

MASSES Week 28th June to 5th July 2015

Sun	28	9.30am	Emmanuel Osagie (B'day) Grace Eluobe & Patricia Gibbons (Anni) James Byrne (B'day remembrance)
		11.30am	P J Moore (Anni)

Mon	29	12.30pm	Sr Leena (Birthday)
Tue	30	9.30am	Anne Wilson (Spl Int)
Wed	01	9.30am	Sr Rose Maria (RIP)
Thurs	02	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Sr Gerardina (RIP)
Fri	03	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer for Priests
		7.30pm	Eddie Flynn (RIP)
Sat	04	9.30am	Kevin Kelly (Anni)

10.00- 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Sun	05	9.30am	Peter Hoey (Anni) Mary Frances Okolie (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days: 28th June Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles
3rd July Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 28th June 2015

9.30 am Nazareth, Julia
Sophie (E)
11.30am Patrick, Honorine
Serso, Sr Leera (E)

Weekend 5th July 2015

School children
School Staff
Kingsley, Cynthia
Vera, Loveness (E)

R I P: Edmond Patrick Flynn, Phelena Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week: Patrick Joseph Moore, Margaret Brophy, Doreen Davies, Patrick Michael Boyle, Desmond Michael Whelan, Michael Joseph Dowd, Joe Byrne, Teresa McPartlain, Patrick Meehan, Phyllis Johnson, John Johnson, Thomas Anthony Gleeson, Martin Kelly, Hugh Devlin, Mary Cannon, Mary Kelly, Patrick Kevin Kelly, Peter Hoey Lisa Kerry Somma, Josephine Murray.

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, 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, Eamon Finland.

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Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles 28th June to 5th July 2015

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CATCH UP BEFORE YOU ARE SHELVED OFF

Did you know that Fr. Jimmy your parish priest is on *WhatsApp*? Well many of you might not know what animal I'm talking about. Just few days ago during choir practice on Friday the choirmaster was talking about *WhatsApp*. He told us that he was going to send different tunes to us via *WhatsApp*; it was the duty of each member to master their tune so that by Sunday the choir would be in action. Young people were comfortable with the language but Fr. Jimmy was lost; so I asked the choir master 'what is *WhatsApp*?' Everybody was surprised at my backwardness, how can you be a parish priest of the 21st century without knowing what '*WhatsApp* is' one asked! 'Where did you pass to come into the country' asked another!

WhatsApp is an instant messaging application for smartphones that operates under a subscription business model. It uses the internet to send text messages, images, video and audio media messages. In Jan 2015, *WhatsApp* was the most globally popular messaging application with more than 600 million active users. In April 2015, *WhatsApp* reached 800 million users. It was acquired by Facebook on Feb. 19, 2014, for approx. US\$22 billion. Its base is in Mountain View, California.

Instant communication has become so advanced that young people have literally 'pushed' people of my generation and above to museums. If you do not know how to use the computer, smart phones, Facebook *WhatsApp* and so many gadgets brought about by our digital age, you are good for nothing they say! To avoid this try to catch up. It is no longer enough to sit back and talk about those good old days when people knew their neighbours opposite the street. People still know their neighbours and communicate with them but through new and advanced means. Neighbourhood is no longer proximity but sharing of interest.

St. Mary's parish is prepared for the digital transformation. It is amazing to know that many people around the world join us live for Holy Mass every Sunday through the internet. Technology has made them to become part of our congregation at Mass without being here. It is good to catch up with every tool which can promote the proclamation of the gospel. Once the parish priest realised that young people had put him in one of the museum shelves since he did not know what "*WhatsApp* is, he went and got connected. Be sure no gossip in the parish goes by unnoticed.

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

Two Seminarians from Oscott College paid a visit to our school and spoke to the children about how they became interested in serving God as priests. I had the chance to join them. What amazed me most was to see children from catholic practicing families asking very good questions to know more about the life, work and joys of being a priest. It gave me an impression that some of you have spoken to your children about serving God. Please continue to nurture the seed of vocation in your family and never say 'No' to your son if he wishes to become a minister in the church.

The feast of Ss Peter and Paul will be kept tomorrow June 29th 2015. It recalls their martyrdom in Rome. The celebration is of ancient origin, the date selected being the anniversary either of their death or of the translation of their relics. We know how Jesus chose Peter; we are also familiar with St. Paul through his letters. Looking at both we come to know that the Church is not just for the saints, the strong, the blameless but for the confused, the impetuous and cowardly people like Peter. The rock crumbles, the ropes are frayed, and the wood is rotten. Although that building the church is made of such weak material (you and me) it grows on the whole faster than it collapses. It is God's grace that holds the Church together.

Hospital Chaplaincy Day, Wednesday July 1st 2015, Archbishops House 10.30am – 4pm. Open to all interested in Hospital Chaplaincy issues not just Hospital Chaplains. Beginning with coffee at 10.30am. The morning session starts at 10.45am and will include best practice for End of Life, the Care and Quality Commission, Safeguarding and issues from our own healthcare settings. From 1 pm – 4 pm there will be an opportunity to have Mental Health First Aid Training to help us deal with those in the midst of mental health crises. Please email Fr Jeremy Howard – frjeremyhoward@gmail.com to confirm attendance or ask for further details.

Confirmation Date: Bishop William Kenny will celebrate Holy Mass here on the Thursday Oct. 1st 2015 at which he will confirm children from our school. If you have a child who goes to a non-Catholic school or if you were not confirmed and you wish to be confirmed, please contact Fr. Jimmy our Parish priest.

Marriage preparation date: for those who are contemplating to get married this year either here or abroad will take place **on Tues 30th June 2015** at 6.00pm in the parish hall. It is advisable to come with your fiancée if this is possible. You will be required to produce a copy of your baptismal certificate not older than six months. Attending this course is a very essential part of your preparation for your life's journey together as husband and wife. Make sure that you include this part of the preparation before you approach the parish priest for the letter of freedom.

Lectors Meeting: There will be a meeting for all the lectors at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 28th June immediately after the Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

St Benedict's Day will be celebrated on Saturday 11th July. We shall have an evening Mass at 7.00pm followed by parish dance in the parish hall.

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 £190.56 Loose £512.97 Total £703.53 Thank you.
Counters: 28th June Vera Dunnion & Julia Harte
Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 4 Fredrick
Mass Attendance: Week 21st June 538
Second Collection: 28th June Peter's pence
Train a Missionary Priest – Apostles of Jesus £189.13 Thank you.

Other Matters of importance

'Strictly Come Dancing' there is no doubt that for the Catholic Church to survive and for Christianity itself to flourish we need priests who proclaim the message of Christ. Our love for Christ and for the church invites us to make every effort to support the proclamation of Jesus Christ until he comes. Therefore a dance has been organised to support the Missionary Order of the Apostles of Jesus which sent priests to our parishes of St. Marys and St Elizabeth. The Order has more than 1000 students training for the priesthood. Tickets are on sale now for £3.00. Donations are welcome too. Dance will be on 11th July from 8:00pm till late. Live music will be provided by Irene and Full Circle. When you support the training of a missionary priest, you too become a missionary without leaving your home.

Multi-cultural Mass of the African Day will be on Sunday 9th August 2015 at St Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth Rd. Coventry, CV6 5BX. The Mass begins at 2.30pm. followed by get together in the parish hall and the garden. There will be food for all. Mgr Timothy Menezes, the Vicar general of the Archdiocese of Birmingham will lead us in the celebration of the Mass and the theme of the celebration: The Family. You are all invited along with your family and friends.

Job opportunities at CAFOD - Community Participation Co-ordinator – based in Walsall. Two roles, 17.5 hours per week, one permanent and one two year contract are now available. Closing date for applications is 10th July 2015. For more details visit www.cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

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