

MASSES Week 15th to 22nd June 2014

Sat	14	6.00pm	Michael Campbell (Get well)
Sun	15	9.30am	Serso & Loveness Nyilawila (Wedding Anni)
		11.30am	Alazar, Aklasia and Weldi Gabriel (RIP)
Mon	16	12.30pm	Phylis Brolly (RIP)
Tue	17	9.30am	Tony Leigh (RIP)
Wed	18	9.30am	Sr Cyrilla (RIP)
Thurs	19	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Rony Armstrong (RIP)
Fri	20	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Jean Scott (RIP)
Sat	21	10.30am	People of the parish
11.00am -12.00Noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			

Sat	21	6.00pm	Martin Ward (Anni) Beke Ewah (Birthday)
Sun	22	9.30am	Emmanuel Osagie (Birthday)
		11.30am	Chinenye (Birthday) Mama Helen Forbie (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 14th/ 15th June 2014

6.00 pm Tom, Theresa
Sophie (E)
9.30 am Julia, Keyna
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Hannah, Victoria
Serso, Loveness (E)

Weekend 21st/22nd June 2014

Sr Leena, Clare Gibson
Dr Jay (E)
Roisin, Elena
Elizabeth (E)
Mena, Victoria
Vera, Veronica (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week Jack Dunne, Michael Joseph Connors, Katie McHugh, Patsy Cooke, Bridget Meehan, William Maggs, Daniel Murphy, Martin Ward.

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.

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 15th to 22nd June 2014

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EITHER THEY WILL LOVE THE PRIESTHOOD OR HATE IT:

On the 26th of June, I will celebrate yet another year of my Ordination to the priesthood. Thank you all for your prayers and support in my calling. Nothing strengthens a priest in his vocation than to feel the support of his people. Fr. Jimmy might be one of the few priests in the deanery who is prayed for daily by his parishioners. For some of you who might not be aware, a Holy Rosary is offered daily in this church for Fr. Jimmy.

The call to the priesthood was something I grew up with. I remember the positive compliments my parents used to make about the priests whenever they visited our village. I don't remember a priest visiting our home but I have vivid memories of their monthly visits to our village church.

The visit of a priest meant so much to us, it was a time to have children baptized, marriages blessed, our sins confessed and forgiven. A time to reconcile disputes in the family or in the Christian community and to tell children that the priest will not be happy if when he visits he will be informed of the bad behavior.

As children we were encouraged by our parents to greet the priest, to admire them and to imitate them. That is how every good career begins. In the church there was no unnecessary noise during Mass. When we returned home the parents would ask us what the priest talked about in his homily. This was to help us to be attentive.

It is sad that this behavior towards the priest is no longer observed. Upon visiting a family the priest is more likely to be welcomed on a bottle of brandy or Dry Gin Vodka other than ordinary glass of water. The talks people engage priests in are likely to be more of criticism of whatever evil that goes on in the church other than seeking guidance in their spiritual life. God is interested in my personal relationship with him and not so much in whether I'm interested in other people's relationship with God.

God loving Catholics will always pray for more vocations in the church but we must remember that good vocations come from good families. We never harvest grapes from brambles! It was the good influence of my parents that made me to be a priest. In spite of my many sins I still wish to serve God in the priesthood. As each year passes by I have a feeling that when a priest lies in state among his people, he is successful indeed. The priesthood does not belong to the priest but to the people, that is why they must love their priests and support them. The priest is just like a pot of clay holding this treasure, a treasure that belongs not to him but to you.

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

Congratulations to all our children who made their First Holy Communion yesterday Saturday. It was indeed a grace filled day for the children, their families and the parish as we witnessed so many of them receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We pray that the joy and peace that they experienced on this great occasion last forever as they continue their journey of faith.

Coventry Corpus Christi procession will take place on Sunday 22nd June from St Osburg's Church with prayers and opening hymn at 3pm, and proceed across the bridge, through the precinct, to the Priory Ruins, where there will be a Service and Benediction at 4pm. Please take part. Children who will have received their First Holy Communion are encouraged to come dressed in their ceremonial dresses.

Sacred Heart School 90th Anniversary. Are you a past pupil? Are you a past teacher? Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (1924 – 2014) celebrates 90 years. Friday 27th June at 10.00am – solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. Mass outside – weather permitting. Followed by light refreshments and a sharing of memories amongst friends!

Deacon Patrick of St. Thomas More will celebrate his 20th anniversary of his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. To mark these events and to celebrate his dedicated and fruitful ministry in the City and beyond, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Thomas More on Thursday, 26th June at 7.00 p.m. followed by refreshments. It will be good to attend and to pray for him.

Children's Liturgy: It's my great joy to see so many little children who come to participate in the Sunday Mass. Sometimes we have over 60 children! I thank the parents who accompany them and try their best to form them in the Christian faith. Thanks to our children liturgy catechists namely Genet, Maria Vaughn, Anastasia and Sr Leena who give their time to teach and instruct them in the faith.

Vocations' Mass will take place at Corpus Christi Church Langbank Avenue, Ernesford Grange, Coventry, CV3 2QP on Thursday 19th June 2014 at 6.30pm.

Blessing the civil marriage between Mr. Henry Joseph Egboh and Amaka Chika Madubuobi of 120 St. Georges Road will take place on Saturday 28th June at 10:30am. There will not be confessions or exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £534.00 Loose £519.42 Total £1053.42 Thank you.

Counters: 15th June Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 48 Rose Hogan

Saturday Draw No

Second Collection: 29th June Peter's pence

Mass Attendance Week 7th/8th June 560

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

The Annual APF-Mill Hill Mission Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 12th July 2014 at 2.00pm at Christ the King & Our Lady of Lourdes 4 Westhill Road, Coventry, CV6 2AA. The Principal Celebrant will be Mgr Canon James Cronin. There will be refreshments and a short talk about the work of APF and Mill Hill after the Mass.

St. Benedict School: contributed £152.80 for desks to be donated to St. Francis Primary School in Uganda for children who otherwise sit on dusty floor. This has boosted our fundraising to this cause through cake sale. The next **Cake sale in support of St Francis School**, Lukodde will take place next weekend 21st/22nd June. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

CAFOD's Campaigns Team invite to hear first-hand about the impact of climate change in Kenya from Antony Mbandi, Director of CAFOD and also to discuss how green energy projects are transforming people's lives on Saturday 12th July 2014 from 10.30am to 3.30pm at St Chad's Cathedral, Grimshaw Room, Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU. Lunch is provided.

Cardinal Newman "Class of 1980" would like to invite old school friends to its informal reunion & celebration of their 50th Birthday year on July 19th 2014 at Kevin McGranaghan's "The Quadrant Club" in Coventry City Centre. The event is being hosted by Paul "Walks" Walker (ex Holy Family). For more information contact email Paul at walkerpaul35@hotmail.com or call 07540635822.

Dates for your Diary

14 th June	First Holy Communion at 10.30am
21 st /22 nd June	Cake sale
6 th Sept	Seminar for the Married Couples
23 rd Oct	Confirmation