

MASSES Week 29th June to 6th July 2014

Sat	28	6.00pm	Kathleen Leslie (Anni)
Sun	29	9.30am	Grace Iluobe (Anni)
			James Byrne (Birthday Remembrance)
			Patricia Gibbons (Anni)
		11.30am	Wilson Mndeme & Oswald Nyilawila (RIP)
			Joseph & Amaka (thanks giving)

Mon	30	12.30pm	Sr Leena (Spl Int)
Tue	01	9.30am	SSA (Thanksgiving)
Wed	02	9.30am	Fr. Peter Kasooli (RIP)
Thurs	03	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	James Byrne (Anni)
Fri	04	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer for Priests
		7.30pm	Una Anderson (Anni)
Sat	05	10.30am	Fr Jimmy's Intention

Sat	05	6.00pm	Peter Hoey (Anni)
			Bulungu Bwana Miteo (RIP)
Sun	06	9.30am	Kevin Kelly (Anni)
			James Byrne (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 28th /29th June 2014

6.00 pm	Tom, Patrick Barbara (E)
9.30 am	Stephanie, Aspita Sr Leena (E)
11.30am	Julie, Noble Serso, Kath (E)

Weekend 5th /6th July 2014

Sr Leera, Brendan Sophie (E)
Julia, Nazareth Bridie (E)
Honorine Vera, Veronica (E)

RIP: Surya Utama, Mrs. Josephine Onye, Phylis Brolly, Elizabeth Gamble, Peter Harte, Patrick Bernard Ward, Marie Garner

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 Gulson, Martin Kelly, Hugh Devlin, Mary Cannon, Mary Kelly, Patrick Kevin Kelly, Peter Hoey, Lisa Kerry Somma, Joseph Murray, Catherine Bridget Logan.

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'

Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul 29th June to 6th July 2014

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IS SPORT THE SOLUTION TO WORLD VIOLENCE?

What a wonderful atmosphere in Brazil as World Cup Football tournament goes on! There were tears as favorite teams lost and jubilation as feared teams were eliminated. Our England team is back home. Alas we shall have to wait for four more years to lift the cup which was last lifted by the nation 48 years ago in 1966. If England is to lift the trophy, I'm sure it will not be less than 50! "Come on England" we shall faithfully cheer our players up.

There are great lessons our society, politicians and world leaders can learn from sports, and that is its ability to bring people together. Sport is a world language, a common denominator that breaks down all the walls and all the barriers. On the stadium terraces of Brazil, there is no Muslim, Hindu, or Christian; there is no white, brown or black people, there is no less educated man, highly paid employee or non-wanted. Every person is pleased to cheer up and to enjoy the game. This should make us to think and to question where war and animosity comes from. If an Iranian football team can settle its differences with the American team, why should the American politician not settle his differences with the Iranian politician at the negotiating table?

Sports has time and again showed us that it is about participation, inclusion, and bringing people together of different nationalities and cultures by highlighting commonalities between people other than their differences.

In our school children were encouraged to choose and support national teams represented at the world Cup. They were also asked to emulate the good things that sports offer such as hard work, self-discipline, confidence, leadership, tolerance, cooperation and respect for others. Sometimes as I walk through streets or as I visit families, I get surprised to see how many dangerous toys some parents buy the children to play with. If they are not toy pistols, they are toy swords and armored cars. What would happen if every child grew up to become a gun-wielding person? Imagine also that sports materials such as balls were every child's possession couldn't there be more peace than bloodshed in the world?

As the tournament comes to its climax, it has been so good to see people united for a common good and enjoying themselves other than destroying one another. Yes, sports can be a solution to violence that engulfs our world today.

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

Baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their children baptized will be on Monday 7th July 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

New Altar Servers children who have received their First Holy Communion now have the opportunity to learn how to serve Mass. May I ask the parents to encourage these children to do something in the church as a sign of their belonging to the community of faith. Do not discourage them to do the right thing!

Assist by joining the Choir: I would like to ask as many of you as possible to join the choir to animate our prayer of the Mass. God has given you a voice to speak, it is good that you raise that voice to him in prayer and praise. The choir is especially made up of students from abroad, once they leave, a big gap is left unless someone joins the choir. Choir practice takes place every Friday at 7:30pm in the Lady's chapel. Please come and join and make our liturgical celebrations more meaningful and uplifting for all those who come to participate in it.

Marriage bans Mr. Charles Chris Waweru Kibiru of 24 Haytor Rise Coventry CV2 3LE Son to the late Simon Kibiru Waweru and the late Lucy Wanjiku Kibiru of Gitwe Village, Kiganjo location Kiambu County- Kenya, would like to marry Miss Jean Njeri Kangoroto of 24 Haytor Rise Coventry CV2 3LE; Daughter to Mr Clarence Kangoroto and Rosemary Kangoroto of Kamulu village Ruai location Nairobi County. If there is someone who knows why they should not get married to each other, please come and inform the Parish Priest.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £214.60 Loose £469.98 Total £684.58 Thank you.

Counters: 29th June Sandra McAvoy & Maureen Jones

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 40 Nora Curristan

Saturday Draw No 19 Tony Smith

Second Collection: 29th June Peter's pence

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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

Assisted Dying Bill - Please write to a member of the House of Lords The Bill to legalize "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18th JULY.

Job opportunities: the Archdiocese of Birmingham is announcing two job opportunities one for the Director of education and the other for the Deputy Director. These roles will involve specific responsibility for school organization including academy conversions and liaison with school and academy leaders, LA and DFE officers, professional associations, school support partners and members of the clergy. Details on the noticeboard.

Cake sale in support of St Francis School, Lukodde raised £206.14 Thank you for your generosity.

National discernment weekend for young adults will be organized on the grounds of Oscott College from 4th -6th July. The programme includes prayer, great speakers and workshops. Tickets cost £50.00. Big discounts for group bookings. For more information and booking details visit www.invocation.org.uk

The third annual Summer Camp at Alton Castle for 12-17 year olds will be held from 23rd -27th July. Friends, faith and fabulous fun activities are galore. Prices start from £165.00. Contact Beccy for more information or to book your place beccy.roseman@bcys.co.uk

News from the school: Twenty six amazing athletes from year 3-6 of our school participated at the Coventry Catholic Sports competition where the children took part in track and field events. Well done to all the children who showed wonderful sportsmanship and had a great afternoon. I thank the teachers for their immense hard work and support.

Summer Production: The children of Key Stage Two's will perform the play 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' on 7th/8th July at 6.30pm. All pupils from year 3-6 are part of the production. Do buy your tickets and come along. It is going to be brilliant!

Dates for your Diary

6 th Sept	Seminar for the Married Couples
23 rd Oct	Confirmation