

MASSES Week 27th July to 3rd August 2014

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| Sat | 26 | 6.00pm | SSA (Thanks giving) Trudy Shanley (Anni) |
| Sun | 27 | 9.30am | Bridie Kelly (Spl Int) Sally McGorman (Anni) |
| | | 11.30am | People of the parish |
| Mon | 28 | 9.30am | Liturgy of the Word |
| Tue | 29 | 9.30am | Liturgy of the Word |
| Wed | 30 | 9.30am | Liturgy of the Word |
| Thurs | 31 | 6.30-7.30pm | Divine Mercy Prayers |
| | | 7.30pm | Liturgy of the Word |
| Fri | 01 | 6.30-7.30pm | Prayer for Priests |
| | | 7.30pm | James O'Neill (Get well) Thomas Mooney (Anni) |
| Sat | 02 | 10.30am | Sr Emmanuela Anatuanya (Spl Int) |
| | | 11.00am to 12.00 noon | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions |
| Sat | 02 | 6.00pm | Rose Roach (Anni) |
| Sun | 03 | 9.30am | Bridget & Eamon (Spl Int) Tony Mulroney (RIP) |
| | | 11.30am | Fatima & Riyal (Thanksgiving) |

Feast Days: 26th July SS Joachim & Anne
29th July St Martha
31st July St Ignatius of Loyola
1st Aug St Alphonsus de'Ligouri

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

| Weekend 26th /27th July 2014 | 2nd /3rd August 2014 |
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| 6.00 pm Sr Leera, Brendan Jean Hoey (E) | Tom, Theresa Sophie (E) |
| 9.30 am Sr Lydwin, Aspita Bridie (E) | Keyna, Julia Elizabeth |
| 11.30am Julie, John Loveness, Serso (E) | Noble, Meena Vera, Serso (E) |

Anniversaries during this Week: Annie Ferry, Anthony Curriston, Trudy Shanley, Catherine Logan, Patrick Joseph Plunkett, Sally McGorman, John Walsh, Francis Felton, Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly, Rose Roach.

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 Curriston, 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.

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

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THIS CANNOT BE RIGHT BEHAVIOR

This weekend I'm celebrating the Sunday Mass in the huge church of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries in Nairobi surrounded by hundreds of seminarians in their final years of training for the priesthood. As I sat in the pews in total silence except the little noise made by prayer books as students reflect on the Word of God in their meditation, I came to remember that a good number of you have spoken to me about the difficulties you have to pray due to much noise made by some people who literally engage in conversations before and soon after the Mass. This is not right and we should restrain from this practice as much as possible.

If you want to know the real sacredness of this place, I encourage you to look at every place in our church. When the Bishop of Birmingham decided to build a new church in Hillfields area of Coventry in 1800's, the architects put a lot of details into it which we might not have ever noticed. These details were meant to remind every person who would step into this church to know that this is a sacred dwelling place of God. The ceiling pattern of this Church is in an upside-down-boat form to bring about the idea of Peter the fisherman of Galilee. Jesus was always present in that boat, and it was not far from that boat that He asked Peter to cast his nets in the deeper waters.

The holiness of a church as a building is shown by the people who go there and what they do once they are there. In the early church, St. Paul denounced worshippers who went into the church just to indulge themselves with all sorts of things including food and drink. "Surely you have homes for eating and drinking in? Surely you have enough respect for the community of God not to make poor people embarrassed? What am I to say to you? Congratulate you on this!" 1Cor. 11: 17-34.

Giving due respect to the church building is something that ought to flow from faith. If you used tissues for one reason or the other it is not right to leave them either on the floor or in the pews; take them with you. If you came with an umbrella, an extra jacket or a hat, it is not respect to leave them hanging at the back of the church; and if a child becomes restless during Mass, don't pay a deaf ear or engage in play with him or her, instead find a safe place where a child can be pacified. In our church there are two places to help families with a restless situation. One is the Lady's chapel; the other is Divine Mercy Chapel at the back of the church. Both places are sound proof. We stand on a holy ground, let us behave accordingly.

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): If you would like to become a member of the Catholic Church please note that in September each year the RCIA programme begins. It involves catechesis into the truth of our faith. If you belong to any other denomination but you would like to be baptized or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, I would like to encourage you. May I ask you to contact the Parish Priest or one of the Parish Sisters to whom you need to tell about your intention. This will help us to plan our pastoral activities to help you out.

Parish Choir: Our parish choir comprises mainly of the international students. Many have completed their studies successfully and have returned to their homes. We need new members. If you wish to be a part of our choir and enhance the beauty of our liturgical celebrations just turn up and join in. We have our choir practice every Friday at 8.00pm.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid 199.65 Loose £485.48 Total £685.13 Thank you.

Counters: 27th July Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 35 Rose Hogan

Second Collection: 27th July Day for Life

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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

Parish Dance will be organized in support of our parish this summer on Saturday 23rd August 2014. Music will be provided by Irene & Tom and full Circle. The cost of adult ticket is £3.00. Please contact Mr Tom Ward or Mr Bill Flynn for tickets.

Multicultural Mass of the African Day: The parishioners of the Good Shepherd & St Elizabeth's church, Foleshill Road, Coventry. CV6 5BX.along with their parish Priest Fr Moses Pitya, cordially invite you to join them for their annual celebration of the Multicultural Mass of the African Day on Sunday 10th August 2014. The Mass will begin at 2.30pm followed by sharing of cultural dishes, barbeque and other foods in the parish garden. All are welcome.

We wish our parish Sisters a very happy feast as they celebrate the blessings that they received through their Patroness St Anne. On this day their Congregation is commencing their 33rd General Chapter in Rome. Let us keep them in our prayers that their presence in the Church may be efficacious and a sign of Divine Providence to all those who are entrusted to their care.

Day for Life 27th July: The day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life will this year call upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Volunteers are needed: The cleanliness of our church is done mainly by the students who come from different parts of the world. During this holiday time they need to go back to their family and friends which means we are left with only a few who decide to stay back. I would appreciate if you could volunteer to spend some time to come and clean the church. Normally cleaning of the church takes place either on Wednesday from 9.00am or Saturday 8.30am.

Cake Sale in support of St Francis School, Lukodde will be on the weekend of 2nd /3rd August. I thank the ladies who prepare the cakes and all those who buy them.

Lectors Meeting: All the lectors who read at 11.30am Mass will have a meeting on Sunday 27th July after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel. We welcome everyone who wishes to take up this role.

We thank Fr Moses Pitya and Fr George from St Elizabeth's Church who celebrated weekend Masses for us in the absence of Fr Jimmy, our parish priest. Although they had been busy in their own parish they spared time to see to our spiritual needs. We appreciate their service and implore God's blessings on them and their ministry.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place on Sunday 7th September 2014. Rt Rev Robert Byrne Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will be the principal celebrant and preacher. Mass will begin at 3.00pm preceded by confessions from 1.45pm-2.30pm. More details are on the notice board.

Monday Club will remain closed for summer break and will resume in the third week of September. I thank all the members of the socializing group for keeping it going on by promoting togetherness. God bless you all and have a pleasant time wherever you may be during these holidays. Hope to see you back in September.

Dates for your Diary

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| 2 nd /3 rd Aug | Cake sale |
| 10 th Aug | African Day at St Elizabeth's Church |
| 23 rd Aug | Parish Dance |
| 6 th Sept | Seminar for the Married Couples |
| 23 rd Oct | Confirmation |