

MASSES Week 24th to 31st May 2015

Sun	24	9.30am	Bridie Kelly (Spl Int) Antony Nicholl (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	25	9.30am	Nora Griffith (Spl Int)
Tue	26	9.30am	Alexander Roa & Joseluis Roa (Anni) Brenda Clear (RIP)
Wed	27	9.30am	Con Luci (RIP)
Thurs	28	6.30-7.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
		7.30pm	Jeannette Smith (Anni)
Fri	29	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	John & Valana Desouza (Wed Anni) Margaret Lesnik (RIP)
Sat	30	9.30am	Margaret Lesnik (RIP)
10.00- 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.			
Sun	31	9.30am	Fergus Healy (Anni) Franklin Lyembela (Spl Int)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 24th May 2015

9.30 am Tom Ward, Roisin
Bridie (E)
11.30am Charles, Cynthia
Veronica, Vera (E)

Weekend 31st May 2015

Asipita, Julia
Barbara (E)
Honorine
Serso, Lovness (E)

R I P: Phelena Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week: Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh, Bob Brolly (Senior), Gerald Doyle, Michael McMillan, Margaret Murphy, Antony Nicholl, Eugene Heavey, Sarah Furey, Ellen Heavey, Brenda Moles, Charles Russell, Brigid M Domican, John Brennan, Thomas Malone, Veronica Bridget Byrne, Bridget Bernadette Murphy.

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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Solemnity of Pentecost 24th to 31st May 2015

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IF IT MAKES SENSE LET US SUPPORT IT:

Last Monday Mr Tony Smith and I spent the day packing and sealing boxes containing spiritual and academic books which were purchased for the Apostles of Jesus Seminary in Nairobi for the training of priests. The money came from the Crib donations you gave during Christmas time. It was a very joyful moment to see twelve boxes full of books being dispatched to Ipswich from where they will be placed in a large container heading for the Kenyan port of Mombasa. I wish to thank all of you who visited the Crib at Christmas and for the donations there given.

In my talks I have often encouraged you to support seminaries. Well, a good priest can only come from a good seminary with solid formation. I had the chance to teach in the seminaries when I was in Africa. First in 1988 I taught in a Seminary of our Order at Uruthiru in the Diocese of Meru in Kenya. In 1993, I was sent to teach in the Seminary in Uganda in the Diocese of Moroto and in 1995 I was posted to teach in the Major Seminary of the Institute at Langata in Nairobi Kenya. I taught there for 10 years. As a trainer of men called to the priesthood I came to realise how important a book is to a man training to become a priest. A priest ought not to have some knowledge **but** a wide knowledge about everything. No one would wish to have a mediocre formed professional. This applies to our priests too. As Catholics when we place a book on the shelves of a seminary library we equip our future priests for their future ministry.

Do not be deceived to think that a Catholic priest is 'second hand' in the community. What I know is that the catholic priest is one of the most reliable men you can find around. I know for example of many people who were baptised in the Catholic Church but they go to 'pub-based evangelical churches' because they are physically entertaining and less demanding; it all depends on the pastor. When such people come to real issues that need an authoritative endorsement: (immigration papers, certification of identity etc.), they don't go to their pastors, instead they go to the Catholic priest. Catholic priesthood is not a matter of choice; it is a calling from God. We should be proud that our Church has men in whom society has invested so much trust.

At present our parish is served by a missionary priest, this should remind us that we do not know where from our next priest will come. Therefore let us support such a good cause in the church, for the good of the expansion of God's reign among us.

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

First Holy Communion: I wish to welcome many visitors from Poland who are here today to witness our children receiving their First Holy Communion. The Mass is detailed, catechetical preparation has been intensive and the joy of the day is beyond telling. There are a lot of things we need to learn from each Catholic tradition. Let us thank Jesus for such a great gift of the Eucharist. Let this celebration and all the preparations that has gone in for almost a year of catechetical preparation of children help us to understand the mysteries we celebrate whenever we come together for Mass. Thanks to Mr. Yarek who led catechism classes for the children.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: please remember in your prayers five members of our parish community who are making a pilgrimage to the shrine of the Blessed Mother in Lourdes. This year marks the 75th anniversary since Christians from the Archdiocese of Birmingham made the first pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage is led by our archbishop accompanied by Bishops William, David and Philip.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £214.56 Loose £536.75 Total £751.31

Catholic Communication £210.54 Thank you.

Counters: 24th May Sandra McAvoy, Maureen Jones

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 37 Julia Hunt

Mass Attendance: Week 17th May 564

Second Collection: 28th June Peter's pence

Cake sale raised £141.30 towards Train a Missionary Priest Fund.

Train a Missionary Priest Fund £ 221.47 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

Donation of books: last Wednesday twelve medium size cartons of books were sent to a shipping company in Ipswich to be sent to the Seminary in Nairobi to be used for the training of priests. The books were bought by the members of this parish from the money which was collected from Christmas Crib donations. The books were bought from Amazon Internet bookstore at a cost of £600.00 shipping cost £130.00. I'm sure the seminarians and staff will be very pleased to get the books. I thank all those who support the crib appeal which has enabled us to purchase and to send the books to assist the church in the formation of candidates to Sacred Priesthood.

Fr. Michael Stack our Hospital chaplain has written a very good book about hospital chaplaincy drawing much on his experience with the sick and dying. The book is entitled: *Lord when did we see you sick?* I encourage you to buy the book which is available at the piety stall. Cost £4.50.

Parish dance: has been organised as we celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life to support the Religious Order of the Apostles of Jesus which sent priests to our parishes of St. Marys and St Elizabeth. Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Moses as you know were sent to these two parishes to support us in our pilgrimage of faith. Tickets are on sale now for £3.00. Dance will be on 11th July from 8:00pm till late. Live music will be provided by Irene and Tom Full Circle.

Cathedral maintenance collection Message from the Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, Canon Gerry Breen: *As Dean of our cathedral, I express the thanks of all at St Chad's to you and your parishioners for the recent Cathedral Maintenance Collection. In spite of the current financial situation affecting all of our parishes, the collection realized just over £38,000, an increase of £5,000 on the previous year. We remain indebted for such generosity and support. Holy Mass will be offered for the intention of all our benefactors.*

APF/MILL returns for 2014 the Archbishop is pleased to convey the thanks of Missio to the priests and people of the Archdiocese for their generous and consistent support of the missions through the Association for the Propagation of the Faith/Mill Hill. The total contributed for the APF-Mill Hill in 2014 by the parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham amounted to £280,952. A lot of hard work went into collecting this great sum and it is very much appreciated. He asked me to convey this message of thanks to you parishioners and to the local APF/Missio collectors.

Peter's pence: the Archbishop has also been asked to convey the thanks of the Holy Father to the people of the Archdiocese for their generous contribution to Peter's pence last year. The Holy Father is grateful for this donation and particularly for the devoted sentiments which inspired it. He knows that much effort was involved. Please convey this message to your parishioners. The Archdiocese contributed £43,139.49 as the 2014 Peter's pence offering.

Parish Hall has been given a facelift recently. It is nice and conducive for any gatherings, has a spacious kitchen, bar and parking area. It is available for anyone who wishes to use for parties like birthday, Christening, wedding, anniversaries and meetings. If you are planning a function this summer please think of your parish hall. This is one way of supporting your parish. For more details please contact Fr Jimmy or one of the sisters.

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