

MASSES Week 8th to 15th Feb 2015

Sun	08	9.30am 11.30am	Anthony Braganza (Anni) Deceased members of the family of Olivia
Mon	09	12.30pm	Mary & Liam Campling (Good health)
Tue	10	9.30am	Josephine Edwards (RIP)
Wed	11	9.30am	Mary McEnery (RIP)
Thurs	12	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Rev Fr Calisto (RIP)
Fri	13	6.30-7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Lazarus Obalim (RIP)
Sat	14	10.30am	Vera Dunnion (Spl Int)
11.00am-12.00 Noon Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			
Sun	15	9.30am 11.30am	Josephine Edwards (RIP) June Houghton (RIP) People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 8th February 2015

Weekend 15th February 2015.

9.30 am	Asipita, Roisin Bridie Kelly (E)	Nazareth, Julia Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	John, Charles Vera, Veronica.	Jeanette, Victoria Serso, Sr Lydwin (E)

RIP: Leslie Anne Stephen, Bob McGorman, Don MacCaffer,

Anniversaries during this Week: Frank & Maura Corrigan, William Mulroney, Leslie Burke, Bridget Clisham, Bridget Molloy, Teresa Langan, Ellen Crawlway, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Bohan, Bridie Underwood.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulroney, Maureen Patterson, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Parkes, Joe Reynolds, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Duignan, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Michelle, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan.

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

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8th FEB. FIRST INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On 3rd Feb 2015 a press conference was held in the Holy See Press Office to launch the first International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. This weekend Sunday 8th on the feast of a Sudanese slave Josephine Bakhita a slave and victim of human trafficking, the church calls upon us to realize the evil of human trafficking. It is not difficult to find someone who was taken into a country with false promise of a better life; only to find that money and passports are taken away leaving the victims virtually stateless and in slavery! The Day is promoted by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants, the Pontifical Council "Justice and Peace" and the International Union of Superiors General (UISG).

The launch was attended by Cardinal Joao Braz de Aviz, prefect of the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life; Cardinal Antonio Maria Veglio, president of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace.

If you thought slave trade and bonded labor is a thing of the past, think again, millions of people today are deprived of freedom and are forced to live in slavery. The Mediterranean Sea and Pacific Ocean have become grave yards for victims of human trafficking. The Holy Father invites us all to recognize that we are facing a global phenomenon which exceeds the competence of any one community or country. Our awareness must expand and extend to the very depths of this evil; from awareness to prayer ... from prayer to solidarity ... and from solidarity to concerted action, until slavery and trafficking are no more". Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery, some people are brainwashed and trafficked to go and commit crime in foreign countries. Let us reflect and pray in order to cast light on this crime.

"O God, when we hear of children and adults deceived and taken to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, and organ 'harvesting', our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are ignored through threats, lies, and force. We cry out against the evil practice of this modern slavery, and pray with St. Bakhita for it to end. Give us wisdom and courage to reach out and stand with those whose bodies, hearts and spirits have been so wounded, so that together we may make real your promises to fill these sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good. Send the exploiters away empty-handed to be converted from this wickedness, and help us all to claim the freedom that is your gift to your children. Amen".

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

Baptismal Preparation: families with children to be baptised are informed that there will be baptismal course on Monday 9th February 2015 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

Mass for University Students This Tuesday 10th Feb. Fr. Jimmy will be away for denary meeting, so no Mass at the University.

First Holy Communion preparation programme will commence on Monday 9th March 2015 at 6.00pm. If there are children who are studying in schools other than St Mary's and wish to be included, please contact Mrs MacDonald, the head teacher of our school. The First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 13th June 2015.

Fr David Keniry Director of the Ark of the Covenant 2002/2011, and known to many in Coventry, celebrates his Golden Jubilee of Ordination on 13th March this year. A special Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Friday 13th March at Christ the King Church, 124 Warren Farm Road, Kingstanding B44 0QN followed by a reception to which all are welcome. If you are intending to go, please leave a message on 01926 773744 or at mchatfield51@outlook.com to facilitate catering.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £254.50 Loose £520.12 Total £774.62 Thank you.
Catholic Education £ 260.76

Counters: Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 32 E Tomlinson, Fr Jimmy

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Second Collection 1st March CAFOD-Lent fast
8th March Cathedral maintenance

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

Bishop Ullathorne School the report speaks for itself: Exam league tables reveal our partner secondary school, Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School, to be a top performing school in Coventry. As reported nationally and in the Coventry Telegraph, at A 'level our secondary school came second after Bablake for pupils achieving three A 'levels. The private King Henry VIII School came third! For GCSE, our secondary school was also second in the city beating Finham Park. It is wonderful to know that our children here will achieve in the very supportive Catholic community at Bishop Ullathorne School. Congratulations to students and staff.

Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 9-16 Sept 2015 will be led by Bishop Robert Byrne with Canon Melvyn Tower as the Spiritual Leader. The pilgrimage includes visits to many principal Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilee and opportunities to meet with the local Christian communities. Please note: The deadline for booking forms and the non-returnable deposit of £300 per person is 28th February 2015. There are still some places available. Details are available from Gill Didino at Tangney Tours, telephone 01732 88666 or visit www.tangney-tours.com

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2015 will take place from Saturday 23rd May to Friday 29/30th May. The Archdiocese celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the Pilgrimage. If you wish to go to Lourdes the details are on the noticeboard.

Christ the King Boxing Club is now accepting new members. The Boxing Club meets each week at St Augustine's Sports Centre and further details are available from Brendan Malone on 07950 690122 and Colm Doherty on 07814 882236. Members have to be aged between 9 years and 18."

Archbishop Bernard's dad Mr. Fred Longley died in the early morning of Tuesday 3rd Feb 2015. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for Archbishop Bernard, his sister Kathleen and family.

The Police said that elderly residents in the Black Country are being duped out of life savings by thieves posing as workmen offering emergency repairs. Police raised the alarm following 17 reports in the last few weeks of bogus tradesmen targeting pensioners with door-step pitches for gardening or building work. In some cases the crooks fled after being handed hundreds of pounds – never returning to carry out the promised labour – but they've also talked their way into homes and swiped cash behind victims' backs. If anyone has any information about these offences, or has been approached by men offering similar services, or has seen anything suspicious in their neighbourhood that may be related, contact us on the 101 number. We urge residents to look out for their elderly neighbors and spread the message of vigilance against door-step con artists. Always be wary of people who turn up at your door unannounced and never buy products or services from cold callers. Never invite unexpected visitors into your home; use a door chain, keep them out and ask for ID if they claim to be from a company.

Cake Sale: we resume our normal cake sale to raise money for flowers that adorn the Altar of the Lord. There is cake sale today Sunday February 8th. Thanks to the ladies who donate the ingredients and make the cakes from their own resources.

LIVE MASS BROADCAST FROM ST. MARY'S:

Step 1: Go to internet Google and type in www.mcnmedia.tv

Step 2: Click on: **Mcn Media Church Services-Webcams-Live Streaming.**

Step 3: Click on **photo of St. Marys** Church. Sunday Mass at 9:30am & 11:30am