

MASSES Week 25th May to 1st June 2014

Sat	24	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	25	9.30am	Mary Mulroney (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Peter Harte (RIP) Mama Helen Forbie (RIP)
Mon	26	9.30am	Ken Clear (RIP)
Tue	27	9.30am	Sr Claudina (RIP)
Wed	28	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs	29	6.30-7.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer
		7.30pm	Liturgy of the Word
Fri	30	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Jack Bennett (RIP) Howard & Brenda Moles (Anni)
Sat	31	10.30am	Monika Fidkin (RIP) Brian Whitlock (Anni)
11.00am -12.00noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
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Sun	01	9.30am	Peter Harte (RIP)
		11.30am	Bulungu Bwana Miteo (Anni)

Feast Days: 31st May Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1st June Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 24th /25th May

Weekend 31st May/1st June

6.00 pm	Sr Leena, Brendan Dr Jay (E)	Patrick, Theresa Sophie (E)
9.30 am	Keyna, Julia Betty Osagie (E)	Stephanie, Roisin Elizabeth (E)
11.30am	Julie, Ajiri Kath, Vera (E)	Stella, John Serso, Loveness (E)

RIP: Phylis Brolly, Elizabeth Gamble, Peter Harte, Patrick Bernard Ward, Marie Garner

Anniversaries during this Week: Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh, Bob Brolly Senior, Gerald Doyle, Michael McMillan, Margaret Murphy, Antony Nicholl, Eugiene Heavey, Sarah Furey, Ellen Heavey, Brenda Moles, Charles Russell, Brigid Domican, John Brennan, Thomas Malone, Veronica Briget Byrne, Briget Bernadette Murphy, John Peter Dunnion, Danny Dorrian, Alec John Garner.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Maura Marron, 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.

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter 25th May to 1st June 2014

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LET US SUPPORT EACH OTHER TO PRAY:

We have been so blessed to have so many people who come to pray in our church on Sunday. There is no doubt that many churches are closed because only a few people go to them to pray. Here at our parish almost 600 people come to the Sunday Mass. God summons us from our homes to come into his presence to speak to him and to listen to him. Don't be surprised that you might be the only person from your street or even from your whole family who has gone to Mass this Sunday! It means that when we come to pray, there are so many people we are representing.

A good number of people come early enough so as to have personal preparation to pray; others choose to stay back for a while after the final hymn and blessing. May I remind you that it is a Christian duty of everyone to help one another to speak to God in prayer by observing silence before and after Holy Mass. It is our ancient custom here at St. Mary's not to talk inside the church unnecessarily because the church is a holy place where we make personal and community encounter with God.

In the Holy Scriptures we read of the Prophet Elijah's encounter with God at Mt. Horeb (1Kngs 19:9-13).

A mighty wind came, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks, but Yahweh was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake but Yahweh was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire but Yahweh was not in the fire. After the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze, and when Elijah heard this he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then a voice came to him which said 'What are you doing here Elijah?'

It is in silence that God speaks to us and it is only in the silence of our souls that we can find God "Speak Lord, your servant is listening. Therefore I turn to you to observe true silence before and after Mass for the good of those who have something to speak to God. Do not be so much in hurry to get out of church as if the building is on fire, and do not be hesitant to come early enough to say your prayers. Every moment spent in prayer will always be met with God's providential response.

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



Live Camera: I have a plan to install live camera facility in the church so that my parishioners who are housebound can follow the Mass and other liturgical functions from their homes. This is a pastoral outreach to them. They have always been with us for prayers but they cannot manage to do so because of ill health. Once installed, they will be able to tune in for the Mass at St. Mary's from any part of the world. I will be pleased to know your opinion over it.



Baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their children baptized will be on Monday 2nd June 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.



First Holy Communion: children from our school will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th June at 10.30am. I fully understand the excitement that it brings in the life of the children after all they have waited for so long sometimes asking their parents and teachers why they do not receive Holy Communion at Mass. The true meaning of Catholic education does not refer to taking a child to a catholic school but it refers to the duty of the parents to bring up a child in the knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ. As the children make their final preparation I pray that their parents, Godparents and their sponsors will help them to understand what a great mystery they have been appointed by Jesus to proclaim to others through their personal holiness.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £191.90 Loose 502.36 Total £694.26 Thank you.

Counters: 25th May Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 36 Nora Curriston

Saturday Draw No 25 Rose Hogan

Second Collection: 1st June Catholic communications

29th June Peter's pence

Mass Attendance Week 17th/18th 517

Pious Devotion

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

Marriage banns: Mr. Henry Joseph Egboh of 120 St. Georges Road Coventry Son of Joseph Egboh and Elizabeth Egboh of Awunda Nnubi Madona Catholic Church Nnob Anambra State Nigeria, would like to have his civil marriage to Amaka Chika Madubuobi daughter of Isaac Madubuobi and Chinyere Madubuobi of St Stephen's Anglican Church Umdim Nnewi Anambra State Nigeria blessed in the church. If there is anyone who knows why this blessing should not take place, please inform the parish priest as soon as possible.

Lectors Meeting will be on Sunday 15th June 2014 after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.



World Communications Day will this year take place on Sunday 1st June, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. On this day, Catholics all over the world are invited to reflect anew on the command of Jesus to his followers that we should preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. We are well aware of the continued impact on Catholics and non-Catholics alike by the ministry of Pope Francis. We are invited to create and use every opportunity where we can communicate the joy and challenges of following Christ in our day today living.

Harvington Hall is a wonderful place for a parish visit; with rare wall paintings of the Elizabethan period. During the time of the persecution of Catholics in England, Harvington Hall became the most famous hiding place for priests, indeed some great Saints hid here. The Archdiocese of Birmingham, the owner of the Hall, through their financial contributions supports the normal running costs. This year the Quinquennial Survey recommended about £200,000 of work to be done in the next five years. The Management Committee request support in helping raise this sum. I'm quite sure that some of us have visited this diocesan treasure which witnesses to the bitter struggle of Catholics to remain faithful to the faith.

Dates for your Diary

25th May

Cake sale

2nd June

Baptism preparation course

14th June

First Holy Communion at 10.30am

6th Sept

Seminar for the Married Couples

23rd Oct

Confirmation at 7.00pm