

MASSES Week 21st to 28th June 2015

Sun	21	9.30am	Betty & Emmanuel Osagie (Thanks giving) Jimmy Carney (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish`

Mon	22	12.30pm	Mr McSweeney (RIP)
Tue	23	9.30am	Sr Leera (Thanks giving)
Wed	24	9.30am	Maura Keary (Spl Int)
Thurs	25	6.30-7.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
		7.30pm	Eddie Flynn (RIP)
Fri	26	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Fr Jimmy's Intention
Sat	27	9.30am	Kathleen Leslie (Anni) Patricia Gibbons (Anni)

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

Sun	28	9.30am	Emmanuel Osagie (B'day) Grace Eluobe (RIP) James Byrne (B'day remembrance)
		11.30am	P.J. Moore (Anni)

Feast Days: 22nd June Feast of SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs
24th June Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
28th June Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 21st June 2015

9.30 am Asipita, Elena
Sr Leena (E)
11.30am Cynthia, Stella
Loveness, Vera (E)

Weekend 28th June 2015

Nazareth, Julia
Sophie (E)
Patrick, Honorine
Serso, Sr Leera (E)

R I P: Edmond Patrick Flynn, Phelena Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week: Daniel Murphy, Martin Ward, Minnie Byrne, Timothy O'Driscoll, Baby Cora Whelan, Patrick Francis Hallinan, Maura Donnelly, Teresa McManus, Anthony Hegarty, Patrick Mullaney, Joseph O'Neill, Kathleen Leslie, Patrick Joseph Moore, Margaret Brophy, Doreen Davies, Patrick Michael Boyle, Desmond Michael Whelan.

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, 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'

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st to 28th June 2015

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THE NIGHT I SPENT IN PRISON

Not long ago I met someone who was afraid because many events taking place in his life. "I don't want things to happen in my life" he said. Well when things happen to us, they become part of our history; it is from such events that we form a character. This coming Friday 26th June will be my ordination anniversary to the priesthood. By God's grace I will soon start to see my silver jubilee of ordination on the horizon. Forming a man to become a Catholic priest takes many years, in my case 6 years O' and A' Level, 1 year of Orientation, 3 years of first degree in Philosophy, 2 years of Novitiate, 4 years of first degree in Theology, 1 year of pastoral work. These years are just preliminaries to ordination before a candidate embarks on specialised areas of study. Why should the formation of a Catholic priest take so long? It is because Catholic priesthood is not a matter of memorising few verses of the bible but it involves a full understanding of the mystery of salvation, communicating it and living it.

If you are afraid of things happening in your life, then you are afraid of history and if you are afraid of history, you are afraid of existence. Just listen to this, having received an admission to the seminary a small boy of 13 proudly left his bedridden mother and travelled from the South of Uganda to the North where the seminary was situated in Karamoja. I was 13; it was the first time that I had put on a pair of trousers!

The war of Idi Amin had just ended, the country infrastructure was gone. We reached Soroti a town in Eastern Uganda about 11:00pm in the night; by then I was the only passenger still on the bus. Soroti town was the final destination for the bus but I was 115 miles away from my destination. The whole town was in darkness. The bus driver took me to Soroti Police Station since to him I looked like an unaccompanied child.

At the Police station the officers on duty that night were using a candle; they asked me where I was coming from and where I was going. 'I come from Masaka Diocese and I'm going to Moroto Seminary to train and become a priest', I replied. As I spoke these words, a big moth crash-landed over the candle and the flame went out. We were engulfed in darkness! One police officer picked me up by the hand and led me into a Police cell where I was locked up for the night. In the morning I noticed that it was an empty cell that night since I could see prisoners locked up beside and opposite my cell. The officers examined me again and they were kind to let me continue my 115 miles. Looking back at this I feel so proud because it is part of my history to the priesthood. **If you don't want things to happen in your life, think twice.**

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

Hospital Chaplaincy Day, Wednesday July 1st 2015, Archbishops House 10.30am – 4pm. Open to all interested in Hospital Chaplaincy issues not just Hospital Chaplains. Beginning with coffee at 10.30am. The morning session starts at 10.45am and will include best practice for End of Life, the Care and Quality Commission, Safeguarding and issues from our own healthcare settings. From 1 pm – 4 pm there will be an opportunity to have Mental Health First Aid Training to help us deal with those in the midst of mental health crises. Please email Fr Jeremy Howard – frjeremyhoward@gmail.com to confirm attendance or ask for further details.

Confirmation Date: Bishop William Kenny will celebrate Holy Mass here on the Thursday Oct. 1st 2015 at which he will confirm children from our school. If you have a child who goes to a non-Catholic school or if you were not confirmed and you wish to be confirmed, please contact Fr. Jimmy our Parish priest.

Marriage preparation date: for those who are contemplating to get married this year either here or abroad will take place on **Tues 30th June 2015** at 6.00pm in the parish hall. It is advisable to come with your fiancée if this is possible. You will be required to produce a copy of your baptismal certificate not older than six months. Attending this course is a very essential part of your preparation for your life's journey together as husband and wife. Make sure that you include this part of the preparation before you approach the parish priest for the letter of freedom.

The Holy Father Pope Francis has released his much anticipated Encyclical Letter *Laudato si' On the Care of Our Common Home*. It deals with the care of our environment and human ecology. Pope Francis challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave behind to those who come after us. It's not just an 'environment encyclical'; it leads us to ask ourselves about the meaning of existence and the values at the heart of social life.

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 £250.49 Loose £483.16 Total £733.65 Thank you.
Counters: 21st June Agnes Heffernan, Tom Ferris
Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 22 Betty K
Mass Attendance: Week 14th June 448
Second Collection: 28th June Peter's pence
Train a Missionary Priest – Apostles of Jesus £182.76 Thank you.

Other Matters of importance

'Strictly Come Dancing' there is no doubt that for the Catholic Church to survive and for Christianity itself to flourish we need priests who proclaim the message of Christ. Our love for Christ and for the church invites us to make every effort to support the proclamation of Jesus Christ until he comes. Therefore a dance has been organised to support the Missionary Order of the Apostles of Jesus which sent priests to our parishes of St. Marys and St Elizabeth. The Order has more than 1000 students training for the priesthood. Tickets are on sale now for £3.00. Donations are welcome too. Dance will be on 11th July from 8:00pm till late. Live music will be provided by Irene and Tom Full Circle. When you support the training of a missionary priest, you too become a missionary without leaving your home.

Youth 2000 Summer Prayer Festival: The Promised Land: will be held from 27th – 31st August 2015 at the National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. It is an opportunity offered for young people to have a spiritual experience. I encourage our young people to make avail of the opportunity.

This summer term, the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service are launching a new project called Kenelm ambassadors. The vision is to create denary teams of local young people made up of two or three representatives from each parish. The BCYS staff will bring them together in faith and fellowship and train them in aspects of social media and public speaking. So that the team will be a voice for youth and responsible for networking amongst their peers and promote and help shape some of the many opportunities offered by the BCYS. Interested young people please see the noticeboard for more details.

Job opportunities at CAFOD - Community Participation Co-ordinator – based in Walsall. Two roles, 17.5 hours per week, one permanent and one two year contract are now available. Post working with volunteers in parish and school communities, helping to inspire and resource Catholics to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice overseas in partnership with CAFOD. Closing date for applications is 10th July 2015. For all details please see www.cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

Marriage Banns: **Daniel Martin Williamson** of 8 Knight Avenue Coventry son of Peter Michael Williamson and (deceased) Meredith Williamson would like to get married to Ms. Kelly Ferguson of 8, Knight Avenue Coventry daughter of William James Ferguson and Mrs. McWilliams.

Mr. Uchenna Tony Okeke of 7, Thackhall Street Coventry, son of Anthony Okeke and Florence Okeke of 463 Tony Okeke Street Prefab Owerri Imo State Nigeria, would like to get married to Adaugo Ugorji, daughter of Livy and Nene Ugorji of No.6 Ugorji Close, Works Layout Owerri Imo State Nigeria.

If there is anyone who knows the reasons why they should not get married, please come and talk to the parish priest as soon as possible.

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