his words, he presumed that you the parishioners and I would have our own new approach to issues and work together to solve them and to build our faith.

Persons visiting our parish admire the liveliness of our liturgy, the beauty of our church and its cleanliness not to forget the community spirit when it comes to doing things. No single parish priest can do these things without his people. This is how your involvement and fidelity to the parish has turned it round. The future of St. Mary's has been demarcated by the Archbishop who has decided that our parish adopts a two-weekend- Mass policy just like all other parishes in the city of Coventry. Painful as this might appear to be, it is yet a challenge for all of us to quickly embrace the changes and continue to build the parish we have always called our spiritual home. The Archbishop is not asking us to find an easier way out but to prove our fidelity and loyalty to our parishes.

I know that moving to other parishes might be an attractive option for some but we need to look at it this way, how many of us will abandon a good cause simply because it serves their personal convenience? St. Mary's church is the second oldest in the city, it was a place of refuge for poor people who escaped hunger and poverty in Ireland, survivors from Eastern Europe who escaped tyranny of the 1st and 2nd World Wars and also a home to many immigrants from Africa after colonialism. St. Mary's is the only parish in Coventry which receives those people who society tends to reject: the alcoholics, drug addicts and sex workers. God identifies with the poor and the weak. To abandon a place like this soaked in the prayers of those in particular need will be a missed opportunity.

Day/Time Church	Saturday Mass				Sunday Mass													
	pm				am						pm							
	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.15	11.30	12.00	12.15	5.00	5.30	6.00	
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St Thomas M.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Is any parishioner sick or in hospital? Please inform thes 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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £338.87 Loose £386.33 Total £725.20 Thank you.

Counters: 17th Aug Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 45 Mick Hogan, Sr Lydwin

Second Collection 28th September Fr Hudson's Society

Mass Attendance Week 9th/10th August **320**

Cake Sale raised £140.00 for St Francis School Lukodde

Dates for your Diary

23rd Aug Parish Dance

23rd Oct Confirmation

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.

Get together Seminar for Married people announced earlier will take place on the 6th of September starting from 11:00am until 4pm. For those contemplating getting married, it will be a chance to prepare you for such a great calling and for those who are struggling to keep their marriage together it will be a moment to find a way forward. Some light lunch will be provided. The day time-table is available on our website. It will start at 10:30am and conclude with Holy Mass at 3:00pm at which renewal of marriage vows will be celebrated. Please *give your names at the piety stall* if you are willing to attend.

Sacramental Preparations: (Confirmation) may I inform all those who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to be Confirmed to contact the Parish Priest as soon as possible. Confirmation will take place on 23rd of October and only those who have been prepared for the sacrament will be eligible to receive it.

Sacramental Preparations: (Baptism) please note that baptism is celebrated by appointment and after parents and godparents have attended the preparation course. The church requires that this preparation is made no matter how many times in the past this exercise might have been attended. It is a worthwhile reminder of our faith.

Other Matters of importance

Handcraft exhibition: There are few things made by Children of St. Francis Primary school in Uganda to raise money to buy desks for themselves. We are supporting them through cake sale. They include necklaces, and arm bracelets which are of very good quality. They are available at the piety stall. The money raised will be sent to the school.

Parish Dance is organized in support of our parish this summer on Saturday 23rd August 2014. Music will be provided by Irene & Tom and full Circle. The cost of adult ticket is £3.00. Please contact Mr Tom Ward or Mr Bill Flynn for tickets.

Funeral Mass for James Daniel Farrell will take place on Wed. 20th August 2014 at 10.30 am. Reception into the church on Tuesday 19th August at 6.00pm

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