

MASSES Week 2nd to 9th November 2014

Sun	02	9.30am 11.30am	People of the parish People of the parish
Mon	03	9.30am 12.30pm	Holy souls Holy souls
Tue	04	9.30am	Bertie Hughes (RIP)
Wed	05	9.30am	Maura Marron (RIP)
Thurs	06	11.00am 6.30-7.00pm	Requiem- Ellen Flaherty Adoration
Fri	07	6.30-7.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer for priests Jim Dunleavy (RIP)
Sat	08	10.30am	Bulungu Bwana Miteo (RIP)
11.00am to 12.00Noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sun	09	9.30am 11.30am	Peace in Poland Gerald Dunnion (Anni) Deceased of Tran Family Tonia (Birthday)

Feast Days: 2nd Nov Solemnity of all Saints
3rd Nov Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 2nd Nov 2014

9.30 am Julia, Elena
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Ajiri, Honorine
Serso, Veronica (E)

Weekend of 9th Nov 2014

Keyna, Nazareth
Sophie Drabik (E)
Veronica, Mena
Loveness, Sr Lydwin (E)

RIP: Michael Oshea, Jim Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

Anniversaries during this Week: Ellie Roe, Danny Prosser, John Joseph Carey, Martin Muldoon, Pat Sheehan, Jim Maquire, John Lawrence O'Sullivan, Kevin Dunne, Margaret Scully, Eva Tierney, James Patrick McLaughlin, M.Glennon, John Griffin, P.Prewitt, Bridget Flynn, Patrick Plunkett, Gerald Thomas Dunnion.

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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Solemnity of all Saints 2nd to 9th Nov 2014

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KEEP CLOSE TO THE SHEPHERD

The visit of a Bishop is very important; it is an occasion of celebration, fruitful discussions and mutual support. The Christian people need the support of their bishop but the bishop too needs the support of his people, after all they are both laboring tirelessly to give witness to Christ through their different ministries.

One of the most interesting formative events of my life was when I was a small boy following sheep like King David. If you have never grazed sheep you might not fully grasp what a great opportunity for any parish to be visited by a bishop. The word "bishop" comes from a Greek word *ἐπίσκοπος* (episkopos) which means an overseer. The duty of every bishop is to oversee the flock of Jesus Christ to make sure that it is fed well on the Word of God and on his Sacraments and to see that the people of God are guarded from error and deception. The visit of a bishop is a great opportunity for the Christians to seek guidance in their life and spiritual strength.

Recalling the relationship I had with my sheep, I remember that they loved grazing on the grass near to where I was. The sheep understood that where the shepherd was that was where the best grass was likely to be, they therefore follow me. Unlike goats, sheep like to graze in places where the shepherd has full view of them, in this way they feel confident that they are not on their own in the wilderness but under the protection and watchful eyes of their shepherd. The visit of a bishop to our parish should evoke these sentiments within us and use this opportunity to speak to him, to report to him what we have been about in the vineyard of the Lord and above all to listen to his teaching.

St. Ignatius the third bishop of Antioch who lived from around A.D. 35 to 107 taught the early Christians to have great respect and obedient to their bishops. In his letter to the Smyrnaeans chapters 8 and 9, he stated: *"See that you all follow the bishop, even as Jesus Christ does the Father. Wherever the bishop shall appear, there let the people be as well; even as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church. Let no man do anything connected with the Church without the bishop."*

We are very pleased to have among us Bishop William Kenny; to us he is our Bishop but with us he is a fellow Christian. The next parish pastoral visit might not find us here; therefore let us take this opportunity.

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

November Mass for Faithful Departed is upon us again at which we pray for the souls of the faithful departed. I encourage you to ask for Holy Masses to be celebrated for these souls. The Mass and Mass stipend/offering which you give for the celebration of these Masses will be sent to priests in the Missions who are very pleased to celebrate them. Envelopes are available at the back of the church please write his/her name and your offering if you can.

Mass for deceased priests who have served in Coventry will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 11th November 2014 at 6:00pm. We're all invited to attend.

Mass in French Language: Do you speak French or enjoy listening to it? A holy Mass will be celebrated here at St Mary's and Benedict Church for French speaking community every month starting from **9th November 2014**. Fr. Noel Bisibu N'tungu from Tamworth was appointed to lead French Speaking Catholics in the diocese and St. Mary's parish was preferred as the best place where French speaking Catholics would gather for the monthly French Mass in Coventry which will be starting at 2:30pm. I ask Catholics whose first language is French to embrace this pastoral outreach with open arms. For further information please contact Fr. Noel on 07459187237 or Mr. Remi the local organizing chairperson on 07723897969

Welcome Mass for students: Last Sunday we welcomed into our parish all the students both home and international who are pursuing their studies in Coventry and Warwick University. I was pleased to see 90 students who participated in the Eucharistic celebration and thereafter for a get together in the parish hall. It was a great joy to see young people from different parts of the world bringing into our parish their rich Christian Faith and traditions. Their presence will indeed support our faith and continue to give meaning to our service in the Church. Let us support them as they now form a part of our parish community. Every Tuesday there is Mass at 1.10pm at the Faith and Spirituality centre "The Hub" on the 3rd Floor, Fr. Jimmy the catholic chaplain is always available to speak to you at any time. You can contact him on his mobile **Number 07906124756**. He is present at the Spirituality and Faith Centre every Tuesday from 11:30am until 2:30pm.

Baptism preparation course for all those parents who wish to have their children baptized will be on Monday 10th November 2014 at 5.30pm 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 £292.27 £521.29 Total £814.56 Thank you.

Counters: 2nd Nov Mick Hogan & Vera Dunnion

Second Collection 2nd November Johnson Association (Retired & Infirm Clergy)
23rd November Catholic Youth Service
7th December Poor parishes

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 18 Rose Hogan

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Other Matters of importance

Parish Pastoral Report: on Wednesday October 8th we had a meeting which was convened to discuss issues concerning the parish which we wanted to present to the Bishop upon his visitation. The report will be read to us at the end of the Mass. Thanks to all who have played part in the life of the parish since it was last visited in 2006.

National Youth Sunday will be celebrated on 23rd November 2014, the Solemnity of Christ the King. We see the future of the Church in our youth and it is our responsibility to support and strengthen them whatever way possible. There will be a second collection to support all diocesan Youth Services on the weekend of 23rd November.

Parish Christmas Bazaar will take place on **Saturday 29th November 2014** from **11.00am to 2.00pm**. It is an annual event to raise funds for the parish. For the success of this event we need the support and co-operation of each and every one. I call on all my parishioners to come forward with ideas as to how we can make it a success. We need tins of food, biscuits, chocolates, bottles of wine, tea, coffee, toiletries, soft toys etc. Please bring in whatever you can and put in the box at the back of the church.

Can you sponsor a Raffle prize? We have a number of prizes for the Christmas raffle. I would be pleased if you could sponsor them and if so please put down your names on the list at the piety stall.

Funeral of Ellen Flaherty who formerly lived on 117 Gulson Road will be on Thursday 6th November 2014 at 11.00am. The reception of her mortal remains into St Mary's church on Wednesday 5th Nov. 2014 at 7.00pm. We extend our condolences to the bereaved members of the family.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 2nd Nov 2014 young people will meet Bp. William Kenney after 11:30 Mass.

Monday 10th Nov 2014 Baptism preparation course

Saturday 29th Nov 2014 Parish Christmas Bazaar 11:00am – 2:00pm

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