

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL SERVE THIS AND NEXT WEEK UNTIL

3RD JAN 2016.

MASSES FROM 20th to 27th Dec 2015

Sun	20	9.30am	Robert McGorman (Anni) Anne Dunnion (RIP) Emmanuel & Betty osagie (Wed Anni)
		11:30am	Patrick Keoghan (RIP)
Mon	21	9.30am	Patrick Murray (RIP) Maggie O'Grady (Get well)
Tue	22	9.30am	Mary Joseph (Spl Int) Patrick Keoghan (RIP)
Wed	23	9:30am	Kevin Kelly & Edward Donnelly (Anni)
Thurs	24	6.00pm	Vigil Mass Children & families
		7.30pm	Christmas Carols
		8.00pm	Vigil Mass
Fri	25	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Intentions of Fr Jimmy
Sat	26	9:30am	Brian Ferris (Anni), Seamus Lynch (Spl Int)
Sun	27	9.30am	Don McCaffer (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>Weekend 20th Dec 2015</u>	<u>27th Dec2015</u>	<u>3rd Jan 2016</u>
9.30 am	Sue Cutter, Roisin Jean Hoey (E)	Tom , Nazareth Barbara(E)	Julia, Asipita Sophie (E)
11.30am	Kingsley, Patrick Serso, Sr Lydwin (E)	Emmanuel, Victoria Vera, Serso (E)	John, Julie Vera, Loveness

Anniversaries during this Week:: Daniel Prosser, John Masterson, Ann Plunkett, Josephine & Tom Boylan, Ann Martin, Thomas Fox, Agnes Stanford, Rose & Jim Hogan, Mary McCullough, Hughie Gill, James McDonald, Gerald McGoran, James McEnery, Len McCoy, Joe Dunleavy, Patrick Flynn, John Allen, Paul Allen, Thomas Travers, Teresa Mawn, Denis McGrath, Pat Kinsella, Mary McClean, Patrick Joseph Wright, John Ferry, Patrick McLaughlin, Margaret Moore, D. Stafford, Michael Murphy, Eddie Branfield, Myra Scott, Larry Mawn, Mary Woollett, Sammy Dowling, Tomy Griffith, Francis Jack Beaufay, Denis George, Josephine Armstrong.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish.: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Theodor Vaz, Mary Mulrone, Philomena Dunleavy, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Paul 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, Kath Muldoon.

Fr Jimmy and the Sisters thank you for your support and good work for the parish and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2016.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

Parish Newsletter Fourth Sunday of Advent 20th Dec 2015 to 3rd Jan 2016

THIS PAINTING OVER OUR HEADS : THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

In the church of Ss. Mary and Benedict, the Jubilee Shrine for the Year of Mercy in Coventry, hangs a huge painting of the picture of the Return of the prodigal Son by a 17th Century Dutch artist Rembrandt. For us who are looking at this painting now and for those who will visit this Shrine of Mercy I want to use this column to serialise the reflections of Henri Nouwen from his book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. The original painting was acquired by Catherine the Great for a hermitage in St. Peterburg Russia , where it remains today. The painting is based on the parable of Jesus given by Luke . Henri Nouwen spent hours in front of this painting.



The painting represents the spiritual home-coming of all mankind. The sinful child is being welcomed by his/her father. Lift your eyes and look at the painting: to one side the elder brother looks on and in the background are other unknown people who, like ourselves contemplate the scene. This painting is about mercy, as you pray here consider which person you identify with most. Are you the Father receiving an errant son, or the elder brother indignant because his brother has returned? How do you feel about each character? Which one most resembles your own feelings at this time? Just in one word what do you see as you look at the prodigal son, ...as you look at the father what touches your attitude?

Let us focus on the father. This is a painting of a man in a great red cloak tenderly touching the shoulders of a dirty untidy boy kneeling before him. What we see in the painting is the father and a son, God and humanity, compassion and misery, in one circle of love.... The mystery of death and life, reconciliation, forgiveness and inner healing. The Year of Mercy gives us an amnesty to seek reconciliation, to grant forgiveness, to find peace. *"I have come to set fire on earth,"* Jesus said, *'and how I wish it was blazing already!'*



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 225.60 Non-Gift Aid 454.47 Total:£ 680.07

Thank you.

Counters 20th Vera Dunnion, Julia Harte

Bonus Ball : No 14 Will Edwards

Mass Attendance 13th December **445**

Train a Apostles of Jesus Priest

Second Collection:17th January 2016 Pax Christi

24th January 2016 Catholic Education service

Pious Devotions

Divine Mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

The church is open from 8:00am to 7:00pm throughout the week. You are all welcome to pass through the Door of Mercy and spend time in prayer.

If any parishioner is sick or in hospital, please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital ask for their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

Pastoral Matters

Christmas Crib collection: has for some time been sent to buy books for the training of candidates to the priesthood at the Apostles of Jesus Missionary Institute in Nairobi. It is good to continue supporting that cause. We pray that God sends to his people holy priests to reach out his mercy.

Christmas Mass offerings made at all Christmas Masses will be your gift to your parish priest Fr Jimmy. Please find Christmas offering envelopes attached to your copy of the newsletter this weekend. Thank you for your generosity

Lectors on 24th/25th Dec 2015

24th Dec	6.00pm	Kiseneth,
	8.00pm	Sr Lydwin, Tom Ward
25th Dec	9.30am	Julia, Elena
	11.30am	Mika, Jennifer

Eucharistic Ministers

Sr Leena,
Sr Leera, Barbara
Elizabeth, Sophie
Serso, Loveness

Christmas Raffle prizes to be claimed:

2nd Prize No 1413

3rd Prize No 5909

Food Hamper Raffles

1st Prize Pink Ticket 516-520 AD 807143

2nd Prize Green Ticket 96-100 AD813228

Christmas special Bonus Ball No 12

Please collect your prizes at the piety stall.

New Year's Eve: We shall have a thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 31st Dec at 7.00pm thanking the Lord for all the blessings we have received from his bounty during the course of the year 2015. We shall ask for his blessings and mercy upon us as we usher in the New Year 2016. ***We shall not have New Year's party after the Mass due to lack of volunteers to organise it.***

Masses During the week 27th Dec 2015 to 3rd January 2016

Sun	27	9.30am	Don Mccaffer (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	28	9.30am	Mary Lynch (Spl Int)
Tue	29	9.30am	Eileen Garnett (RIP)
Wed	30	9:30am	Ken Vaughan (RIP)
Thurs	31	7.00pm	Thanks giving
Fri	01	9.30am	Thomas Clear (Anni)
Sat	02	9:30am	Anne Gamble (Spl Int)
Sun	03	9.30am	Theresa Tran (Anni), Cissie & Jim Fitzgerald (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Christmas Crib vandalised: I passed through the city centre the other day and I found that the crib which was put up there was vandalised, Surely by a certain yob who gave it a good kick!!! Bringing up children with good manners is a duty of every parent.