

MASSES Week 5th to 12th Oct 2014

Sun	05	9.30am 11.30am	People of the parish Fatima & Riyal (Thanks giving)
Mon	06	12.30pm	Don Boyle (Get well)
Tue	07	9.30am	Maura Marron (RIP) Nora Healy (Anni)
Wed	08	9.30am	Mary Murphy (Anni)
Thurs	09	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Kathleen Skelly (Birthday)
Fri	10	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Sisters of St Ann (Thanks giving)
Sat	11	10.30am	Bulungu Bwana Miteo (RIP)
11.00am -12.00noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions			

Sun	12	9.30am 11.30am	Mary Murphy (Anni) People of the parish
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Feast Days: 7th Oct Our Lady of Rosary
9th Oct Blessed John Henry Newman

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 5th Oct 2014

9.30 am Julia, Asipita
Elizabeth (E)
11.30am Honorine, Ajiri
Serso, Sr Leera (E)

Weekend 12th Oct 2014

School Children
School Staff
Julie, Stella
Vera, Loveness (E)

RIP: Jimmy Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

Anniversaries during this Week: Colum Byrne, Mary Ann Young, Mary Margaret Murphy, Tim Boylan, Dan Dunnion, Margaret Gill, Nellie Gilroy, Nora Healy, Bridget Noonan, Robert Elliot, Kathleen Ward, Eddie Martin, Margaret Hamill, Seamus Gannon, , Maura Bridget Delargy, Margaret Fleck, Nora Edwards, David Doran, Elizabeth Villiers.

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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Twenty Seventh Sunday 5th to 12th Oct 2014

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WE ARE NOT WASTED LOT

A story is told of a man who carried a stick across his shoulders with two pots hanging on either side; one pot was new but the other was old, half cracked and was losing water. The cracked pot used to glance at the good one with sadness until one day it told its owner how useless it felt due to its age and the cracks; 'I'm not useful to anyone any more' it lamented.

But the man was not happy to hear negative self-portrait of the pot that had served him faithfully for many years. 'I will fill you with water as I normally do' he said 'and take you home but as we go look at the flowers growing along the way.' The old pot looked at them: they were beautiful and strong but realizing its fragile state it insisted 'I am worthless!

Reaching home the man asked: "did you notice that flowers grew only on your side of the way"? I knew you are fragile and broken in many places but you are very useful and you can still give life to others, as water dripped from you these plants grew and produced flowers which are picked and taken to decorate the altar.

Speaking to some of my parishioners some have a feeling that either because they are no longer physically strong enough, or because it is long since they have been away from the Christian faith, they are no longer good contributors to the Church's growth, beauty and holiness. The truth is that in our own imperfections and weaknesses God's grace is fully revealed. **We are not a wasted lot.** When we come into the presence of the Lord, he will not expect anyone of us to be without bruises and cracks, these will be signs of battles well fought for love and in service of him. Years before the coming of guns in Uganda people used shields and spears for battle, a shield that had fought many battles was seen by the number of wounds inflicted on it, its owner was then very proud of it because it fought his battles and protected him. 'Scars,' 'bruises' and 'cracks' will be proofs of our fidelity to Jesus,

We are so lucky to have a mixture of elderly and young people in the parish especially at Sunday Masses because we can get assurances from each other. Many youth at Mass bring joy in the hearts of the elders because it tells them that they have not wasted their time following Jesus since many young people want to do the same. On the other hand seeing elderly people in the church reminds young people that following Jesus is not a one-off event but a lifelong commitment. It goes without saying that our very being here today speaks volumes!

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

Parish visitation: Bishop William Kenny will visit our parish for two days 1st and 2nd of November 2014 to meet the people and to listen to their spiritual concerns. The Bishop will meet with students and all young people of the parish on 2nd November 2014 after the 11:30am Mass in the parish hall.

RCIA sessions begun last Tuesday with 6 catechumens registered; sessions will be held every Tuesday at 6.00pm in the parish hall. All those adults who wish to be baptised or those who are already baptised in churches other than a Catholic Church and seeking full communion with the Catholic Church are invited to join this course. The sessions take only 1hour and will conclude on Easter vigil 2015.

Baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their children baptized will be held on Monday 13th October 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall

Practice for Confirmation: for those to be confirmed will take place on Monday 20th Oct. in the church at 6:00pm. This practice includes adults as well. Candidates and their sponsors should make provisions to make sure that they are all present for the practice and on time.

Welcome Mass for Coventry University Students will be on **Sunday 26th October 2014 at 11.30am**. It is providential that we have students as members of our parish community; they support us in the running of the parish by forming the choir, cleaning the church and by joining us for daily prayers, Holy Hour, daily Rosary, Holy Mass etc...

Spirituality and Faith Centre Coventry University: For the benefit of all our Catholic students there will be Mass celebrated at the S&F Centre every Tuesday at 1.10pm from 7th October 2014 at Hub, 3rd Floor. Fr Jimmy and Sr Lydwyn will be available at S&F centre from 11.00am to 2.00pm.

Month of October is dedicated to our Lady of Rosary. Praying Rosary either individually or as a family is an age old tradition in the Catholic Church. Through the recitation of the Rosary directed to Mary the Mother of God we ultimately praise God the Father. I invite you to cultivate this habit of praying the Rosary in your families. The family that prays together stays together. Let us make our families a welcome place for God to dwell in.

Blessing of the Graves: Due to bad weather in late November it is difficult for people to visit the graves of their dear ones, hence Fr Jimmy will bless the graves of our parishioners on the following dates: Saturday 11th October 2014 at 2.00pm London Road Cemetery and at 4.00pm St Paul's Cemetery. Families with dear ones in London Rd cemetery will gather at the entrance where Fr Placid Rae is buried and St Paul's at the entrance to the cemetery.

Day of prayer for Vocations: This Sunday 5th October 2014 will be our day to pray for vocations in the Church. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed immediately after the 11.30am Mass and conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £466.50 loose £541.36 Total £1007.86

Fr Hudson's Society £359.54 thank you.

Counters: 5th Oct Sandra McAvoy & Maureen Jones

Second Collection 5th October CAFOD

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 6 Mary Mulroney

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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.

Other Matters of importance

Meeting to discuss Parish visitation: will take place on Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 6:30pm. This is a very important meeting to help us to form an agenda of some issues that we would wish the archbishop to address for the growth of our parish. The Bishop will visit our parish on 1st and 2nd of November.

Gift Aid Scheme: if you give your Sunday offerings through Gift Aid Scheme and you do not come to St. Mary's due to the loss of our Saturday Mass, you can still go on using your envelopes in any parish where you might attend your Sunday Mass; the priest in that church will forward them to St. Marys. Our parish is one of the poor ones in Coventry; offerings made through Gift Aid Scheme are of tremendous help to the running of the parish.

Saint of the Week: John Henry Newman was born in London in 1801 and for 20 years he was an Anglican priest. His study of history of the Church led him towards Catholicism and in 1845 he was received into the Catholic Church. In 1847 he was ordained Catholic priest and went on to found the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England. He was an influential writer on a variety of subjects. And composed beautiful hymns some of which we sing in our Parish liturgy. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo the XIII. He is praised for his humility and contribution to the intellectual life of the Church. He died in Birmingham 11th Aug. 1890. He was beatified in our presence by Pope Benedict XVI at ceremony in Birmingham on 19th September 2010.

Dates for your Diary:

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

Saturday 29th November Parish Christmas bazaar

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