

MASSES Week 23rd to 30th November 2014

Sun	23	9.30am	Jimmy Johnston (Anni) Dod Lena & Drogogi Family (RIP) George Ezulike (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Kuwan Judith Kinyuy (Anni) Antony Kelly (RIP)

Mon	24	12.30pm	Deceased of Cannon Family
Tue	25	9.30am	Robert Dunham (RIP)
Wed	26	9.30am	Deceased of Lewis & Mathias Family
Thurs	27	6.30-7.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
		7.30pm	Peggy Deacon (RIP)
Fri	28	9.30am	Agnes Ferris (Anni)
Sat	29	9.30am	Deceased sisters of St Ann Deceased of Griffith Family

No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sun	30	9.30am	Rose Mary Tracy (Anni) Mary Murray (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days: 30th Nov St Andrew

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 23rd Nov 2014

9.30 am	Roisin, Elena Elizabeth (E)
11.30am	Mena, Stella Loveness, Sr Lydwin (E)

Weekend of 30th Nov 2014

Keyna, Tom Ward Sr Leena (E)
Charles, Ajiri Veronica, Sr Leera (E)

RIP: Mary Kavanagh, Ellen Flaherty, Michael O'Shea, Jim Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

Anniversaries during this Week: Katherine Ward, Patrick O'Donnell, Ethel Smith, Anne Parsons, John O'Shea, Edith Morley, Edward Benedict Cadwell, Rosemary Tracy, Anthony Crawford, Patrick Plunkett, Celeste Childs, William Doran, Mary Montgomery, Michael McSheffery, Mary Copland, Jane Walsh, Kevin Patrick Devanney, John Hughes, Nancy Shanley, Sean Heavey, John Coyne, Paul Allen, James Williams, Faye Towneley, Nora Stacy, Madeline Carey, Ellen Caldwell, Edith Gardner, Denis Doran, Rosaleen McAndrew, Thomas Howe.

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

Solemnity of Christ the King 23rd to 30th Nov 2014

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SOME OF YOU WILL BE PUT TO DEATH LK 21:16

This week I heard about the death of a fellow priest Fr. John Baptist Ssenyondo which took place in Mexico. He and I were born and brought up in the same village. As we grew up, we developed an ambition to become missionary priests inspired by our parents. I joined the Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus and John joined the Comboni Missionaries. To prepare ourselves for missionary work, in 1978 we started a Catholic Church choir in our village. The youth joined it and he was the music conductor. This initiative consolidated the faith of young people in our village through the war that toppled Idi Amini between 1978-79.

Fr. John was ordained priest for the Verona (Comboni) Missionaries in 1991. He became the first priest and missionary from my village. When I was ordained priest later our ambition was to become like the first apostles of the Lord to go and preach the gospel. Our small village produced two missionaries and the people have been so proud of their sons at the frontline of gospel proclamation among nations.

Last July I learned that Fr. John, 55, was kidnapped soon after celebrating Mass in the town of Santa Cruz, in the Diocese of Chilpancingo-Chilapa (Mexico) by armed men who accused him of refusing to baptize a daughter of their local gang leader. He went missing on April 30th 2014, since then we have been in agony trying to trace his whereabouts. His body was found in a mass grave with 13 other victims in the town of Ocotitlan in the southern state of Guerrero. The mass grave was found as part of the search for the remains of 43 university students who went missing in the area of Ayotzinapa on September 26.

On the day of our ordination, the then Bishop of my home diocese of Masaka Rt. Rev. Adrian K. Ddungu (RIP) spoke to us about the challenging nature of the missionary life we were being ordained for. "Beloved Sons," he said, "the Catholic diocese of Masaka, is sending you out to go and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, just as he sent the 12 apostles. We do not know what will happen to you but we firmly believe that he who has called you will be with you. Some of you might be put to death, but when that moment comes, embrace it with faith and hope in Him" None of us knew that this would take place in the 23rd year of Fr. John's ordination!

Let us remember that while the cost of discipleship is great, the rewards of fidelity will be greater. Martyrdom is not a thing of the past it happens even as we read this sad story. May God rest his soul in peace.

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

Today is the Last Sunday of the liturgical year: the Season of Advent begins next Sunday 30th November. It is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ with spiritual preparation along with the material preparations. To help with our preparations the '**Walk With Me**' booklets are available at the back of the church. Please pick your copy and use it for your personal prayer and reflection.

Blessing of the crib in the city centre near M&S will take place on Sunday 30th November at 4.00pm. All are welcome.

Parish Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will be on Thursday 18th December at 7:00pm. I encourage all my parishioners to make use of this opportunity to make your confessions as a part of your spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ. There will be a number of priests from our neighboring parishes to help you to make your confession.

The Parish choir plays a vital role in our Sunday worship. We need more people to join the choir and come for practice. A good singing at Mass uplifts the prayerful spirit of all. Everyone is free to join us. Practice is every Friday from 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Holy Mass is celebrated every Tuesday at the **Spirituality & Faith Centre-Coventry University** at 1.10pm in "The Hub" on the 3rd Floor. Fr.Jimmy the catholic chaplain is always available any time on 07906124756.

Messe en Francais J'informe tou les Francophones que desormais une Messe en langue Francaise est celebre dans cette eglise tou les deuxieme dimanches du mois de 14:30 a 16:00. Tou les Catholiques francophones sont les bienvenus. Prochaine Messe le Sunday 14 Decembre 2014. (*Mass in French: I would like to inform all French speakers that Holy Mass in French language is celebrated in this Church every 2nd Sunday of the month starting at 2:30pm-4:00pm. Please join us at this Mass which celebrates our Catholic French heritage. Next Mass is on Sunday 14th December 2014*).

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 £216.97 £611.41 Total £828.38 Thank you.

Counters: 23rd Nov Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Second Collection 23rd November Catholic Youth Service
7th December Poor parishes

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 4 Patsy Sproul

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Other Matters of importance

National Youth Sunday is celebrated this weekend on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Let us pray for our young people that they may emulate the gift of faith handed down to them by their parents and grow daily in to the image of Christ. There will be a second collection this weekend in support of all the youth activities in the diocese.

Employment Opportunity: Prince Thorpe College seeks to employ a Secretary/Receptionist. The candidate is required to work all year round within the busy reception area. Details are on the notice board.

Parish Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 29th Nov 2014** from **11.00am to 2.00pm**. Please support this event by donating tins of food, biscuits, chocolates, bottles of wine, tea, coffee, (within date) toiletries, soft toys and cash. We don't need old clothes, shoes and old electrical items. Put in the box at the back of the church. Above all please come along with your family and friends on the day.

Christmas Raffle Tickets are available. Buy them for yourself or collect them and sell them to your family and friends. Please remember to return the stubs along with money by the **26th November** at the latest.

Congratulations! We are delighted at the news from Bishop Ullathorne School of the fantastic success they achieved in their GCSE results this year. Among the top grade achievers were included pupils of Ss Mary & Benedict school. 1 former pupil achieved 5A* and 5A grades. Another ex-pupil achieved 5A*, 4A and 1B. Another ex pupil achieved 3A* 5A and 2Bs. Another one achieved 7As and 3Bs. We are proud of you all. Keep reaching for the stars. The initial foundation is very essential for a strong future and I appreciate the work of our staff at SMSB for their hard work in laying a solid foundation in the life of these pupils. God bless you all.

Congratulations to those who graduated last week at Coventry University. Surely the certificates are proofs of your hard work. We thank your parents, benefactors and tutors who enabled you to achieve your certificates. We wish you success wherever you will be

Departure: I understand that some students who have been part of this community and have completed their studies will be returning to their home countries. We thank you so much for the contributions you have made to this parish in various ways (lectors, cleaners, choir members etc). We pray for you that God may bless all your undertaking in the world. Remember our parish and visit us always through the internet.

Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 18th December Parish Penitential Service at 7:00pm

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Step 3: Click on **photo of St. Marys Church.** Sunday Mass at 9:30am & 11:30am