

**MASSES Week 31st May to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Sun	31	9.30am	Fergus Healy (Anni) Franklin Lyembela People of the parish
		11.30am	

Mon	01	9.30am	Helpers on St Patrick's Day
Tue	02	9.30am	Margaret Lesnik (RIP)
Wed	03	9.30am	Intentions of Fr Jimmy
Thurs	04	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Margaret Lesnik (RIP)
Fri	05	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer for Priests
		7.30pm	Bridie McDonald (RIP) Lewis Family (Thanks giving)
Sat	06	9.30am	Michael, Pauline & Family (Spl Int) Danny Dorrian (Anni)

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

Sun	07	9.30am	Adelina Leonidas (Thanks giving) Margaret Lesnik (RIP)
		11.30am	Josephine Onye (Anni)

**3<sup>rd</sup> June Feast of the Uganda Martyrs** a group of 23 Anglican and 22 Catholic converts to Christianity in the kingdom of Buganda, now Uganda. They were killed on orders of King Mwanga between Nov. 1885 and Jan. 1887. The deaths took place at a time when there was a three-way religious struggle for political influence at the Buganda royal court. A few years later, the English Church Missionary Society used the deaths to enlist wider public support for the British acquisition of Uganda for the Empire. The Catholic Church beatified the martyrs of its faith in 1920 and canonized them in 1964.

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

9.30 am Asipita, Julia  
Barbara (E)  
11.30am Kingsley, Veronica  
Serso, Lovness (E)

**Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Nazareth, Julia  
Jean Hoey (E)  
Patrick, Charles  
Vera, Veronica (E)

R I P: Edmond Patrick Flynn, Phelena Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week:, Bridget Bernadette Murphy, John Peter Dunnion, Danny Dorrian, Alec John Garner, John Crone, John Flanagan, Andrew Mooney, Theresa & Andrew Meehan, Doreen Meehan, Mary Moron,

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.

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**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

**Mass Book Yr. B Part 2 pg. 83 onwards**

**"IT DOES NOT BECOME RIGHT BECAUSE THE MAJORITY LIKE OR DO IT."**

There is an old Latin saying "*Vox Populi Vox Dei*" (the voice of the people is a voice of God). In some cases this can be true but it will be a mistake to think that this is always the case.

Some two thousand years ago, two prisoners stood on the balcony before a large crowd of people. The governor asked the angry crowd to make choice of the man they wanted to walk free and the other condemned to death. One prisoner was a confessed terrorist, a notorious robber with a lot of blood on his hands. The other one was a good man, his message was love and peace he had fed the hungry, forgiven and reconciled sinners. He had healed the sick and raised the dead some of whom were among the crowd. "Who would you like me to set free for you?" the governor asked. The majority shouted back, free the robber, we want the terrorist go free!

The governor was puzzled, but why, what has the man you want hanged done; I certainly find no case against him! But the crowd was not impressed. Following democratic principles, the majority had spoken, the majority had it. The man of terror was set free and the man who preached love and peace was hanged!

The story might sound familiar it is talking about Jesus and Barabbas. It invites us Christians to have a second thought when it comes to making serious decisions. 'Rushed decisions' and 'protest voting' will have adverse effects on our life and on Christian teaching; but it will already be too late to change the outcome. It is good to keep this carefully in mind that our faith is not based on whether the majority believe it or not. Something does not become good because the majority like it. Therefore in any voting simply insisting on numbers and percentages does not mean that something is right even when it is wrong. It is in such cases that we Catholics are called to be reliable, dependable and faithful.

Just the other day St. Paul addressing the elders of Ephesus warned them: "*Even from your own ranks there will be men coming forward with a mockery of the truth on their lips to induce the disciples to follow them. So be on your guard*" Acts 20:30. Do not be surprised when evil becomes a fashion. A million people may vote overwhelmingly for something but that does not make it right when it is wrong. Be on your guard against the so called majority opinion.

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

**Mass tomorrow Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** will be at 9:30am in the morning. This is because Fr. Jimmy our parish priest will be having a meeting with Bp. William Kenny in the course of the day.

**Baptism preparation course** for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

**Coventry annual Deanery Corpus Christi** Procession will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 starting at 3:00pm from St Osburgs church to Coventry City Centre. His Grace, the Archbishop, has said that the Coventry Deanery Corpus Christi Procession is very much in the spirit of responding to Pope Francis' request to join him in Eucharistic Adoration on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. It is also a joyful public proclamation of the Good News. Our Corpus Christi Procession will begin in St Osburgs Church with prayers and opening hymn at 3.00pm, and proceed across the bridge, through the precinct, to the Priory Ruins, where there will be a Service and Benediction at 4.00pm. The Priory Ruins is where the Christian Faith was first lived and proclaimed in these parts, with the monastery founded by the Abbess, St Osburgs, at the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> century. It is fitting that the Christian community in Coventry today should return there in the joy of that same faith.

**Priestly Ordination:** David Burke, who grew up in this parish, will be ordained to the Priesthood by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30 at Westminster Cathedral. All parishioners would be very welcome. Fr David's Mass of thanksgiving will be the next day at 11.00am at Our Lady Help of Christians, Kentish Town. Let us pray that God may consecrate him to his service.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** five members of our parish community have returned from a pilgrimage to the shrine of the Blessed Mother in Lourdes. This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Christians from the Archdiocese of Birmingham made the first pilgrimage. We welcome them back and we thank them for the prayers they presented to the Mother of the Lord on our behalf.

#### 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.

#### Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £191.96 Loose £510.90 Total £702.86 Thank you.  
Counters: 31<sup>st</sup> May Vera Dunnion, Julia Harte  
Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No Nil  
Mass Attendance: Week 24<sup>th</sup> May 660  
Second Collection: 28<sup>th</sup> June Peter's pence

#### Other Matters of importance

**Parish dance:** has been organised as we celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life to support the Religious Order of the Apostles of Jesus which sent priests to our parishes of St. Marys and St Elizabeth. Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Moses as you know were sent to these two parishes to support us in our pilgrimage of faith. Tickets are on sale now for £3.00. Dance will be on 11<sup>th</sup> July from 8:00pm till late. Live music will be provided by Irene and Full Circle.

**The Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa** has been on a special visit to us here at St. Mary's Parish. It was flown from Jasna Góra in Poland on the occasion of the First Holy Communion of the Polish Children. The Icon was and still remains the symbol of the Polish Christians. St. Pope John Paul II prayed before this icon so many times during his pontificate. One time he said;

*"During my previous pilgrimage to my homeland in 1979 I said at Jasna Góra that here we have always been free. It is difficult to express in a different way what the Image of the Queen of Poland became for all of us Poles during the time when our homeland was wiped off the map of Europe as an independent State. Yes! Here at Jasna Góra there also rested the hope of the nation and the persevering effort towards the recovery of independence. Before your altars we bring entreaties, O Lord, deign to restore to us a free homeland. And it is here too that we have learned fundamental truth about the freedom of the nation. A nation perishes if it deforms its spirit a nation grows when its spirit is ever more purified, and no external power is able to destroy it!"*

Communism collapsed in Poland seven years later during 1990. General Jaruzelski resigned as the President of the Republic of Poland and was succeeded by Lech Walesa, leader of the independent trade union "Solidarity" (Solidarność in Polish), after the December 1990 election.

**Thanks to Mr. Jarostaw my Polish** catechist who conducted catechism classes for children who received First Holy Communion last week. I consider it a blessing to see that our parish is built upon different Christian traditions; it gives us the chance to learn from each other. St. Mary's of course has a great future because there is room for every one whether baptised or non-baptised.

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