

MASSES Week 23rd to 30th Aug 2015

Sun	23	9.30am	Sean Osagie (1 st Birthday) Sellam Nadarajah (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Mon	24	9.30am	Holy souls
Tue	25	9.30am	Winnie McHugh (RIP)
Wed	26	9.30am	Una McCabe (RIP)
Thurs	27	9.30am	Anne Dunnion (RIP)
Fri	28	12.30am	Requiem-Alice White
Sat	29	9.30am	N.G (Thanks giving)
10.00 -11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions			

Sun	30	9.30am	Tosh Aikhionbare (Birthday) Fatima Riyal (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	Thiery Kuwan (Birthday)

Feast Days: 24th Aug St Bartholomew, Apostle
26th Aug St Bl Dominic Barberi
29th Aug Beheading of St John the Baptist

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 23rd August 2015

9.30 am Lucia, Elena
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Honorine, Jennifer
Serso, Loveness (E)

Weekend 30th August 2015

Tom Ward, Asipita
Sophie (E)
Veronica, Irene
Vera, Serso (E)

R I P: Patrick Cosgrove, Thomas Wheelan, Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe, Maureen Patterson, Anne Dunnion.

Anniversaries during this Week: Mamie Dunleavy, Pat Whelan, Pat Sheehan, Catherine Elliott, Frances Smyth, John Sheehan, Bridget Mulrooney.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish.: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulroney, Philomena Dunleavy, Molly Kelly, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Jean Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, 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, Phyllis Mulvey.

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.

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



**Apostles of Jesus
Missionaries**



St. Osburgs



St. Mary's



St. Elizabeth's

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WHEN YOU MEET A PRIEST TAKE HIM AS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU:

Sometime back I mentioned to you how embarrassed I was in the company of young people. They were talking about something that sounded new to me but they seemed to be readily at home with it. It was "**WhatsApp**". I know that many of us still do not know what it is. Well, I tried to know what it is and I made sure that I got connected. Through that internet facility, someone sent to me an interesting message about a priest. It was interesting and reflecting on the lives of many priests I have come to know, I came to discover that the Catholic priest is the only person who does not possess his own life or its activities it is all meant **for others**. This is what she wrote:

*"You the priests are the image and the likeness of God. With you the morning awakens with the call to rise, **not for you but always for others***

*God handpicked you from a myriad of souls; moulded you since you were conceived to prepare you for a journey, **not for you but always for others.***

*God blessed you with wisdom to use, to give form to his plans and to love to carry them out, **not for you but always for others.***

*Mary the Mother of Jesus walks with you, guiding and loving you. For her you are a Christ **not for you but always for others.***

*You hold the body of Christ, you embrace his name and by your mouth you proclaim it **not for you but always for others.***

*By sacred ordination you are consecrated you are a father and a counsellor, **not for you but always for others.***

*What value has the life and sacrifices of a Catholic priest if it is **not meant for others** and indeed what does a catholic priest possess which is **not for him but always for others?***

When I read this I felt I should share it with you too. Please pray for all the priests. I also pray that as a Christian you may learn to dedicate your life in service of others. What profit does a man get to possess the whole world in service of his ego?

St. Mary & St. Benedict's R.C. Church

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Pastoral

Baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their baptized will be on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

RCIA sessions will begin on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 6.00pm in the parish hall. Those adults who are not yet baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church and those who are already baptized in other churches and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church are requested to contact either Fr Jimmy or any of the Sisters.

The Apostles of Jesus Missionaries to which our Parish priest belongs celebrated 47 years of their foundation yesterday 22nd August. It is the first religious missionary Order of priests and brothers to be founded in Africa. Founded by Bishop Sixtus Mazzoldi, MCCJ and Rev. John Marengoni, MCCJ in Moroto, Uganda, on August 22, 1968, the Order soon spread to Kenya, Tanzania, the Sudan and to other parts of Africa, Europe, Australia and the United States. The Order has more than 60 established communities round the world. I'm so pleased that our parish is a great supporter of the Order in the area of the formation of future missionaries.

St. Osburgs Parish Web page: has been created on St. Mary's Parish so that members of both parishes can know what is going on. This is prompted by the fact that Fr. Jimmy is responsible for both parishes until St. Osburgs gets her resident priests. To visit the Webpage just go to www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk and at the homepage click on St. Osburgs parish. Please be informed that the page is still being built up.

Mass for the bereaved families who lost their dear ones in the course of the year Oct 2014 -Sept. 2015 will be on Sunday 27th Sept 2015 at 4.00pm. The Mass is meant to bring all the families that have had a similar experience to pray together and to share in each other's loss. If you have lost a close relative and you want him/her to be included in this solemn event please contact the Parish priest or the Sisters.

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 £309.25 Loose £469.09 Total £778.34 Thank you.

Cake sale-Train a Priest-Apostles of Jesus £10.00 Thank you.

Counters: 23rd August Elizabeth Hancock, Patsy Sproul

Bonus Ball: Wednesday Draw No 34 Rose Hogan

Mass Attendance: Week 16th August 374

Other Matters of importance

Tribute to Una: Mr. John Ward who used to stay at Winchester Street followed the funeral Mass broadcast live from our Church last Monday and sent the following tribute: *"Dear Fr. Jimmy, today this morning I followed the funeral for Una McCabe formerly, Doyle. I just wanted to echo those sentiments you mentioned in your homily. Una walked a long hard road in her life but kept her face to the light. Truly she was a (quite) inspiration to all who knew her. Your appraisal of her life was spot on."*

Bishop Ullathorne Catholic school, our partner secondary school, has again ensured GCSE students achieved very positive value-added with the number of A* grades well above national average. 73% achieved 5 A*-C with a 100% pass rate.

St Vincent de Paul "awareness month", September 2015 a message from *Anita Boniface*, SVP Communications Officer: September 2015 will be "Awareness Month" for the St Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales). The aim is to promote the SVP as an organisation through which the Catholic laity can respond to God's call and serve others. The theme of the month this year is 'Happy Families?' showing how the SVP supports all families who are troubled and in need.

Mission appeals 2015 will be conducted by the **by Comboni Sisters** in our parish on **20th Sept. 2015**. One of the Sisters will speak to us during the two Masses about the Missions. Mission appeals are an important means and opportunity for every Catholic to support the missionary cause of the church.

The Dowry of Mary pilgrimage to National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place on Sunday 6th September 2015. Parishes and groups are invited to bring their banners and flags. Details are on the notice board.

Would you like to support the elderly of our parish? If so the parish has a voluntary outreach to the elderly of our parish and from Coventry who come for 3hrs of social gathering every Monday. The members of the group are getting on in years finding it hard to fulfill some of their services to one another. If anyone of you would wish to volunteer by lending a helping hand every Monday, please contact Fr Jimmy. It is an opportunity for them (most of them staying on their own) to come together for meeting the people and to socialize.



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.