

**MASSES Week 28<sup>th</sup> Sept to 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014**

Sun	28	9.30am	Bernadette Doran (Spl Int) Roselina Fernandes (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	29	10.30am	Requiem-Teresa Ann Carey
Tue	30	9.30am	Robert Dunham (RIP)
Wed	01	9.30am	Esther Marime (RIP)
Thurs	02	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Ezenwa Tony Okeke (RIP)
Fri	03	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer for priests
		7.30pm	Kevin Bennett (Get-well)
Sat	04	10.30am	Mia Mara (Get well)
		11.00am -12.00noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions

Sun	05	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Fatima & Riyal (Thanks giving)

**Feast Days:** 29<sup>th</sup> Sept Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael-Archangels  
30<sup>th</sup> Sept St Jerome  
1<sup>st</sup> Oct St Theresa of the child Jesus  
2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Guardian Angels  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct St Francis of Assisi

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014**

9.30 am School Children  
Staff  
11.30am Cynthia, Stella  
Loveness, Serso (E)

**Weekend 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014**

Julia, Asipita  
Elizabeth (E)  
Honorine, Ajiri  
Serso, Sr Leera (E)

**RIP:** Jimmy Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

**Anniversaries during this Week:** Anne Travers, Fred Quinney, John Joseph McSweeney, Alan Conlon, Patrick Benson, Mary Shepherd, Mary O'Neill, Catherine Kennedy, Catherine O'Brien, Robert Elliot, Michael Whitting, Mark O'Keane, Colum Byrne, Mary Ann Young.

**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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**Twenty Sixth Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept to 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014**

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**IS GOD INFLUENCED BY OUR PERSONAL PLANS?**

I'm very pleased to see you at this Mass on this first week when we start the new program of two Sunday Masses instead of three. We embrace this program with open arms as God's plan for his people in our city of Coventry. I have been so encouraged by our determination to interpret the signs of the time with God's eyes.

I was reading the other day the story in the Bible about a visit by the Prophet Jeremiah to his village potter (Jer. 18:1-7). The man was there seated at the wheel with clay in his hands. The prophet observed the potter making up all sorts of things and when the article he was making was getting to completion, the potter would destroy the whole thing and start again! The potter did not consult anyone and it was to him alone who knew whatever image he wanted to make out of his clay. The Prophet Jeremiah looked on for a long time and a thought came to his mind, "*yes this is exactly the way that God was dealing with the house of Israel, as clay is in the hands of the potter, without any right to demand for an image it wants to be formed into, or resisting an image that the potter imposed on it so were the people of God, He has the power to form them in the way he prefers.*"

This experience might be relevant to the Catholic community of Coventry. This weekend all our parishes start to implement the plan of the Archbishop about the weekend Masses. I'm quite sure that after the successful visit of John Paul II and Benedict XVI to our Archdiocese, the least that every Catholic would think of would be a **reduction** in pastoral outreach through the provision of opportunities to have Holy Mass for the people. Humanly speaking the Prophet Jeremiah must have been frustrated to see the potter wasting so much energy and time building; breaking up starting again!

I'm quite sure that many of us who are involved in the parish activities might feel anxious about what we have been doing and how we are going to do it in the future. Have we wasted our time? Not at all! Be sure of this, you and I are like clay in God's hands, we have neither strayed nor hesitated to do our duty, whatever the outcome of God's doing in the Church is not our problem as long as like clay we remain in his hands. The loss of a Mass should sound an alarm bell in our ears and challenge our awareness of the mission we are called to do. As a priest I'm going to double my efforts to make up for the lost Mass by being more faithful to my duty as a Christian rather than sitting back fold my hands and lament. It is an opportunity not a loss.

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

**His Grace the Archbishop** of Birmingham Bernard Longley has written a Pastoral Letter which will be read to us instead of the Homily. Any communication from the Archbishop is very important because it gives us direction to take so as to continue building our Christian mission. Let us listen to it and implement it in our life.

**Parish visitation:** Bishop William Kenny will visit our parish for two days 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2014 to meet the people and to listen to our concerns as far as the development of our parish is concerned. This visitation is very important as it is an opportunity for the archbishop to determine the future of the parish.

**RCIA** sessions will begin on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 6.00pm in the parish hall. All those adults who wish to be baptised or those who are already baptised in churches other than a Catholic Church and seeking full communion with the Catholic Church are invited to join this course. The RCIA sessions will begin in September and will conclude on Easter 2015.

**Mass for the bereaved** families who have lost their dear ones during the course of the year Oct 2013-Sept. 2014 will be this **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014 at 4.00pm** followed by cup of tea/coffee in the parish hall.

**The Holy Father has declared** that on Sunday, 28 September the whole Church is to pray for the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which begins on Sunday 5 October to treat the topic *The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization*. In this regard, I am including the prayer for the Synod proposed by Pope Francis and some possible intentions for the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

**Take me to Mass:** If there are some elderly parishioners who need lift to either 9:30am or 11:30am Mass or if you drive and you can offer a lift to someone to come to Mass please let Fr. Jimmy know.

**Day of prayer for Vocations:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 will be our day to pray for vocations in the Church. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed immediately after the 11.30am Mass and conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm. Let us come together and spend some time before the Lord praying for priestly and religious vocations in the Church.

### Parish Development

**Collection:** Gift Aid £299.31 loose £651.28 Total £950.59

**Home Mission** £202.12 Thank you.

**Counters:** 28<sup>th</sup> September Vera Dunnion & Mick Hogan

**Second Collection** 28th September Fr. Hudson's Society

**Cake sale** raised £200 in aid of Lukodde Primary School. I thank the ladies who prepared the cakes and all those who supported by buying them.

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 15 Rose Hogan

**Mass Attendance** Week 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> September 584

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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

**Coventry Intercultural Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2014 at 3.00pm at St John Fisher church, Tiverton Road, Coventry. Details are on the notice board.

**Welcome Mass for Coventry University Students** will be on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 11.30am**. All the students both new and the old are invited to join in. After the Mass there will be some light refreshments in the parish hall. I ask all our parishioners to come along to meet the students because they will be part of our parish community. I ask the students to get involved as much as possible into the life of the parish. I thank those students who come to help me in the running of the parish by forming the choir, cleaning the church and by joining us for daily prayers, Holy Hour, daily Rosary, Holy Mass etc...

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day:** Friday 3 October it's a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. On Friday 3 October, CAFOD is asking us to make a place at our table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries get enough nutritious food to eat. The Fast Day envelopes are available in church this week. Please give as much as you can so that hunger isn't a fact of life for the world's poorest people. Thank you.

**RIP:** It's with great sadness I announce the death of Jimmy Dunleavy husband of Philomena Dunleavy of St George's Road who passed away on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Jim had been a very active member of the parish and was faithful to his Christian duties till the last. His contribution to the building up of the parish will always be remembered. Funeral Mass for him will be on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at St Mary's Church at 6:00pm. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and peace. My sincere condolences to His wife, daughters Mary and Kathleen and all his loved ones.

**Theresa Ann Carey** of 1 Spring Road will be received into the church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7:00pm. Requiem Mass will be Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10:30am our sincere condolences to the bereaved and our prayers for the soul of the departed please.

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