

**MASSES Week 29th March to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Sun	29	9.30am 11.30am	Samantha Aikhionbare (Spl Int) Olivia (Birthday) & Chi Chi (Thanks giving)
Mon	30	9.30am	Audrey Nyamande (Spl Int) Odichinma Uche (Birthday)
Tue	31	9.30am	Betty & Pat Keoghan Family (Spl Int)
Wed	01	9.00am	Ken Clear (Anni) Celestine Lewis (Thanks giving)
Thurs	02	7.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Fri	03	3.00pm 3.30pm	Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat	04	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun	05	9.30am 11.30am	People of the parish People of the parish

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

9.30 am Theresa, Elena  
Roisin, Tom Ward -Passion Reading  
Barbara (E)  
11.30am Jeanette, Veronica  
Honorine, Victoria-Passion Reading  
Serso, Kath Slater (E)

**Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Asipita, Nazareth  
Dr Jay (E)  
Honorine, Veronica  
Vera, Sr Lydwin (E)

Anniversaries during this Week: Walter Roach, John Molloy, Michael Cox Bob Brolly Senior, James Herbert, Pat McHugh, Eric Donnelly, Mary Ellen Allan, Mick Fitzgerald, Seamus Mulrone, Anne Brennan, Thomas Brophy, John Dunning, John Dunnion, Mary McSorley, Joseph Macken, Thomas O'Mallee, Ellen Cox, Cath Molloy, Janet Cassidy, Patrick Bernard Ward, Kitty Howell, Annie Lyons, Mary Clark, Mr & Mrs Shaughnessy, Mr & Mrs Strevens, Winifred Mooney, John Anthony Whiting (Baby).

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

**Palm Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Mass Book Yr. B Part 1 pg. 180 onwards**

**VISITATION REPORT COVENTRY DEANERY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 PART TWO**

*Continuation of the report Bp. W. Kenny gave about parish visitation including St. Mary's.*

**Mass Times**

There has been a certain amount of discussion about Mass times in Coventry. This seems to be something which worries the clergy in particular. Only in one parish was this matter taken up with me by lay people. The new times do not seem, from what I can gather, to have caused any drop in Mass attendance across the city, although some are saying that there is a drop in collections, without a corresponding rise in other places. Some people would be looking for some type of Deanery Pastoral Council or some similar body. I think that we must explore together how lay people can really have a role in leadership within the Church at all levels. We need to move away from anything which smacks of tokenism, to real influence and therefore also to real responsibility as well.

**The sick and housebound:** In every parish I have visited some of those who are sick or unable to get to Church. These sisters and brothers lie at the centre of any Parish community. They have time to pray and reflect. They also show to the rest of us the person of the suffering Christ in our midst. We live, unfortunately, in a society which tries to ignore those who are handicapped or who are suffering or which at best believes that all pain and suffering of whatever type can be cured. This often means that people who are chronically sick are marginalised. This must never happen in a Christian community. They must be seen, instead, as being at the centre of the community. The extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are often carrying out heroic work. We need to see that there are sufficient ministers and also to give them proper support and training; again perhaps something which could be done at a deanery level.

**Conclusion** I said at the beginning, and meant, that this is a very good deanery. The essential spiritual things are in place. I have met many holy people during these months of visitation, and people utterly dedicated to the life of the Church. I have met sick and handicapped people who are in the heart of the Church's life and spiritual life of your parishes. I have met young people not least altar servers filled with enthusiasm for the things of God.

If there is a danger, and I am not saying that this is so, it is that things will stagnate. We always need to move on, and to be trying to get to the top of the next mountain. We are a pilgrim people. We should be learning from what has gone before, but we must look forward. We are not historical museums. I sat a few weeks ago in the quad of one of the Oxford colleges. I sat and watched the tourists overawed by the architecture and history, but I imagine that their way of life is not changed by those visits, even if it is good in itself that people are aware of history. We are not sitting in the quads of Oxford colleges, we are living

stones, we are a priestly and royal people. We need to be convinced of that and to use the resources we have.

I can also watch from the windows of my house how on week days people go into the small church at Woodstock. And I do see at times a change in their faces as they leave. They have met the living God. You are already doing so, meeting the living God in your daily lives, and I hope will continue to present the living God to the people of Coventry. The gospels tell us again and again not to be afraid. As a famous American President said the only thing that we have to fear is fear itself, fear perhaps of where our Church is going; fear for the lives of our children and grandchildren; fear for our society and way of life. We have no reason to be afraid as catholic Christians in Coventry. Believe in the grace and blessing of God and we will succeed as we go on our pilgrimage to the Father.

May God bless you all.

(Rt. Rev.) William Kenney CP

*Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham*

### **Pastoral**

We have started the most holy time in our Christian calendar. I ask you to try as much as you can to enter into a deeper meaning of the celebrations which we have at this time. I know very well that if you care about the love of God for you and how it was accomplished on the Cross, you will try your best to be present along with your family at each one of them. **Please do not forget our Parish Penitential Service** on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.00pm. Priests from the deanery will be here to assist us in the individual Confessions.

**Recommissioning of the Extra Ordinary Ministers** of the Eucharist will take place on Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 during the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At the ordination of a priest, he is asked to revere the mysteries he touches with his hands. Eucharistic ministers share in that privilege too. I invite all them to be present for the same.

**Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st April at 11.30am in St Chad's Cathedral. Holy oils will be consecrated by the Archbishop and all the priests.

**Divine Mercy** Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015. The prayers will commence at 2.00pm followed by Mass. Please inform your family and friends and bring them along to experience and celebrate the mercy of the Lord.

**We welcome and congratulate** all our new members who will be baptised and received into full communion with the Catholic Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April during the Easter Vigil Mass. I appreciate their commitment with which they prepared themselves for this great event. May the Risen Lord bring to completion the good work which he has begun in their lives. Let us support them with our prayers.

### **Parish Development**

**Collection:** Gift Aid £228.30 Loose £508.64 Total 736.94 Thank you.

**Counters:** 29<sup>th</sup> March Vera Dunnion, Julia Harte

5<sup>th</sup> April Sandra McAvoy, Maureen Jones

**Bonus Ball:** Wednesday Draw No 12 Will Edwards

**Mass Attendance** Week 22<sup>nd</sup> March 605

**Second Collection** 3<sup>rd</sup> April Holy Places

26<sup>th</sup> April Clergy Training Fund

**Easter Offering** at all the Masses will be your gift to your parish priest. Please find the envelopes along with your newsletter copies.

### **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**

**Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham** will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 led by the Rt Rev William Kenney C.P. Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Details are on the noticeboard.

**Spirituality and Faith Centre:** There will not be Mass in the S & F Centre during Easter vacations. We will be back on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. In case of any need Fr Jimmy Lutwama, the Chaplain can be contacted on **07906124756**

**Gift Aid Envelopes (taxpayers):** The weekly envelopes for the new tax year are ready to be collected and Roisin Byrne will be at Mass this week to hand them out. For every £1 given under the scheme, the parish gets an additional 25p. If you would like to give your Sunday donation (collection) please talk to us today, alternatively talk to Fr. Jimmy our parish priest.

**Volunteers needed:** We need help specially during this time of the year to clean the church, arrange flowers and decorate the church for the Easter Triduum. If you are willing to volunteer please contact one of the Sisters.

**Piety Stall at the back of the church** has a good collection of religious articles and greeting cards for various occasions. Please have a look at our collection as you pass by and pick your choice. This is one way of supporting your parish.

***I wish you all a very happy and grace-filled Easter***

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