

MASSES Week 8th to 15th June 2014

Sat	07	6.00pm	Peter Harte (RIP)
Sun	08	9.30am	Rose & Mick Hogan (Spl Int)
		11.30am	Nuala Byrne (Spl Int)
			People of the parish
Mon	09	12.30pm	Agnes Heffernan & Family (Spl Int)
			Experito Lutwama (Anni)
Tue	10	9.30am	SSA (Thanks giving)
Wed	11	9.30am	Kathleen Delany (Spl Int)
Thurs	12	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Peter Harte (RIP)
Fri	13	6.30-7.00pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Kevin Ferris (Anni)
			Mark Mathias (Anni)
Sat	14	10.30am	First Holy Communion
Sat	14	6.00pm	Michael Campbell (Get well)
Sun	15	9.30am	Alazar, Aklasia & Weldi (RIP)
		11.30am	Serso Nyilawila (Wedding Anni)

Feast Days: 13th June St Anthony of Padua

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 1st to 8th June 2014

6.00 pm Patrick, Sr Leera
Barbara (E)
9.30 am Sr Lydwin, Aspita
Bridie (E)
11.30am Honorine, Veronica
Vera, Kath (E)

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Tom, Theresa
Sophie (E)
Julia, Keyna
Betty Osagie (E)
Hannah, Victoria
Serso, Loveness (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week Margaret Crawford, Michael Woods, Joe Heavey, Experito Lutwama, Edward Devlin, Mary Elizabeth Hand, Jack Dunne, Michael Joseph Connors.

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

Solemnity of Pentecost 8th to 15th June 2014

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MY COUNTRY MEN THE UGANDA MARTYRS:

Fortitude or the courage to profess our faith is one of the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Last Tuesday June 3rd, the Church celebrated the feast of the Uganda martyrs. How did it happen? Well Catholicism came to Uganda on 17th February 1879 not far from my home. Protestantism had arrived 2 years earlier; Islam had come even much earlier. Some natives who were later to become martyrs had tried one faith or the other, but none convinced them so much than the Catholic faith. Its high moral demands and Christian self-sacrifice after the example of Jesus made them so determined to resemble him in every detail. Paganism was rejected but this was interpreted by the king as disobedience to his authority and to the traditional gods.

On 25 May 1886, King Mwanga sentenced 2 martyrs to death; Denis Ssebuggwawo and Andrew Kaggwa who he thought were the leaders. On the morning of 26th May 1886, he summoned his chiefs to discuss the 'disobedience' of his servants. Satisfied with the support of his chiefs, he gave orders for all the servants to be assembled before him. He also commanded the attendance of Mukajanga, the chief executioner. He appointed a royal legate, with powers to seize and plunder Christians in the villages far beyond.

When Charles Lwanga and his companions were assembled, the king asked them: 'Are you all Christians?' 'Yes we are Christians,' they replied. 'Are you unshaken in your resolve to remain Christians?' The king asked. 'If you choose not to regard that as a crime, we shall be grateful to you, but we shall never cease to be Christians. That of which a man is fully conscious he cannot deny.' Then speaking to the king Charles Lwanga said; 'you, sir, are always telling us that we must do our duty, we have never failed to do so.' Today once again, we take up the position you command.' Mwanga then shouted, 'Tie up all the Christians!' 'Take them to Namugongo and burn them to death!

The preparations were not completed until the eve of the Ascension Day, 2 June 1886. Early on the morning of Ascension Day, 3 June 1886 thirty-two prisoners were burnt in the great holocaust at Namugongo. Of these, twelve are recognized as Catholic martyrs. Nine are recognized by the Anglicans. The remaining ten were pagans, who had been in prison and under sentence of death for offences other than religion.

We might not be called to this kind of witness to Jesus, but we are called to live our faith in him daily with Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, and with Fear of the Lord. These are gifts of the Holy Spirit to us.

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



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.

Churches Together in Coventry and Warwickshire have organized a conference for women with a theme "*Prayer in our Christian Traditions A Diversity of Gifts*" with Janet Wiltshire, Christine Craven, Sister Teresa Phelan and others to take place on Saturday 5th July 10.30am-3.30pm at the Methodist Central Hall Coventry CV1 2HA. The cost is £10.00 including lunch. Welcome coffee/tea 10am - the Central Hall is on the corner of New Union Street and Warwick Road in Coventry. All Christian Denominations welcome.

A Passionist Community is being established in the diocese. Fr John Kearns CP and Fr Martin Newell CP will reside at 96 Ivor Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham B11 4NX. Bishop William's presence as a Passionist in the diocese, the Order has a long association with our diocese that people may remember from Broadway and Harborn among other locations. The priests will not be running a parish, but will be involved in the important work of social outreach and they look forward to working with local clergy, people and projects.

Easter has come to an end: the Paschal candle representing Christ the Light of the World is taken away from the sanctuary this week. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies his humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body. On Easter vigil five grains of incense were inserted into the candle to recall the aromatic spices with which his Sacred Body was prepared for burial and of the five wounds in his hands, feet, and side. Some of you might have wondered to see me incensing it at 11:30am Sunday Mass. The reason was that the candle represents the risen Christ the light of the world the Alpha and Omega among us. It will be kept away and come back into the sanctuary at baptismal ceremonies or when one of us will be summoned by God. Both occasions celebrate our Christian hope.

Lectors Meeting will be on Sunday 15th June 2014 after the 11.30am Mass in the

Lady's Chapel.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid £266.10 Loose £488.18 Total £754.28 Thank you.

Counters: 8th June Sandra McAvoy & Maureen Jones

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 16 Rose Trill

Saturday Draw No 4 Nora Curristan

Second Collection: 29th June Peter's pence

Cake sale £205.00 Thank you.

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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

Marriage banns: Mr. Henry Joseph Egboh of 120 St. Georges Road Coventry Son of Joseph Egboh and Elizabeth Egboh of Awunda Nnubi Madona Catholic Church Nnob Anambra State Nigeria, would like to have his civil marriage to Amaka Chika Madubuobi daughter of Isaac Madubuobi and Chinyere Madubuobi of St Stephen's Anglican Church Umdim Nnewi Anambra State Nigeria blessed in the church. If there is anyone who knows why this blessing should not take place, please inform the parish priest as soon as possible.

Thanks from Friends of Holy Land: to the people of Birmingham Archdiocese for your generous contribution to the gift in honor of Cardinal Vincent Nichols which raised £29,773.82 for the Christians in the Holy Land. The total amount raised by the three dioceses of Birmingham, Westminster and Liverpool was £83,985.59. The funds will all be used to give direct support to named Christian families and are most likely to be allocated to sustainable housing and water projects in the West Bank.

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.

Dates for your Diary

14th June

First Holy Communion at 10.30am

6th Sept

Seminar for the Married Couples

23rd Oct

Confirmation

