

MASSES Week 18th to 25th May 2014

Sat	17	6.00pm	Nora Curriston (Spl Int)
Sun	18	9.30am	Nora O'Brien (90 th Birthday)
		11.30am	Pascazia Muhanika (Spl Int)
			John Taylor (Getwell)
Mon	19	12.30pm	Dorothy Webster (RIP)
Tue	20	9.30am	Tony Leigh (RIP)
Wed	21	9.30am	Sr Severine (RIP)
			Matthew Tanner (Anni)
Thurs	22	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Marie Lee (Spl Int)
Fri	23	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Bob & Kathleen Skelly, Sue Pain & Family (Spl Int)
Sat	24	10.30am	Liturgy of the Word
		11.00am -12.00noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	24	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	25	9.30am	Mary Mulronee (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Mama Helen Forbie (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 17th /18th May

Weekend 24th/25th May

6.00 pm	Tom Ward, Sr Leera Barbara (E)	Sr Leena, Brendan Dr Jay (E)
9.30 am	School Children School Staff (E)	Keyna, Julia Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	Noble, Meena Serso, Veronica (E)	Julie, Ajiri Kath, Vera (E)

RIP: Phylis Brolly, Elizabeth Gamble, Peter Harte, Patrick Bernard Ward, Marie Garner

Anniversaries during this Week: Sean Anthony Logan, Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Briget Theresa Ludid, William Morrissey, Michael McDermott, Mary Davein, James Mullarkey, Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh,

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, Job Giles, Bob McGorman, Maria Drabik, Michelle.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter 18th to 25th May 2014

Mass Book Yr. A Part 1 pg. 265 onwards

A GOOD REPUTATION:

I remember travelling on a bus where an argument flared up between the bus conductor and a commuter. None of us I suppose knew what exactly happened, but after the conductor was safely back in his seat, a young lady started throwing nasty words across to him. This continued for some time that other travelers joined in. The bus *dala-dala* as they were called in that part of the world was by now filled up by commuters who were swearing at each other! I did not know what to do. It was my first time in that country and I had crossed into its borders with pride because of its humanistic philosophy. I kept silent for some time until I could not stomach it anymore. I stood up and joined in the conversation.

"Fellow travelers" I said, "I'm just a traveler passing through your land. It is my first time to visit your country, back at home your country enjoys such good name because of your national philosophy but if this is the way how you behave in your country, I feel ashamed of myself." Then I sat down.

There was great silence! Certainly nobody knew who I was, where I came from or where I was going. One woman stood up and castigated the commuters for the shame they were causing to themselves and to the country. Feeling of shame and remorse were expressed and apologies started to pour in addressed to me. I did not say a word, from that moment there was silence all the way until we reached the city.

The first reading today from Acts 6:1-7, is talking about the choice of the first deacons. The criterion for their appointment was that they were "men of good reputation." I don't know what reputation you have in the Church, in your family or at your place of work. What I know is that keeping one's good reputation is as important as keeping our faces clean.

It is a shame that many people no longer have the decency to build a good reputation either for themselves, for the church or for their countries. Remember to ask yourself 'what will I be remembered for when my work is done and my boots hanged. A good reputation will be your blessing, a bad reputation your curse.

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

Live Camera: I have a plan to install live camera facility in the church so that my parishioners who are housebound can follow the Mass and other liturgical functions from their homes. This is a pastoral outreach to them. They have always been with us for prayers but they cannot manage to do so because of ill health. Once installed, they will be able to tune in for the Mass at St. Mary's from any part of the world. I will be pleased to know your opinion over it.

Baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their children baptized will be on Monday 2nd June 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

First Holy Communion: children from our school will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th June at 10.30am. I'm pleased to see parents accompanying them in their preparations with enthusiasm. Catholic upbringing of children is our duty as a parish community. May the Good shepherd lead and guide them to continue their journey of faith with greater commitment.

Seminar for married people on Saturday 6th September 2014 I wish to invite all who are united in the Sacrament of Matrimony to come for a special seminar on married life conducted by the Edmonds from Birmingham. Mr & Mrs Edmonds are both retired Catholic Medical doctors with a daughter in the cloistered Carmelites Nuns in Wolverhampton. They are engaged in many catholic activities, they are interesting people to listen to. This invitation includes widows and widowers. There might be people who are struggling to keep their marriage together or those who need to restore broken relationship. They are also welcome. There will be Mass at which married people will renew their vows to each other. The Main celebrant of the Mass will be communicated to you in the due course.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £501.80 Loose 517.06 Total £1018.86

Clergy Training Fund: £334.96 Thank you.

Counters: 18th May Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 19 Sr Leena
Saturday Draw No

Second Collection: 1st June Catholic communications
29th June Peter's pence

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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.

Other Matters of importance

Harvington Hall – Kidderminster an Elizabethan moated manor house with the greatest series of priests hiding places in the country. It is owned by the Archdiocese and managed through a voluntary committee chaired by Rt. Rev Mgr. John Moran. Visitors may join a guided tour or wander round the Hall by themselves, there is an attractive gift shop, a tea room looking over the moat and charming gardens with a picnic area to explore. The Hall is open from Wednesday to Sunday, from April to October and weekends only in March, as well as Bank Holiday Mondays. It is always worth phoning before coming in case there is a special closure. The Hall opens at 11.30 and last entrance is at 4.00pm.

I have been there several times and I feel like going again and again. It is a wonderful place to visit for a retreat; after a guided tour, groups may arrange to celebrate Mass in the Georgian Chapel in the garden or at St Mary's church opposite the Hall. Visiting Priests are admitted free to the Hall either on a pre-visit or if they are accompanying their parishioners. For further information contact 01562 777846, harvingtonhall@btconnect.com or www.harvingtonhall.com

The Maryvale Institute wishes to appoint a full-time Finance Controller from 1st June to support the administration and oversight of its financial affairs. Candidates should have experience in bookkeeping and be familiar with budgetary control and financial management. Job description and application form are available from the Registrar, Mrs Rita Bannister, Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9AG. 0121 360 8118 registry@maryvale.ac.uk

Tile Hill Catholic School: will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee this year and invites past pupils to a thanksgiving Mass on Friday 23rd May at 7pm in the church, followed by light refreshments in the school hall. There will be a chance to visit your old classrooms, bring back fond memories of past times, view old photographs and school registers and exchange stories with other past pupils. We hope you can make it!

RIP : It is with great sadness I wish to announce the death of Phylis Brolly who passed away on Wednesday 14th May 2014. The reception of her mortal remains will be on Wednesday 21st May at 7.00pm into St. John Fisher Church and the Requiem Mass on Thursday at 12.00noon followed by burial at Canley Garden Cemetery. Phylis had been a parishioner here at St. Mary's for many years and we thank her for her fidelity and service to St. Mary's.

Dates for your Diary

25 th May	Cake sale
2 nd June	Baptism preparation course
14 th June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
6 th Sept	Seminar for the Married Couples
23 rd Oct	Confirmation at 7.00pm