

MASSES Week 17th to 24th May 2015

Sun	17	9.30am	Miriam Makaripe (Thanks giving) Catherine Meehan (Anni)
		11.30am	Robert Skelly (Get well) Mike Nwaojie (RIP) Zakora (Birthday)

Mon	18	12.30pm	Bridie Kelly (Spl Int)
Tue	19	9.30am	Martin Keary (RIP)
Wed	20	9.30am	Sr Anna Patricia (Birthday)
Thurs	21	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	John Isinka (RIP)
Fri	22	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Holy Souls
Sat	23	9.30am	Nora Griffith (Spl Int)
10.00- 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.			

Sun	24	9.30am	Bridie Kelly (Spl Int) Antony Nicholl (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 17th May 2015

9.30 am School children
School Staff
11.30am Kingsley, Veronica
Loveness, Serse (E)

Weekend 24th May 2015

Tom Ward, Roisin
Bridie (E)
Charles, Cynthia
Veronica, Vera (E)

R I P: Phelena Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week: Sean Anthony Logan, Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Bridget Theresa Lucid, William Morrissey, Michael McDermott, Mary Devein, James Mullarkey.

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, 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'

Sixth Sunday of Easter 17th to 24th May 2015

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IT IS THE QUALIFICATION OF BEING A TRUE CHRISTIAN:

Have you ever heard someone saying in protest "I'm out of it"? If not, then probably you have come across Christians who either walk out of the parish or even choose to leave the Church because they could either not agree with the priest or with someone in the Church. Such people are 'seasonal Christians' who feel truly Christians as long as nothing has pricked them.

The community of Jesus had a lot of problems. Jesus knew for example that someone among the twelve men he had chosen would betray him; Peter would deny him and the rest would flee in fear leaving him alone! The best he could do was to ask them to remain united, he personally prayed for this.

This week we celebrated the Feast of Mathias the man who was chosen by the Apostles to take over the office of apostle which Judas Iscariot abandoned. The criterion was simple and straight forward:

*"We must choose someone who has been **with us** the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round **with us**, someone who was **with us** right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up **from us** and he can act **with us** as a witness to his resurrection"(Acts 1:21)*

Take note of how many times the words '**with us**' are emphasised. The apostles were not looking for someone who had been on and off in his being a disciple. They were not looking for someone who followed Jesus as when it was convenient, or when the time suited him/her. Instead they were looking for someone who had remained united with Jesus and with the community in all circumstances.

This criterion should lead us to examine ourselves. Do we believe in God and in Jesus because things are going on well? Do we stand by the Church at all times or we abandon her when life gets difficult? Many people have downgraded their active participation in the Church to Christmas, weddings and funerals; apart from that they are literally dormant and non-existent! The answer is simple; 'seasonal Christians' cannot make good witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us do our best to follow Him and to be members of the church at all times, then we shall qualify to be witnesses to the resurrection.

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

Polish children will receive their First Holy Communion this coming Sunday 24th May during the 9:30am Mass. They made their first Confessions yesterday. I'm so impressed by the involvement of the families in the faith of their children. Please come and pray for them and join them in thanking God for such a great gift of the Eucharist.

First Holy Communion will take place on Sat 13th June 2015: I urge the parents of those children who will be receiving their first Holy Communion to accompany them in their preparation and help them to understand the meaning and gravity of the Sacrament. Let us support them with our prayers.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £344.45 Loose £491.71 Total £836.16 Thank you.

Counters: 17th May Vera Dunnion, Julia Harte

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 31 John Crawford

Mass Attendance: Week 10th May 518

Second Collection: 17th May Catholic communications

28th June Peter's Pence

Cake sale will take place on Sunday 17th May 2015.

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 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

Press Statement from the Archbishop: "I am delighted that Pope Francis has chosen Mgr Pat McKinney to be the tenth Bishop of Nottingham from among the priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. During his years as Theology Tutor and Rector at St Mary's College, Oscott Mgr McKinney supported many Nottingham seminarians on their journey towards ordination and he will be equally dedicated in serving the clergy and lay faithful of his new diocese as their shepherd and friend. Mgr McKinney's many years as Parish Priest and local Dean and his skills as a theologian and teacher will equip him well in leading the Diocese of Nottingham into the coming Jubilee Year of Mercy. As an accomplished hill-walker I am sure he will come to love the landscapes of his new diocese as much as the counties of Worcestershire and Staffordshire that he knows so well. Mgr McKinney's parishioners at Our Lady and All Saints in Stourbridge, his brother priests, the Auxiliary Bishops and I will miss him greatly as he leaves the Archdiocese of Birmingham, but he will now take up his new responsibilities in Nottingham with enthusiasm and with the prayers and affection of all of us."

Archbishop Oscar Romero will be beatified in San Salvador on Saturday 23 May 2015, the day before Pentecost. Millions of Catholics around the world will be celebrating his inspirational life and legacy. During his three years as Archbishop of San Salvador, CAFOD had a very close relationship with him. We supported his famous radio broadcasts, which, at a time of heavy press censorship, were often the only way people in El Salvador could find out the truth about the atrocities that were happening in their country. We also helped to fund the support given by the Church to thousands of people who had fled their homes because of the violence.

Support the training of a missionary priest box was launched on Good Shepherd (Vocation) Sunday by Fr. Jimmy the Parish Priest. It is one of the boxes in the wall at the back of the church. It is good to support the training of a Missionary Priest who will take the gospel of Jesus in the lands where our faith is either rejected or not known. The present priest at our parish was sent to us, it is indeed right that we should show our appreciation by having another priest trained and sent to bring the gospel to all people. All the donations in that Box will go to support the training of students for the priesthood in the Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus.

Fr. Michael Stack our Hospital Chaplain has written a very good book about hospital chaplaincy drawing much on his experience with the sick and dying. The book is entitled: *Lord when did we see you sick?* I encourage you to buy the book which is available at the piety stall. Cost £4.50.

World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday 17th May 2015 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation' (Lk. 16:15). The gospel has to be communicated and proclaimed to every person. There is a second collection this week to support the communication of the gospel.

Parish Hall has been given a facelift recently. It is nice and conducive for any gatherings, has a spacious kitchen, bar and parking area. It is available for anyone who wishes to use for parties like birthday, Christening, wedding, anniversaries and meetings. If you are planning a function this summer please think of your parish hall. This is one way of supporting your parish. For more details please contact Fr Jimmy or one of the sisters.

Parish dance: is on the horizon being organised for a very good cause as we celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life. Tickets will go on sale next week.

Mgr Louis McRae In the Catholic Today (No. 102) of this month of May there is an interesting article about Mgr. Louis McRae who celebrated his 100th birthday on April 21st. I'm quite sure that many of us remember him and he did a lot of work in Coventry during the 17 years of his chaplaincy at Warwick University. It is very interesting to read.

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