

MASSES Week 26th July to 2nd Aug 2015

Sun	26	9.30am	Sally McGorman (Anni) Trudy Ann Shanley (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Mon 27 9.30am William McEnrie (RIP)
Lewis & Mathias Family (Thanks giving)

Tue 28 9.30am Anne Dunnion (RIP)

Wed 29 9.30am Sr Irene (RIP)

Thurs 30 9.30am Sr Joachim (RIP)

Fri 31 9.30am Sr Sabina (RIP)

Sat 01 9.30am Anne Dunnion (RIP)
Thomas Mooney (Anni)

10.00 -11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sun	02	9.30am	Margaret Maddock (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Feast Days: 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola
1st August St Alphonsus Mary de Ligouri

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 26th July 2015

9.30 am Roisin, Asipita
Sophie (E)
11.30am Irene, Kingsley
Vera, Sr Leera (E)

Weekend 2nd August 2015

Sr Leera, Elena
Bridie Kelly (E)
Honorine, Patrick
Sr Lydwin, Loveness (E)

Death announcement: It is with great sadness I inform you that Maureen Patterson of 45 King Edwards Street passed away on Friday 24th July 2015. She had been a faithful parishioner all along. We pray that she be granted admittance into the eternal abode of his peace. I extend my condolences to the family especially to her two sons and a daughter.

R.I.P: Maureen Patterson, Anne Dunnion, Elizabeth Keegan, Patrick Oboyle.

Anniversaries during this Week: Annie Ferry, Anthony Curristan, Trudy Shanley, Catherine Logan, Patrick Joseph Plunkett, Sally McGorman, John Walsh, Francis Felton, Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish:, Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Parkes, 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, Eamon Finlan.

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IF THEY DON'T FEAR ANYTHING IT IS BECAUSE.....

One of the parents of the children from our school was telling me how stressful it is to keep children during holiday time. Why? I asked then she went on to lament how children of these days have no fear or self-restraint; it is better the children in Africa, they listen and they respect their parents.

When I returned home, I reflected on my own childhood and I asked myself 'how did our parents put in us the morality and behavior that makes us respectable persons today'?

Children are the most trustful people you will ever come across, they believe almost everything that their parents tell them. There are some interesting lessons that African parents tell their children in order to help them to maintain a certain behavior, to keep away from danger or to make them develop a character. Here are some examples:

In order to make children listen to their parents it was said that a child who notoriously did not listen to the parents will have the ears grow so big like of a rabbit and sag like the ears of sheep.

Africans used three stones to cook their food. They were to be kept clean. Not knowing whether a stone was hot or not, sitting on one could be dangerous; to prevent children doing so it was said that a mothers breasts would immediately disappear and the baby being breastfed die!

Children were taught to preserve the environment and to protect nature; for example to frighten them from destroying bird nests, breaking bird eggs or eating them it was said that a child who did so will have feathers grow inside his/her stomach.

In all African cultures it is forbidden for a father in law to have sexual relationship with the daughter in law the same applied to the mother in law with son in law. If someone went against that principle it was said that the body would get crippled and shake. People with Parkinson disease would be suspected of violating their in-laws. It was ignorance of course. Taboos protected our society and preserved the natural world that many tourists rush to enjoy. Taboos too defined the consequences of every behavior. It is amazing that people whose cultures we watch on the television as less educated, they have greater respect of persons and solidarity than you can imagine. If you think that your children are not afraid of anything may be you as a parent has never warned them of the consequences of their bad behavior. He who is not taught by his mother will be taught by the world.

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 Times have changed during this summer. Weekday Masses will be in the morning at 9.30 and there will not be Holy Hour and Masses in the evening. However the Lady's chapel will remain open from Monday to Friday (Except on Wednesday) as usual for anyone who will wish to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Assisted Suicide in Parliament: On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church.

Bishop Pat McKinney the newly consecrated Bishop of Nottingham has agreed to come and celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with the people of Birmingham Diocese at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 22 September 2015 at 11.30am. The Archdiocese is grateful for his thirty-seven years of priestly ministry as a diocesan priest. If you are able to go you will be greatly welcomed.

Fr. Tony Norton parish priest of Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate the 11:30am Mass today. We thank him for leading us in the celebration of our Sunday Mass.

David Burke a young man who was brought up in our parish will return to celebrate both weekend Holy Masses with us on 2nd August 2015.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place on Sunday 6th September 2015. Rt Rev Robert Byrne Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will be the principal celebrant and Fr Brian Doolan will be the preacher. Mass will begin at 3.00pm preceded by confessions from 1.45pm-2.30pm. More details are on the notice board.

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 £311.49 Loose £445.94 Total £757.43 Thank you.
Train Priest-Apostles of Jesus £75.10 Thank you.
Counters: 26th July Elizabeth Hancock & Patsy Sproul
Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 29 Tom Ferris
Mass Attendance: Week 19th July 432.

Other Matters of importance

Charity Walk organised by Agnes Heffernan, Vera Dunnion, Tom Ferris, Betty Osagie, Ehi Omoregi and our three parish Sisters Leena, Lydwyn and Leera took place last Wednesday. They completed the 10K.M walk successfully and managed to raise £2000 in support of *Train a Missionary Priest-Apostles of Jesus*. It was a heroic act indeed, words cannot describe what inspired such a thought. The money raised will be sent to the Novitiate of the Order in Moroto which was closed for many years due to insecurity but was reopened with 14 novices. I'm very sure that our contribution will be greatly appreciated by the whole Order of the Apostles of Jesus. There is more information on the noticeboard.

Feast of SS Anne & Joachim: The parents of the Virgin Mary, according to tradition derived from certain apocryphal writings. Information concerning their lives and names is found in the 2nd-century-AD *Protevangelium of James* ("First Gospel of James") and the 3rd-century-AD *Evangelium de nativitate Mariae* ("Gospel of the Nativity of Mary"). According to these sources, Anne (Hebrew: Hannah) was born in Bethlehem, Judaea. She married Joachim, and, although they shared a wealthy and devout life at Nazareth, they eventually lamented their childlessness. Joachim, reproached at the Temple for his sterility, retreated into the countryside to pray, while Anne grieved by his disappearance and by her barrenness, solemnly promised God that, if given a child, she would dedicate it to the Lord's service. Both received the vision of an angel, who announced that Anne would conceive and bear a most wondrous child. The couple rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, whom Anne named Mary who is the Mother of Jesus.

Our parish Sisters belong to a Congregation which enjoys the matronage and protection of St Ann and derives their charism from St Ann who moulded and guided Mary their daughter to listen to the voice of God and adhere to his will. We pray for the Congregation of the Sisters of St Ann that they may be inspired by the life of St Ann, guide and mould the children and youth who are entrusted to their care through their ministry in the field of education, healthcare and social outreach.

Annual Rosary Rally to pray for World peace and young people will be held at Holy Cross Church, Whitwick at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire on Sunday 23rd August 2015. The Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm. For more details please see the notice board.

Multicultural Mass of the African Day: The parishioners of the Good Shepherd & St Elizabeth's church, Foleshill Road, Coventry. CV6 5BX.along with their parish Priest Fr Moses Pitya, cordially invite you to join them for their annual celebration of the Multicultural Mass of the African Day on Sunday 9th August 2015 at St Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth Rd. Coventry, CV6 5BX. The Mass begins at 2.30pm.



LIVE MASS BROADCAST FROM ST.MARY'S CHURCH
on parish website home page www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/ss.mary
Sunday Mass 9:30am and 11:30am.