

MASSES Week 3rd to 10th August 2014

Sat	02	6.00pm	Rose Roach (Anni)
Sun	03	9.30am	Bridget & Eamon (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Toney Mulrone (RIP)
			Fatima & Riyal (Thanks giving)

Mon	04	9.30am	Fr Jimmy (Thanks giving)
Tue	05	9.30am	Tony Gavin (RIP)
Wed	06	9.30am	Jim Meehan (Birthday)
Thurs	07	9.30am	James O'Neill (Get well)
Fri	08	9.30am	Kath McGinty (RIP)

			William Collins (Anni)
Sat	09	10.30am	Nora Curristan (Get well)
		11.00am to 12.00 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sat	09	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	10	9.30am	Sisters of St Ann (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	Departed of Moore family

Feast Days: 4th August St John Mary Vianney-patron of Parish Priests
6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
8th August St Dominic

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 2nd /3rd Aug 2014

6.00 pm	Tom, Theresa Sophie (E)
9.30 am	Keyna, Julia Elizabeth
11.30am	Noble, Meena Vera, Serso (E)

Weekend 9th /10th Aug 2014

Sr Leera, Brendan Barbara (E)
Sr Lydwin, Aspita Betty Osagie (E)
John, Honorine Loveness, Vera (E)

RIP: Robert Dunham, James Daniel Farrell.

Anniversaries during this Week: Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly, Rose Roach, Maura Mulrone, Peggy Connors, James Conlon, Vincent McHugh, John Hoban, Peter Hallinan, William Skarwinko, Thomas Moore, John O'Neill, Conrad Patalong.

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 Curriston, 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.

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

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JOHN VIANNEY SAW HIMSELF AS A PILGRIM

On Monday 4th August will be a feast of St. John Mary Vianney patron of Parish Priests. He was a son of a peasant farmer, a slow and unpromising candidate to the priesthood. He wanted to become a priest; yet he had to overcome his meagre formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies.

His failure to grasp Latin forced him to discontinue but his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tuition. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained in 1818 and sent to a rural parish of Ars-en-Dombes an isolated village far from Lyon for fear he might meet learned intellectuals who would have challenged him to humiliate him. Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John met people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep.

Fr. John Vianney prayed and worked for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw himself as unworthy of his mission, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people. His reputation as a confessor grew rapidly, and pilgrims traveled from all over France to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Firmly committed to the conversion of the people, he would spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional. Indifference toward catholic teaching, coupled with a love for material comfort, seem to be common signs of our times. A person from another planet observing us would not likely judge us to be pilgrim people, on our way to somewhere else. John Vianney, on the other hand, was a man on a journey with his goal before him at all times.

A Christian with a vision will keep going with increasing strength. He/she will find no mountain high enough, no river wide enough, no ocean deep enough to hinder him/her from achieving the goal. This can be possible only if one puts God at the centre! Let us have a vision and keep Christ as the Goal of our lives and strive with determination. John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. Over 1,000 people attended his funeral, including the bishop and priests of the diocese, who already viewed his life as a model of priestly holiness.

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): If you would like to become a member of the Catholic Church please note that in September each year the RCIA programme begins. It involves catechesis into the truth of our faith. If you belong to any other denomination but you would like to be baptized or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, I would like to encourage you. May I ask you to contact the Parish Priest or one of the Parish Sisters to whom you need to tell about your intention. This will help us to plan our pastoral activities to help you out.

Parish Choir: Our parish choir comprises mainly of the international students. Many have completed their studies successfully and have returned to their homes. We need new members. If you wish to be a part of our choir and enhance the beauty of our liturgical celebrations just turn up and join in. We have our choir practice every Friday at 8.00pm.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £321.95 Loose £420.76 Total £742.71 Thank you.

Day for Life: £ 237.24

Counters: 3rd Aug Sandra McAvoy & Maureen Jones

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No

Second Collection 28th September Fr Hudson's Society

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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

Parish Dance is organized in support of our parish this summer on Saturday 23rd August 2014. Music will be provided by Irene & Tom and full Circle. The cost of adult ticket is £3.00. Please contact Mr Tom Ward or Mr Bill Flynn for tickets.

Multicultural Mass of the African Day: The parishioners of the Good Shepherd & St Elizabeth's church, Foleshill Road, Coventry. CV6 5BX.along with their parish Priest Fr Moses Pitya, cordially invite you to join them for their annual celebration of the Multicultural Mass of the African Day on Sunday 10th August 2014. The Mass will begin at 2.30pm followed by sharing of cultural dishes, barbeque and other foods in the parish garden. All are welcome.

Volunteers are needed: The cleanliness of our church is done mainly by the students who come from different parts of the world. During this holiday time they need to go back to their family and friends which means we are left with only a few who decide to stay back. I would appreciate if you could volunteer to spend some time to come and clean the church. Normally cleaning of the church takes place either on Wednesday from 9.00am or Saturday 8.30am.

Cake Sale in support of St Francis School, Lukodde will be on the weekend of 2nd /3rd August. I thank the ladies who prepare the cakes and all those who buy them.

Service of commemoration at Coventry Cathedral to commemorate the beginning of the First World War will be held on Sunday 3rd August at 8.00pm. The hour-long service will include readings, prayers and music designed to help us reflect on the events of a hundred years ago, with an address to be given by the Bishop of Coventry, the Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth. It will also be a reminder for us to pray for peace in the world and pledge ourselves to promote peace and brotherhood in our city so that our children's children may not have to see such day. All are welcome.

I thank Fr. Moses and Fr. George from St Elizabeth's Church who celebrated weekend Masses for us. Thank you all for your commitment and for doing your Christian duties so well.

Just to remind you that our annual pilgrimage to **Harvington** wall will take place on Sunday 7th September 2014. Rt Rev Robert Byrne Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will be the principal celebrant and preacher. Mass will begin at 3.00pm preceded by confessions from 1.45pm-2.30pm. More details are on the notice board.

Sick & the elderly of our parish who normally live on their own need special care and attention during this time of the year. When most of the people are away on holidays and the weather is too warm we need to keep an eye on them. Let us be considerate and kind enough to pay a visit or to make a telephone call enquiring about their well-being.

Death is announced of Mr. Robert Dunham of 11 Coleridge Rd who died at University Hospital. Reception at St. Mary's is on 13th August at 6:00pm, Requiem Mass is on Thursday at 9:30am. Death is also announced of Mr. James Daniel Farrell His mortal remains will be received on Tuesday 19th at 6:00pm and Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 20th August at 10:30am. Please remember their families in your prayers. May the deceased rest in peace.

Dates for your Diary

2nd /3rd Aug

Cake sale

10th Aug

African Day at St Elizabeth's Church

23rd Aug

Parish Dance

6th Sept

Seminar for the Married Couples

23rd Oct

Confirmation