

MASSES Week 21st to 28th Sept 2014

Sat	20	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sun	21	9.30am	Shaun Aikhionbare & Ella Ewah (Birthday)
		11.30am	Mable Braganza (Spl Int) Mama Helen Forbie (RIP)
Mon	22	9.30am	Cis Dunnion (Birthday) Rose Trill (80 th Birthday)
Tue	23	9.30am	Maura Marron (RIP)
Wed	24	9.30am	Special Intention
Thurs	25	6.30-7.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
		7.30pm	Maura Marron (RIP)
Fri	26	11.30am	Requiem- Kevin Foley
		6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
Sat	27	10.30am	Fr Jimmy's Intention
		11.00am -12.00noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Sun	28	9.30am	Bernadette Doran (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Rosalyn Fernandes (RIP) People of the parish

Feast Days: 24th Sept Our Lady of Walsingham
27th Sept St Vincent de Paul

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 20th/21st Sept 2014

6.00 pm Teresa, Brendan
Barbara (E)
9.30 am Julia, Asipita
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Julie, John
Serso, Vera (E)

Weekend 28th Sept 2014

Roisin, Keyna
Sr Lydwin (E)
Cynthia, Stella
Loveness, Serso (E)

RIP: Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron, Antony Doherty, Robert Dunham, James Daniel Farrell.

Anniversaries during this Week: Owen Healy, Peggy Moore, Delia Mullaney, Betty Reilly, John Mulrone, William Lennon, Christy Benson, Francis Corrigan, T. O'Driscoll, Fredrick R W Quinney.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, 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, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman.

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RECLAIM THIS NICKNAME FOR YOURSELF

When our work is all done and the race ended, it will be time to return home. It will not matter whether all the work will be perfectly done or not, but it will please God that we tried our best and put the best into what we were asked to do. Will he blame us for the work not completed, no; instead he will cheer us for our tireless fidelity. These might be the feelings of many of us as we celebrate our last Saturday for Sunday Mass. I'm sure that when this Mass is reinstated, it will not be during my lifetime at St. Mary's.' As a priest I feel sad when we have to slim down our missions instead of expanding them. It is a wakeup call!

Let us realize that the Lord is opening us up to the reality of a mission in Coventry, namely to reflect on who we are, and on what we ought to be in our city. "*Christian*" was a nickname given to a group of people at Antioch in present day Syria who lived a life entirely dedicated to loving God and neighbor; a life committed to serve Jesus Christ. This captured the attention of the people that as a result they just nicknamed those people "*Christian*" Acts 11:26.

I don't know what kind of nickname that people of this generation like the Syrians of that time would give to us. It is on this point that I wish to reiterate that the loss of many Masses from this weekend onwards in our city is a call to re-evaluate our mission as Catholics.

As Christians, we must get used to the idea of doing our bit, in our own time in the best way possible. Some of us might be taken up by the thought of what happened many years ago in the church even before they existed. Others might be worried of what will happen in the church so many years after we have gone. I'm not bothered by the past and I'm not worried of the future; what worries me is what is happening now because the baton is in our hands.

At home when I was growing up during the time of Idi Amin, we used candles powered by kerosene to light the house. Sometimes we could not afford lighting two candles because kerosene was not available and we were poor to afford it. That single candle lit in the house kept the home alive, it guided us and we never stumbled.

In the current changes remember that as a practicing Christian you are a light to others, don't give up, don't get discouraged, your fidelity is the reason for someone else to try. Above all, let us reclaim our ancient nickname through perseverance.

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: Bishop William Kenny will visit our parish for two days 1st and 2nd of November 2014 to meet the people and to listen to our concerns as far as the development of our parish is concerned. This visitation is very important as it is an opportunity for the archbishop to determine the future of the parish.

RCIA sessions will begin on Tuesday 30th September 2014 at 6.00pm in the parish hall. All those adults who wish to be baptised or those who are already baptised in churches other than a Catholic Church and seeking full communion with the Catholic Church are invited to join this course. The RCIA sessions will begin in September and will conclude on Easter 2015.

Mass for the bereaved families who have lost their dear ones during the course of the year Oct 2013-Sept. 2014 will be on **Sunday 28th Sept 2014 at 4.00pm** followed by cup of tea/coffee in the parish hall.

Confirmation Preparation meeting for our children who are preparing to be confirmed next month will on Monday 22nd Sept 2014 at 6.00pm in the parish hall. Adults who are not yet confirmed and wish to be confirmed are invited to register their names and to attend this meeting.

Take me to Mass: As we are losing the 6:00pm Mass, I'm sure a number of our elderly parishioners will need lift to either 9:30am or 11:30am Mass. If you drive and you can offer a lift to someone to come to Mass please let Fr. Jimmy know.

Day of prayer for Vocations: Sunday 5th October 2014 will be our day to pray for vocations in the Church. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed immediately after the 11.30am Mass and conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm. I encourage all our parishioners to spend some time before the Lord praying for priestly and religious vocations in the Church.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £334.50 loose £494.31 Total £828.81 Thank you.

Counters: 21st September Sandra McAvoy & Maureen Jones

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 6 Mary Mulrooney

Second Collection 21st September Home Mission

28th September Fr. Hudson's Society

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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

School Admissions: children who were born between 1st Sept. 2010 and 31st Aug 2011 are eligible to start primary school in Sept 2015. Closing date for receipt of applications is 15th January 2015.

Cake sale this weekend in aid of Lukodde Primary School to purchase desks for children will take place on the weekend of 20th/21st September.

Deanery visitation by the Archbishop: is scheduled to take place on Friday 26th September at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church beginning with Vespers or evening prayers His Grace will introduce the theme of the Visitation, 'Social Outreach & Mission'. All parish priests and deacons will of course be in attendance.

The invitation is open to the whole Catholic Community in Coventry. It would be good if parishioners already involved in social outreach and mission were present Eucharistic Ministers and those involved with children and youth ministry in our parish in particular. Every person is welcome to go and discuss with the Archbishop matters that are particular to the parish.

Coventry Intercultural Mass will take place on Sunday 19th October 2014 at St John Fisher parish at 3.00pm. Please take this opportunity to be part of this annual event and welcome others to this event.

Parish Dance raised £485.82. I thank Tom Ward and Bill Flynn who organised it and all those who bought the tickets and turned up. It was indeed a very good night.

RIP: the funeral Mass of Maura Marron dear wife of Eddie Marron of Botoner Rd will take place on Monday 22nd Sept. at 11:00am at St. John Fisher's Church.

Death is announced of Kevin Foley of 44 Lowther Street funeral Mass will be on Friday 26th sept. at 11:30am. Reception into St. Mary's Church on Thurs. 25th at 6:00pm.

Death is also announced of Thereza Ann Carey of 1 Spring Rd. reception into church on Sunday 28th sept. 7:00pm. Requiem Mass will be Monday 29th sept at 10:30am our sincere condolences to the bereaved and our prayers for the souls of the departed please.

Accidental death: I'm sorry to learn that our parish choirmaster Mr. Tony Okeke lost his young brother Mr Ezenwa Tony-Okeke through an accident back in Nigeria last Friday. He was 23, recently married and with a pregnant wife Our sympathy and prayers go to him and to his family at this time. I was extremely challenged that in spite of the pain, Tony came and led us in choir practice on Friday. When I asked him where he got the courage he just told me, "*Father I have committed myself to lead the music in the church, life has to go on*" It is a conviction which can only be inspired by deep faith.

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