

MASSES Week 26th April to 3rd May 2015

Sun	26	9.30am	Cony Aspin (Anni) Bridie Kelly (Get well)
		11.30am	Eileen (70 th Birthday) Deceased Members of Doyle Family

Mon	27	12.30pm	Jeanette Daley (Get well)
Tue	28	9.30am	Robert Dunham (RIP)
Wed	29	9.30am	Collin Grant (Get well)
Thurs	30	6.30-7.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
		7.30pm	Nison Kamhipiriri Chokuwamba (RIP)
Fri	01	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer for Priests
		7.30pm	Tony Smith (Spl Int)
Sat	02	9.30am	Rose & Mick Hogan (Spl Int)
10.00- 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.			

Sun	03	9.30am	Fr Jimmy (Birthday)
		11.30am	Fr Jimmy (Spl Int)

Feast Days: 1st May St Joseph the Worker

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 26th April 2015

9.30 am Asipita, Sr Leera
Sophie (E)
11.30am Jeanette, Kingsley
Vera, Serse (E)

Weekend 3rd May 2015

Roisin, Nazareth
Jean Hoey (E)
Cynthia, Stella
Loveness, Veronica (E)

R I P: Phelena Seaman

Anniversaries during this Week: Bridie Durkan, Mario Giampaglia, Minnie Noonan, Mary McCarron, Nada Stojanovic, Mary Margaret McGlynn, Roseleen Killen, Brendon Noel Gilroy.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulronee, 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, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Anne Creed, Mary O'Sullivan, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Nora O'Brien, Sean Harte.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 26th April to 3rd May 2015

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OUR PARISH PRIEST TOLD US WHY HE IS NOT HAPPY

Every priest you see is somebody's son, someone's brother. Every Nun you see is somebody's beloved daughter. Priests and religious come from families and from homes like your own. They are chosen by God from children just like your own. When they felt the desire to become religious, they were not dissuaded by their friends and families instead they were cheered on and supported to follow the calling. It is unimaginable that even pious Catholics do forget that the men and women who are at their service daily as priests and religious come from families, they miss them and miss family gatherings and events like birthdays, funerals etc. I have heard of some people who treat priests and speak about them as if they were the filth of the earth! Some so called good Catholics are also good at this; but there is not a single incident in the history of salvation where God chose a perfect man or woman to fulfil his plan. Not even Jesus made a perfect choice of his apostles even after spending the whole night in prayer (Lk. 6:12-16); Judas the man who betrayed him was among them!

Many people expect to have a 'perfect priest', but I don't think that I will live long enough to see one. What I know is that I have lived long enough to meet priests and religious who needed my prayers and support. Priesthood is a vocation which no one embraces unless he is called by God himself. The dwindling number of priests in England and Wales is being felt in all dioceses. Some priests have to look after a number of parishes and it is not always possible to have Mass in every church every Sunday. The average age of priests in England & Wales is rising alarmingly. There are not enough new priests to replace those who die, retire or leave the active ministry. This situation speaks volumes of what is going on inside the walls of catholic families, just as what is going on in the street reflects on what goes on inside the walls of families in our country.

What do you think about this? How will society survive without the prophetic priestly voice of a priest in our midst? As your priest, some people do ask me whether I'm happy. My answer is always *NO I'm not happy* the reason is simple; *No one has expressed an interest to take over my office as a priest.* I would feel much happier if there was someone from your family or from this parish who is training for priesthood or religious life because that would assure the continuity of the Lord's ministry given to me. You can become a missionary without leaving your home by supporting a student to train for the priesthood. Yes you can do it, ask me how and I will show 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

This year's theme for Vocations Sunday is "Change a Life." This reflects the dramatic change for anyone who begins to answer their vocation, and deepen their relationship with God. We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. There will be the annual collection for the Clergy Training Fund which supports our seminarians and students to diaconate. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Baptism preparation course for parents seeking to have their children baptised will be on Tues 5th May 2015 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

First Holy Communion will take place on Sat 13th June 2015: I urge the parents of those children who will be receiving their first Holy Communion to accompany them in their preparation and help them to understand the meaning and gravity of the Sacrament. Let us support them with our prayers.

Polish children who are doing catechism will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 24th May during the 9:30am Mass. They will make their first Confessions on Saturday 16th May at 7:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

Month of May is dedicated to Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. Let us ask her intercession particularly for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus. May they be strengthened in their fidelity to Christ and be delivered from the hands of their persecutors.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 9th May 2015 led by the Rt Rev William Kenney C.P. Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. There will be a Called to be Holy Novena from Friday 15th to Saturday 23rd May that is from Ascension to Pentecost. In addition there will be a Day of Recollection on Saturday 23rd May. Details are on the noticeboard.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £303.20 Loose £544.88 Total £858.08 Thank you.

Counters: 26th April Vera Dunnion & Julia Harte

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 23 Julia Hunt

Mass Attendance: Week 19th April 620

Second Collection: 26th April Clergy Training Fund

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

Diocesan Summer Camp for young people will take place in July organised by Kenelm Youth Trust Lifeteen for Summer Camp 2015! Young people will spend a week of adventure, exploring our Catholic faith, challenging them with exciting outdoor activities and be thrilled with a day out at Alton Towers and be transformed as they pray, share and have fun together! Summer Camp is open to all youth aged 11-18 and is being held at Alton Castle from 24th-28th July 2015. The cost is £250 but they ask for a minimum donation of £165 which includes all activities, day trips, a camp T-shirt, food and accommodation. For more information or to book a place email beccy.roseman@bcys.co.uk

Examinations for Coventry University students will begin from tomorrow. Please let us join to pray for these young people that God may help them by giving them good health and sober minds. We know that you have been working hard and that God has a plan for you. There is Holy **Mass** in the Spirituality and Faith Centre (the Hub) on the 3rd floor every Tuesday at 1.10pm. Come let us put our studies before the Lord in Holy Mass. Fr Jimmy and Sr. Lydwin the Catholic Chaplains are available from 11.00am- 2.00pm you can contact them on 07906124756.

Vatican City Catholic News Agency (CNS) sometime back reported that the number of deacons, priests and bishops increased in 2010, while the number of women in religious orders declined, according to Vatican statistics. At the end of 2010, the worldwide Catholic population reached 1.196 billion.

The percentage of Catholics declined slightly in South America from 28.54% to 28.34% and dropped considerably in Europe from 24.05% to 23.83%. The Vatican said the number of bishops in the world increased from 5,065 to 5,104; the number of priests went from 410,593 to 412,236, increasing everywhere except Europe. The number of permanent deacons reported -- 39,564 -- was an increase of more than 1,400 over the previous year. 97.5% of the world's permanent deacons live in the Americas or in Europe.

The number of men joining a religious order showed "a setback," the Vatican said, with an increase of only 436 male religious worldwide in 2010. The number of women in religious orders fell by more than 7,000 in 2010, despite showing a 2% increase in both Asia and Africa. At the end of the year, Catholic women's orders had 721,935 members. The number of seminarians around the world showed continued growth, from 117,978 at the end of 2009 to 118,990 at the end of 2010.

With these figures we all need to pray for vocations and to support those who are called. We need also to nurture the lives of those already in ministry by supporting them with our prayer, pastoral cooperation and good example.

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