

MASSES Week 6th to 13th July 2014

Sat	05	6. 00pm	Bulungu Bwana Miteo (RIP) Peter Hoey (Anni)
Sun	06	9.30am	Kevin Kelly (Anni) James Byrne (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	07	12.30pm	Liturgy of the Word
Tue	08	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word
Wed	09	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs	10	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Liturgy of the Word
Fri	11	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Liturgy of the Word
Sat	12	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	12	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	13	9.30am	Samuel Aikhionbare (Birthday)
		11.30am	Anne Rodgers (B'day Remembrance) Luz Alba de Taylor (B'day Remembrance)

Fest Days: 11th July St Benedict, Abbot, (Patron of our parish)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 5th /6th July 2014

6.00 pm Sr Leera, Brendan
Sophie (E)
9.30 am Julia, Nazareth
Bridie (E)
11.30am Julie, Noble
Vera, Veronica (E)

Weekend 12th /13th July 2014

Clare Wilson, Theresa
Sr Leera (E)
Roisin, Aspita
Elizabeth (E)
Honorine
Serso, Loveness (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: Peter Hoey, Lisa Kerry Somma, Josephine Murray, Catherine Bridget Logan, Joyce Heffernan, Samuel Kennedy, Herbert & Mary Rush, Thomas Crawley, Anne Coyne, Thomas Flynn, Margaret Sheilds, James Patrick Byrne, Donald Brennan, Francis Casey, Robert Butler.

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, James Hamil.

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IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Going to church on Sunday is a big problem for many people around the world. Even those who once used to go, they find all sorts of reasons why they cannot make it as often. The Third Commandment imposes upon us the obligation to **"Make Holy the Sabbath"** (Dt.5:12), in our case the Sunday which as we know is the Day of the Lord. But there are other reasons why the Sunday Mass ought to be unmissable. The reason to going to church is to seek to build our relationship with God and with others. Speaking to a young man recently, I asked him why he does not go to church now that he is at college. The answer he gave me was: *"Church is boring it is repetitive, predictable and a meaningless ritual. I would rather sleep in. I work hard all week and I deserve it!"*

If the Church is repetitious so is life. Our lives are structured around cycles of work, eating, family and recreation times. Any of these activities can become boring if we don't strive to find something interesting or enjoyable about them. Again all the vital activities of our bodies are repetitive if we are to be kept alive. We blink our eyes, we swallow saliva, we breathe in and out so often, the heart must beat the same way etc... If any of these are not repetitive, we are in danger.

Sunday mornings at church are a time to make new friends and to renew old ones; to learn about the Word of God; to share problems and joys as well as to thank God for another week of life.

There is no merit in going to Church to fulfill an obligation through some ritual. It is good to go to Church to worship God and to encounter with him with those he summons in his presence.

Summer time is football time, it makes people to make merry! The good weather and long days of light are temptations to those obsessed with work, games and parties. All I know is that whatever we are, whatever we have are all gifts from God. We never control our lives. I cannot guarantee that I will be alive the next week, day, hour or moment. Human life is a gift from God who also controls the measure of it **Psalm 139:16**. Our intelligence, talents and appearance are all gifts from God, not to forget the food we have at table. Therefore, who we are, when and where we are born, how long for we live, etc., are all gifts from God.

The person who recognizes that he has reason to be thankful is very blessed; and more blessed is the person who returns to God full of thanks. The only thing that surprised Jesus was that someone thanked him (Lk 17:11-19). It's good to give a little surprise to Jesus by thanking him on a Sunday morning.

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.

Assisted Dying Bill: the Bill to legalize "assisted dying" or 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 to your Member of Parliament 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.

Marriage banns 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 £295.42 Loose £494.43 Total £789.85 Thank you.

Peter's pence £224.95

Counters: 6th July Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 42 Elizabeth Hughes

Saturday Draw No 42 Vera Dunnion

Second Collection:

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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

Update from CAFOD it is now almost 8 months since Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines, and we wanted to thank you and your parishioners for the tremendous generosity you showed in responding to CAFOD's appeal. We have been able to do a huge amount to help those affected, and we wanted to feed that back to all those who gave. Typhoon Haiyan, which hit the Philippines on 8 November 2013, tearing apart the communities of 14 million people and leaving at least five million homeless. CAFOD has helped tens of thousands of families to rebuild their lives in the months since the typhoon, supporting local priests and church volunteers in providing food packs and shelter kits, emergency hygiene kits to help prevent the spread of disease, creating 'cash-for-work' schemes which have employed people to clear debris in exchange for money to buy food and pay for repairs to their homes, and supplying tools, seeds and training to thousands of farmers whose crops were destroyed. CAFOD will now work with local communities to build schools and homes designed to offer extra protection against future typhoons. Fr Edwin Gariguez, of CAFOD's partner Caritas Philippines, said: "We thank the Catholic community of England and Wales for their magnanimous expression of solidarity. We send you our sincerest gratitude, on behalf of the people we serve." - Helen and Abigail

Apostleship of the sea: Sea Sunday is celebrated on 13th July, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. It is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain; it provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Let us support them with our prayers.

Annual Rosary Rally will be held at Holy Cross Church, Whitwick at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire to pray for World peace and young people on Sunday 24th August 2014. The Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm. Fr Anselm Stark OCSO will be the Principal Celebrant. Please find the details on the notice board.

Summer Production: The children of Key Stage Two's of our school 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!

Multicultural Mass of the African Day will be celebrated on Sunday 10th August 2014 at St Elizabeth's church, Foleshill Road, Coventry. The Mass will begin at 2.30pm followed by sharing of cultural dishes, barbeque and other foods in the parish garden. All are welcome.

Dates for your Diary

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