

MASSES Week 26th Oct to 2nd Nov 2014

Sun	26	9.30am	Samantha (Birthday) Mary Murphy (Anni)
		11.30am	Boniface Galvan (RIP)
Mon	27	12.30pm	Clay & Doris (Thanks giving)
Tue	28	9.30am	Geet Mahoney (RIP)
Wed	29	9.30am	Charlie McDevitt (RIP)
Thurs	30	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Maura Marron & Jim Dunleavy (RIP)
Fri	31	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Jim Dunleavy (RIP) Gordon Garnett (RIP)
Sat	01	9.30am	Maria Scott (Birthday)
(No Confessions or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)			
Sun	02	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days: 28th Oct Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles
2nd Solemnity of all Saints
3rd Nov Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 26th Oct 2014

9.30 am Asipita, Tom Ward
Barbara (E)
11.30am John, Stella
Loveness, Sr Leera (E)

Weekend 2nd Nov 2014

Julia, Elena
Betty Osagie (E)
Ajiri, Honorine
Serso, Veronica (E)

RIP: Michael Oshea, Jim Dunleavy, Kevin Foley, Theresa Carey, Maura Marron.

Anniversaries during this Week: Angelina McHugh, Patrick Goucher, John Joseph Mulligan, Sam McCosker, William McSorley, Hughie McCabe, Joseph Ryan, Anna Mara, Eileen Ward, Patricia Bennis, Thomas Lyons, Eileen Floyd, Bridget Prosser, Maureen Thornton, Ellen Roe, Danny Prosser.

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

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UGANDA'S TERMITES CAN TEACH US WHAT TO DO

I had a knock at my door by someone who was upset by evil in the world. *Look there is no peace anywhere, our politicians are so corrupt, giving us money in this hand and taking it away from the other. And the church too, ooh where did all the saints go! I feel sick of all this, I belong to a sinful church!* As I listened to the man I said: 'but there is nothing in the Christian Creed to indicate that the Church to which we belong is sinful, don't we say every Sunday when we profess the faith that it is Holy? *Ooh Father you just stay in the Church like the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary you don't know what is going on out there*" he said. The man was talking about the church which is *out there but not within*; he does not see himself as part of it even though he is baptized. The holiness of the church as far as he was concerned is a thing of the past, all that he sees are sinners but he is not one of them!
As he spoke to me, I recalled that the Christian Creed talks about the forgiveness of sins, this is to emphasize the point that although the Church is Holy sin is real too.

How can we get rid of sin in the Church and how can we increase her holiness? Well in Uganda we have termite colonies which build anthills that David Attenborough would describe as complex as the sky-scrapers of New York. Each termite carries a tiny mud in its mouth, almost invisible to the naked eye and deposits it where a colony is to be built, other termites continue to do the same; that eventually a big anthill is built several meters high!
Holiness and sinfulness in the church is like that, each baptized contributes to it since the actions of each Christian has impact on the general image of the church. The Church is not **them**, the Church is **us**. If each Christian brought a tiny amount of holiness into the church, we shall have so much holiness seen over the continents. The contrary is true, when an individual Christian lives in a sinful life no matter how tiny it is; it creates such a huge mountain that can be seen over the continents.

To get rid of sin in the church, let us behave like Uganda termites, bring out your holiness put it into the church. Let others bring theirs if we put it together people will see nothing but a huge mountain of holiness. The holiness of an individual Christian is what makes the holiness of the universal Church. The little mud brought by an individual tiny termite is what makes a huge anthill. Uganda's termites have a great lesson to teach us. When I go home I spend few hours learning from them.

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 in French Language: Do you speak French or enjoy listening to it? A holy Mass will be celebrated here at St Mary's and Benedict Church for French speaking community every month starting from **9th November 2014**. Fr. Noel Bisibu N'tungu from Tamworth was appointed to lead French Speaking Catholics in the diocese and St. Mary's parish was preferred as the best place where French speaking Catholics would gather for the monthly Mass which will be starting at 2:30pm. I ask Catholics whose first language is French to embrace this pastoral outreach with open arms. For further information please contact Fr. Noel on 07459187237 or Mr. Remi the local organizing chairperson on 07723897969

Parish visitation: a meeting to plan for the pastoral visit of Bishop William Kenney sat last Wednesday. A parish pastoral visit is important it is the occasion when parishioners present their mission to their bishop. A number of meetings have been organized for the bishop to meet us as follows:

Saturday 10:00am – 12:00noon visit the elderly and housebound
2:00pm meeting school head, governors and safeguarding.
5:30pm meeting with parish pastoral agents.
Sunday 9:30am and 11:30am Holy Mass
Sunday 1:00pm meeting young people of the parish and students.
4:00pm bishop meets religious of the parish.

A pastoral report is being prepared based on the points which were discussed at the meeting last Wednesday in answer to the Bishop's expectations. It will be read and presented to Bishop William Kenney when he visits our parish.

University Students: For the benefit of all our students there is Mass every Tuesday at the Faith and Spirituality centre "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 his mobile **Number 07906124756**. He is present at the Spirituality and Faith Centre every Tuesday from 11:30am until 2:30pm.
Today **26th October 2014 at 11.30am** we welcome all the students into our parish community. After Mass We shall have some tea/ coffee and biscuits 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 £246.00 £530.43 Total £776.43 Thank you.

Counters: 26th October Agnes Heffernan & Tom Ferris

Second Collection 2nd November Johnson Association (Retired & Infirm Clergy)
23rd November Catholic Youth Service
7th December Poor parishes

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 8 Bernie Curristan

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Other Matters of importance

Congratulations: to all those who were Confirmed last Thursday. We pray for them that they may mature in the faith. Thanks to the teachers who worked so hard to make the day so prayerful for us all.

Gift Aid Scheme: if you give your Sunday offerings through Gift Aid Scheme and you do not come to St. Mary's due to the loss of our Saturday Mass, you can still go on using your envelopes in any parish where you might attend your Sunday Mass; the priest in that church will forward them to St. Marys. Our parish is one of the poorest in Coventry; offerings made through Gift Aid Scheme are of tremendous help to the running of the parish.

New publication: 'Deacon Tony Janew from Christ the King Parish has written a book offering a defense of the Catholic Faith against modern questions and criticisms. It is written as a story entitled 'A Walk with a Minion of Satan' (with the subtitle 'Truth, Meaning and Life –A Defense of the Christian Faith'). Available from Amazon'.

Parish Christmas Bazaar will take place on **Saturday 29th November 2014 from 11.00am to 2.00pm**. It is an annual event to raise funds for the parish. For the success of this event we need the support and co-operation of each and every one. I call on all my parishioners to come forward with ideas as to how we can make it a success. We need tins of food, biscuits, chocolates, bottles of wine, tea, coffee, toiletries, soft toys etc. Please bring in whatever you can and put in the box at the back of the church.

Raffle tickets for Teddy Bear and a number of attractive prizes are available this weekend. Please contact Tom Ferris or Agnes Heffernan for tickets.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 26th October 2014 Welcome Mass for students

Sunday 2nd Nov. 2014 young people will meet Bp. William Kenny after 11:30 Mass.

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

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