

MASSES Week 9th to 16th November 2014

Sun	09	9.30am	Peace in Poland Gerald Dunnion (Anni) Deceased of Tran Family
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	10	12.30pm	Sisters of St Ann (Needs of the province)
Tue	11	9.30am	Francis & Cecilia Mathias (RIP)
Wed	12	9.30am	Jim Dunleavy (RIP)
Thurs	13	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Charity Ndok (RIP) Anne & Chukwudi (10 th Wedding Anni)
Fri	14	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Maura Marron (RIP)
Sat	15	10.30am	Departed parents of the Sisters
		11.00am to 12.00Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	16	9.30am	Anne Shanley (10 th Anni) Osagie Family (Spl Int)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days: 9th Nov Feat of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 2nd Nov 2014

9.30 am Keyna, Nazareth
Sophie Drabik (E)
11.30am Veronica, Mena
Loveness, Sr Lydwin (E)

Weekend of 9th Nov 2014

Asipita, Julia
Jean Hoey (E)
John, Ajiri
Serso, Veronica (E)

RIP: Ellen Flaherty, Michael O'Shea, Jim Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

Anniversaries during this Week: Bridget Flynn, Patrick Plunkett, Gerald Thomas Dunnion, Nikkie Cherry, Con & James Healy, Jack Allen, Rodger Gill, Patrick Ledwidge, Mary Mooney, Alton Taylor Robinson, Mary Margaret Crean, Patrick Mooney, Paddy Darley, Mary McFall, Robert Delargy, Emma Howey, William Greene, Michael Marron, Thomas Patrick McSweeney, Sarah McFadden, Packie Meehan, Ellen Duffy, Nora Herbert.

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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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Sunday 9th to 16th Nov 2014

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OUR PARISH REPORT - VISITATION 1ST & 2ND NOVEMBER 2014.

We welcome His Lordship Bishop William on his pastoral visit to our parish. As our Parish priest mentioned in the newsletter a fortnight ago, our parish was last visited on 4th and 5th November 2006 and since then it has changed so much. Factors that have prompted the growth of our parish: In the year 2007 Sr. Leena and Sr Lydwin of the Sisters of St. Anne of Providence from the Central Province of India came to our parish and in 2008, the Religious Missionary Order of the Apostles of Jesus sent Fr. Jimmy Lutwama our parish priest to St. Mary's. We thank these two religious Orders for their work among us. Therefore factors that have prompted the growth of our parish include among others:

Stable leadership in the person of the parish priest and Nuns for 8 years. Committed Christians who love their parish, this is manifested when there is work to be done. Our parish is welcoming and friendly. We are blessed with new comers who are fervent and committed Christians. Young families with children bringing hope for the church and to the school.

Since the last visitation there has been 240 baptisms, hundreds of First Holy Communions, 210 Confirmations, 14 marriages, 130 funerals, 23 received into the church plus 6 who are receiving instructions.

The parish is able to run smoothly because of many volunteers who dedicate their time. We have: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar servers, flower arrangers, church cleaners, choir members, bankers, governors in the school and the practical and skilled people who come to see if the parish priest needs a hand here and there. We thank the people who are involved in these activities.

Social Pastoral outreach of the parish: The parish has well organized socio/pastoral outreach to people within the community through: Monday club a weekly lunch and bingo play activity for the elderly regular parish dances, annual Christmas dinner and bazaar. Spiritual outreach of the parish: Our parish provides spiritual support not only to parishioners but to all who come into the city. We have regular RCIA program, monthly prayers for priests and for Divine Mercy, monthly Rosa Mystica prayer group meeting weekly Mass at Coventry University for students and staff, weekly catechesis for children (we are so lucky to have so many children at Mass). We do annual blessing of graves and annual Mass for bereaved (only our parish offers this kind of service in the deanery). We conduct Marriage seminars. And from November 9th, we shall have start a monthly Mass in French language Through these activities the parish reaches out to people within and from outside its borders. **To be continued**

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 for deceased priests who have served in Coventry will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 11th November 2014 at 6:00pm. The names of the priests that have served in our parish and denary in living memory will be called out. Please let us go and pray for the men that dedicated their lives to our service.

RCIA programme: I am glad to tell you that 8 persons are receiving instructions at present. **Ehi Omoregie, Edward Osasere Omoregie, Eric Appiah, Helen Sarfowaa, Miriam Malearipe, Felistas Sakarombe, Ivan Winny Tankeu-Tchapda, Latoya Quansan Aboagye.** They will be received into full communion with the Church on Easter Vigil. Let us support them with our prayers in their journey of faith.

The First Mass in French Language: will be celebrated here today 9th November at 2:30pm. St Mary's and Benedict Church was preferred as the best place where French speaking Catholics would gather for the monthly French Mass in Coventry which will be starting at 2:30pm. Fr. Noel Bisibu N'tungu from Tamworth was appointed to lead French Speaking Catholics. He can be contacted on 07459187237; you can also contact Mr. Remi the local organizing chairperson on 07723897969

For the attention of Catholic Students: please be reminded that Holy Mass is celebrated every Tuesday at the Spirituality & Faith Centre-Coventry University at 1.10pm in "The Hub" on the 3rd Floor. Fr. Jimmy the catholic chaplain is always available to speak to you at any time. You can contact him on **07906124756**.

Baptism preparation course for all those parents who wish to have their children baptized will be on Monday 10th November 2014 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

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.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £331.25 £503.89 Total £835.14

Retired & Infirm clergy: £223.00 Thank you.

Counters: 9th Nov Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Second Collection 23rd November Catholic Youth Service
7th December Poor parishes

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 28 Nora Curristan

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Other Matters of importance

Thanks for welcoming Bishop as he visited our parish last week. He was very pleased that St. Mary's is a very strong and dynamic parish with lots of potential for evangelization. He thanks us all for such great energy we employ in our different roles in service of the parish and the Catholic Church in general.

Choir loft refurbished: if you had been at the choir loft these years, you must have been noticing how the carpet was worn out. I understand that it was either put by Fr. Thornton or by Fr. Danaher. Some repairs have been done on the choir loft and a new carpet placed.

Remembrance Sunday is celebrated today. Let us pray for all those who have laid down their lives for true peace and freedom. We also pray for all those who work for peace and justice around the world that the Lord may strengthen and reward their effort.

National Youth Sunday will be celebrated on 23rd November 2014, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The future of the Church lies in her youth. It is our duty to support and strengthen them in whatever way possible. There will be a second collection to support all diocesan Youth Services on the weekend of 23rd November.

Congratulations- we wish to congratulate our Head teacher Mrs. Pauline McDonald and all the teachers and supporting staff of our school for uplifting the academic standard of our school. The Government's data shows that St. Mary and Benedict's Catholic School is one of the top 1% for pupil progress in reading, writing and maths for 2014. I extend my sincere appreciation to all the staff and the students who work hard to keep up the standard and the parents who co-operate with them in their effort. Let us remember that the Catholic Church has centuries of experience in the education of young people. Let us always support that good record. Well done!

Parish Christmas Bazaar will take place on **Saturday 29th Nov 2014 from 11.00am to 2.00pm.** This is a fundraising event for the parish. Please support this event by donating tins of food, biscuits, chocolates, bottles of wine, tea, coffee, (within date) toiletries, soft toys and cash. We don't need old clothes, shoes and old electrical items. Put in the box at the back of the church.

Christmas Raffle Tickets are available this weekend. Buy them for yourself or collect them and sell them to your family and friends. Please remember to return the stubs along with money by the 26th November at the latest.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 10th Nov 2014 Baptism preparation course

Saturday 29th Nov 2014 Parish Christmas Bazaar 11:00am – 2:00pm

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