

MASSES Week 19th to 26th Oct 2014

Sun	19	9.30am	Kitty Molloy (Anni) Lucy Marshall (Birthday)
		11.30am	Mama Helen Forbie (RIP) Joyce Mutashoby (RIP)
Mon	20	12.30pm	Chukwudi Malize (Birthday)
Tue	21	9.30am	Maura Marron (RIP)
Wed	22	9.30am	Catriona Murphy (B'day Remembrance)
Thurs	23	7.00pm	Confirmation
Fri	24	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Jim Dunleavy (RIP)
Sat	25	10.30am	Deceased of Alexander Family Vivian Texeira (Anni)
11.00am -12.00noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
Sun	26	9.30am	Samantha (Spl Int) Mary Murphy (Anni)
		11.30am	Boniface Galvan (RIP)

Feast Days:

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 19th Oct 2014

9.30 am Keyna, Elena
Bridie (E)
11.30am Mena, Stella
Sr Lydwyn, Serso (E)

Weekend 26th Oct 2014

Asipita, Tom Ward
Barbara (E)
John Stella
Loveness, Sr Leera (E)

RIP: Michael Oshea, Jim Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

Anniversaries during this Week: Ellen O'Brien, Martin King, Matthew Murray, Margaret McDnagh, Catherine Mulvaney, Thomas Burke, Michael Jerome Walsh, Mary Higgins, John Ferry, Patrick Flynn, Raymond Anthony Day, Dorothy Rixon, Brian Kenney, Eugene Devlin, Michael McHugh, Josephine Maher, Vivian Texeira

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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WHAT ARE OUR FEARS- WHAT OUR HOPES ARE FOR THE PARISH?

The last time when a Bishop made a pastoral visit to our parish was almost 10 years ago. Parish visitations rarely come; and when they come it is an opportunity for the parishioners to meet the bishop on a one-to-one encounter. It is true bishops have visited our parish on specific occasions but it takes several years for him to make a pastoral visit to see his people to share in their life and to experience it firsthand.

The parish has greatly changed since the last visitation almost beyond recognition. We have many new members although many have left us. We have a new priest and new religious Order of Nuns. The parish is no longer a one-man show almost every individual is looked at as a key player in its development.

At the last visitation, the parish had pressing issues which needed attention. Over the years these have also changed; therefore problems which were considered as priorities then might not be relevant at this visit. We have moved on.

The geographical landscape of the parish has changed too. At the last visitation we did not have these huge buildings accommodating students as we have today. The grounds on which the buildings stand, were houses of Christians most of whom came to St. Mary's. Private houses which were then occupied by parishioners are now occupied by students. Pubs in Hillfield where Christians passed by to have a pint of Guinness or chilled lager after Mass are now Pentecostal churches, Muslim 'Madarasa', or places for fast foods and take-away! To deny that our parish has changed is a big mistake!

In this rapid changing atmosphere, pastoral visitation is aimed at helping us to present our hopes and fears to the Bishop for the growth of our parish. It is not an inspection of what has been done right and what has been wrong, instead it is a sharing of ideas and values as to how we the people of God can carry forward the mission entrusted to us as members of a local church.

The Law of the church Canon 396 obliges a bishop to visit his diocese annually either in its entirety or in part such that the entire diocese is visited at least every five years. The active cooperation of parishioners in this exercise secures its survival.

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

Parish visitation: a meeting to plan for the pastoral visit of Bishop William Kenney sat last Wednesday. A parish pastoral visit is important it is the occasion when parishioners present their mission to their bishop. A number of meetings have been organized for the bishop to meet us as follows:

Saturday 10:00am – 12:00noon visit the elderly and housebound
2:00pm meeting school head, governors and safeguarding.
5:30pm meeting with parish pastoral agents.
Sunday 9:30am and 11:30am Holy Mass
Sunday 1:00pm meeting young people of the parish and students.
4:00pm bishop meets religious of the parish.

A pastoral report is being prepared based on the points which were discussed at the meeting last Wednesday in answer to the Bishop's expectations. It will be read and presented to Bishop William Kenney when he visits our parish.

A trip is organized to Medjugorje from 9th to 16th June 2015 and 13th to 20th October 2015 Birmingham – Dubrovnik with Monarch Air. Hotel Sulic – 3* full board £260 per person sharing (£75 single room supplement) price includes: hotel / airport transfers / local guide (air fares and travel insurance are not included in this price). If you are interested to go please contact: Deacon Pat Flanagan (Christ the King, Coventry) tel. 024 76 335383 or e-mail him patrickflanagan7@hotmail.co.uk

Practice for Confirmation for those to be confirmed will take place on Monday 20th Oct. in the church at 6:00pm. This practice includes adults as well. Candidates and their sponsors should make provisions to make sure that they are all present for the practice and on time.

University Students: remember that there is Mass every Tuesday at the Faith and Spirituality centre "The Hub" on the 3rd Floor, Fr. Jimmy the catholic chaplain is always available to speak to you at any time. You can contact him on his mobile **Number 07906124756**. He is present at the University every Tuesday from 11:30am until 2:30pm. On Sunday **26th October 2014 at 11.30am** we shall welcome all the students into our parish community. I ask all Catholic students to come for the 11:30am Mass. We shall have some tea/ coffee and biscuits in the parish hall afterwards. I ask the youth club to come and assist me in organising this event.

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.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £269.86 loose £614.31 Total £884.17 Thank you.

Counters: 19th October Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul

Second Collection 2nd November Johnson Association (Retired & Infirm Clergy)
23rd November Catholic Youth Service
7th December Poor parishes

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 23 Sue Darroch

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Other Matters of importance

Gift Aid Scheme: if you give your Sunday offerings through Gift Aid Scheme and you do not come to St. Mary's due to the loss of our Saturday Mass, you can still go on using your envelopes in any parish where you might attend your Sunday Mass; the priest in that church will forward them to St. Marys. Our parish is one of the poorest in Coventry; offerings made through Gift Aid Scheme are of tremendous help to the running of the parish.

St Mary & St Benedict School is seeking for 2 people who are committed to the education and spiritual well-being of the children of the Parish to join the Governing Body of our primary school, St Mary and St Benedict. This is a responsible role that requires you to commit time voluntarily to attend a minimum of 6 meetings a year. You do not have to have a background in education. Training and support will be provided. We are particularly seeking at least one person who has had a child/ grandchild in the school in the past. If you are interested please speak to Fr Jimmy or Elizabeth Hancock, the Chair of Governors (attends 11.30am Mass) or the Head Teacher Mrs. McDonald or leave your name and a contact number with one of the Sisters.

Talk to someone new today: there are a number of new people in our church these days, please take interest in each other, speak to someone new today and welcome each other into this house of God; it is how we build a parish as a community.

Clocks fall back by an hour next Sunday 26th October 2014. Please remember to adjust your clocks so that you may not miss any important appointments.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 20th Oct 2014 practice for Confirmation: in the church at 6:00pm

Thursday 23rd Oct 2014 Confirmation at 7.00pm

Sunday 26th October 2014 Welcome Mass for students

Sunday 2nd Nov. 2014 young people will meet Bp. William Kenny after 11:30 Mass.

Saturday 29th Nov 2014 Parish Christmas Bazaar 11:00am – 2:00pm

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