

MASSES FROM 3rd to 10th July 2016

Sun	03	9.30am	Mr & Mrs Tran (Thanks giving) Pearl Irianan (Spl Int) Patricia Gibbons (Anni)
		11.30am	Taylor Family (Thanks giving), Patrick Oboyle (RIP)
Mon	04	9.30am	Sr Leena (Thanks giving) James Domican (RIP)
Tue	05	9.30am	Kevin Kelly (Anni)
Wed	06	9:30am	Kathleen Marum (RIP)
Thurs	07	9.30am	Con & Kay Goulding (Spl Int) Jim Meehan (90th B'day)
Fri	08	9.30am	Una Anderson (Anni)
Sat	09	9.30am	Maureen Sheehan (RIP) Peter James (B'day)
		10.00am –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sun	10	9.30am	Sam Aikhionbare (B'day) James Byrne (Anni)
		11.30am	Sisters of St Ann (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 3rd July 2016

9.30 am Sr Leera, Julia
Jean Hoey (E)
11.30am Patrick, Victoria
Vera, Frank (E)

Weekend 10th July 2016

Asipita, Elena
Sophie (E)
Kingsley, Emmanuella
Serso, Marcel (E)

Anniversaries during this Week: Hugh Devlin, Mary Cannon, Mary Kelly, Patrick Kevin Kelly, Peter Hoey, Lisa Kerry Somma, Josephine Murray, Catherine Bridget Logan, Joyce Heffernan, Samuel Kennedy.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulroney, Philomena Dunleavy, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, 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, Bizmana-Rene Mandevu.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

Parish Newsletter - Fourteenth Sunday 3rd to 10th July 2016

IS VOX POPULI VOX DEI APPLICABLE ALL THE TIME?

There is an old Latin saying "*Vox Populi, Vox Dei*" meaning the voice of the people is the voice of God. It refers to the idea that when many people express an opinion and uphold it as true, the king or the government ought to pay attention to what the people say. Democracy is normally seen in this context.

Two years ago, I had an a discussion with Rev. Christopher the Bishop of Coventry when we were at Oscott College on priest training day. He had been invited by Archbishop Bernard to speak to the Catholic Clergy. The matter at stake was how we can work together. Recalling the fact that we live in a democratic society where "*Vox Populi* works with what percentage goes into the ballot box, I reminded the bishop how damaging adopting secular behaviour to church's discipline and doctrine can be very dangerous to Christian cause. Of course if you normally follow the debates in parliament, the majority always have it. This principle cannot and will not always work in the church. Do we believe what we believe as Christians because that is what the majority believe or we believe because that is what it is? The resurrection of Jesus was believed by a tiny group of people, while the majority opposed it.

Twenty one centuries ago two men were stood on a balcony; between them was a governor who wield great authority, his word would bring life or death. Below the balcony was a large crowd of people. They were pushing each other because they wanted to have a glimpse of the two men. Above all they wanted their voice to be heard. Every person in the crowd knew the truth about the men who stood chained there. One man had given them life, the other man had robbed them and murdered some. About the man who had given them life and showed them love the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, cried out all at once, "Crucify him, crucify him!" The governor was at loss, the voice of the people grew louder and louder. The governor with all the best intentions to do something for one of the condemned man could not make headway, the people had spoken

Vox Populi vox Dei principle cannot be applicable all the time. There are many cases where the voice of the people can be misled especially when what they are giving their say upon is not well explained or when much deception is at play. There will always be people who manipulate the voice of the masses, often time leading to miseries. Mob justice as we know claims many lives all over the world, in the end it is not justice at all.

At one time Jesus was presented with a victim of voice of the people, she was allegedly caught in adultery. While the voice of the people demanded her condemnation to death by stoning, Jesus refused to listen to *Vox Populi* principle and instead made the people to realise the injustice of ill informed voice of the people.



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 279.00 Non-Gift Aid £ 540.11 Total: £ 819.11
Peter's pence £ 217.60 Thank you.
Counters 3rd July Pat Edwards, Will Edwards
Mass Attendance 26th June 584
Bonus Ball : No. 2 Will Edwards
Second Collection: 10th July Apostleship of the Sea

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.

Choir Concert is organised by the choir of St. Marys on 9th July to raise money for the training of a priest. The shortage of priests in the Church is a concern to every Catholic. How will Jesus be known, loved and served if those who preach him are so few? I'm very pleased that young people have made every sacrifice possible to put up this concert to respond to this need of training a priest.. Please let us support them. Tickets are on sale at £2.50 per person or £1.50 for children or £8.00 for a family of 5. Please support them in this cause.

Sea Sunday is celebrated on Sunday 10th July 2016. Apostleship of the sea is the official maritime welfare and mission agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. More than one million seafarers arriving its ports each year are supported. There will be a second collection next week end to support the work .It is vitally important that we support this mission because everything that is done for the seafarers is done on behalf of Great Britain's Catholic community.

Parent Governor vacancy: There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on Board of Governors in our school. If you are interested to be involved in decision making at our school please contact Mrs Pauline McDonald the Head teacher who will enlighten you more on this commitment.

School Production: Our school children will be putting up a fantastic show of 'Midsummer Night's Dream'. There will be two performances on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July at 6.30pm. Tickets priced £1.00 each are available from the Office. Only few tickets are available. First come, first served so don't delay!

Joint Deanery initiatives: "Sowing the Seeds" Course: Are you interested in broadening the knowledge of your faith? There will be a 12 week Catechetical Course, for Parish catechists, those who would like to be catechists and those who would like to teach. The course is run under the auspices of Maryvale and Sister Gillian will head it up. It will rely heavily on the priests and the deacons of the deanery to input and lead the course on some of the topics. Participants are required to do at least 10 of the 12 weeks to complete the course which will begin in September and be hosted by All Souls parish every Monday evening starting at 7:00pm.

New employees for the diocese Deacon Paul O'Connor, a Chartered Town Planner, currently Development Services Manager at Worcester City Council, will commence as Head of Planning from 1 July 2016. Based at Worcester, Deacon Paul will be responsible for all aspects of development planning which will also include shaping and implementing diocesan strategy in the light of the changing social environment and demographics. He will be liaising closely with the Diocesan Property Department, the Area Bishops and the Vicar General to identify how best to organise our resources to help Catholics meet the spiritual, educational and social needs of themselves and their local communities.

Clare O'Brien, a Qualified Solicitor, currently working for a major firm who specialises in property advice for religious charities, will commence as Diocesan Solicitor from 31 August 2016. Based at Cathedral House, Clare will take over responsibility for all our relationships with regard to legal services – especially property transactions, the legal arrangements with existing and new Academy schools and legacy receipts as well as being an in-house source of advice on legal matters. She will work closely with the Diocesan Property Department and with the Diocesan Education Service on ensuring that we process transactions effectively and efficiently, and gain best value for money when we need to seek advice externally. Both Clare and Deacon Paul will be part of the Treasurer's Department reporting to Deacon David Palmer. Please keep them in your prayers. As Catholics it is good to use our gifts and expertise for the building up of the church.

World Youth Day More than a hundred of our young people are travelling to Krakow with the BCYS Team, some volunteers and a number of our clergy. Bishop William will accompany them from 17 to 24 July and I am looking forward to joining them from 25 to 31 July.

Baptism preparation course for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 4th July 2016 at 5.30pm in the parish hall.