

MASSES Week 19th to 26th April 2015

Sun	19	9.30am	Pascal Osagie (Birthday) Peter Harte, Annie Laffey, Jeannette Smith (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Mon	20	9.30am	Jeanette Smith (Anni) (Whole School Mass)
Tue	21	9.30am	Theresa Edward Moore (Anni)
Wed	22	9.30am	Celine Ferris (Anni) Sr Leera Lobo (Spl Int)
Thurs	23	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Sr Leena (Spl Int)
Fri	24	1.30pm	Requiem-Phelena Seaman
Sat	25	9.30am	Adoration
			William & Winifred Mooney (Anni) Mark Lewis (RIP)

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

Sun	26	9.30am	Cony Aspin (Anni) Bridie Kelly (Get well)
		11.30am	Eileen (70 th Birthday) Deceased Members of Doyle Family

Feast Days: 23rd April Solemnity of St George, Martyr-Patron of England
25th April Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 19th April 2015

9.30 am Julia, Elena
Barbara (E)
11.30am Julie, Charles
Serso, Loveness (E)

Weekend 26th April 2015

Asipita, Sr Leera
Sophie (E)
Jeanette, Kingsley
Vera, Veronica (E)

R.I.P: Phelena Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week: Jeanette Smith, Terence Peter Harte, Elizabeth Patricia Gamble, Sheila Byrne, Meta Stratton, Michael Kavanagh.

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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IT REVEALS THE MYSTERY OF OUR RESURRECTION:

The long days are here again. I walked through the city centre the other day and I noticed that many people have thrown away those long thick jumpers which characterised them during the cold winter. The good news is that the sun is coming closer to us each day that goes by.

As autumn approached last year we were sad to lose the beautiful flowers and greenery that had delighted our eyes. In the eyes of those who do not entertain hope, the trees faced imminent death as they were being reduced to skeletons of bare branches. Now life is back again, barren branches have come back to life, what seemed to be the end of life seems to be its beginning instead. Now, we can hear the song of bird in our land, bumble bees and butterflies will soon come to our gardens and the African swallows are on the way to be with us this summer. Surely apart from the hay fever which many of us suffer from due to much pollen in the air; this is one of the best seasons of the year.

The book of the Song of Songs 2: 10-15 talks about the cheer and excitement that spring brings:

"See winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the season of glad songs has come and the cooing of the turtledove is heard in our land, the fig tree is forming its first figs and the blossoming vines give out their fragrance. Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that make havoc of the vineyards, for our vineyards are in flower..."

For us Christians the changes of seasons reflect the mystery of death and resurrection. Life itself has its season of spring, summer, autumn and winter. It can never be fully lived as a single season. Anyone who thinks that his/her current situation is going to be permanent is deceived. For this reason we must constantly live in hope for something better. It is a mistake to think that when difficulties in life come, that is the end of life, the consequence of this is falling into anxiety and depression. It is not good also to look down on others and boast around when life is at its best for you. Christianity teaches us to be thankful in success and to be humble in humiliation.

Jesus Christ through his resurrection has showed us that death has no power over him. *"Therefore do not let your hearts be troubled trust in God still and trust in me" Jn. 14: 1* he said.

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

This year's theme for Vocations Sunday is "Change a Life." This reflects the dramatic change for anyone who begins to answer their vocation, and deepen their relationship with God. We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. There will be the annual collection for the Clergy Training Fund which supports our seminarians and students to diaconate. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Baptism preparation course for parents seeking to have their children baptised will be on Tues 5th May 2015 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

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. Polish children who are doing catechism will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 24th May during the 9:30am Mass. They will make their first Confessions on Sat. 16 May at 7:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £292.80 Loose £486.40 Total £779.20 Thank you.
Counters: 19th April Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul
Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 42 Genet
Mass Attendance: Week 12th April 547
Second Collection: 26th April Clergy Training Fund
Cake Sale raised £139.60 Thank you.

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

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 9th May 2015 led by the Rt Rev William Kenney C.P. Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Details are on the noticeboard.

Holy Mass has resumed in Coventry University in the Spirituality and Faith Centre: every Tuesday at 1.10pm. Fr Jimmy, the Chaplain will be available from 11.00am till 2.00pm in the Hub 3rd Floor. He can also be contacted on 07906124756

Job vacancy: St John Fisher catholic Primary School, Kineton Road, Wyken, Coventry CV2 3NR seeks to appoint a Head teacher for 1st September 2015. Application forms and further details can be obtained online and from the school and should be returned to Rev. Fr. Bob Wright, St John Fisher Presbytery, Tiverton road, Wyken, Coventry, CV2 3DL.

Princethorpe College currently has a number of employment opportunities at the College. If anyone is interested please find the details on the noticeboard.

Monday Club resumes tomorrow Monday 20th April 2015. Please invite your friends to come along to this weekly social event.

Funeral Mass for Miss Phelena Seaman who passed away on 2nd April 2015 will take place on Friday 24th April at 1.30pm. She will be received in to the church at 12.30pm on the same day. I extend my condolences to the bereaved members of the family.

Diocesan Summer Camp for young people will take place in July organised by Kenelm Youth Trust Lifeteen for Summer Camp 2015! Young people will spend a week of adventure, exploring our Catholic faith, challenging them with exciting outdoor activities and be thrilled with a day out at Alton Towers and be transformed as they pray, share and have fun together! Summer Camp is open to all youth aged 11-18 and is being held at Alton Castle from 24th-28th July 2015. The cost is £250 but they ask for a minimum donation of £165 which includes all activities, day trips, a camp T-shirt, food and accommodation. For more information or to book a place email beccy.roseman@bcys.co.uk

Monsignor Louis McRae will celebrate his 100th birthday on Tuesday 21 April 2015. May be some of you might remember him since he worked as chaplain at the University of Warwick for 17 years between 1966-1983. He did a lot of supply in the denary. We offer our prayers and best wishes to him on this milestone birthday and we thank him for his long, gracious and joy-filled years of ministry. He now lives at St. Joseph's Home, Park Road in Harbone.

Feast of the Week: St George. Popular tradition presents St. George as the knight who killed the dragon, making him a symbol of triumph of Christian faith against the forces of evil. He was the son of an illustrious family of Cappadocia. At a young age he was raised to the ministry during the reign of Emperor Diocletian one of the worst rulers of Rome against Christianity. When the emperor promulgated an edict against the Christians, St. George professed his faith in Jesus publicly for which he was martyred. During the Crusades Richard Coeur de Lion impressed by the cult of St. George which was so popular in the East, made him the protector of England. His tomb is in Lod, near Tel Aviv in Israel.

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