

MASSES FROM 7th to 14th February 2016

Sun	07	9.30am	Anthony Braganza (Anni) Domician Kakiziba (RIP) Miriam Osagie (Birthday)
		11:30am	People of the parish

Mon	08	12.30pm	Fr David Burke (Spl Int))
Tue	09	9.30am	Tony Anne & Family (Spl Int)
Wed	10	9:30am	SSA (Thanksgiving)
		6.00pm	People of the parish
Thurs	11	6.30pm	Adoration
		7.00pm	Sue McAllister (Spl Int) Nora Lucid (RIP)
Fri	12	10.00am	Requiem– Etna Bannan
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	Anne Marie Boylan (Spl Int)
Sat	13	9:30am	Curriston Family (Spl Int) Keaton (RIP)
		10.00 –11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sun	14	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney (Spl Int) Mr & Mrs Alagaraj (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend 7th February 2016

9.30 am Tom Ward, Julia

Jean Hoey (E)

11.30am Emmanuella, John

Serso, Sr Leera (E)

Weekend 14th February 2016

Asipita, Sr Leera

Sophie (E)

Kingsley, Victoria

Vera, Sr Lydwin (E)

RIP: Etna Bannan, Theodor Vaz, Robert Stevenson, Brendan Hanbury.

Anniversaries during this Week: Peter Montague, Frank & Maura Corrigan, William Mulrone, Leslie Burke, Bridget Agnes Clisham, Bridget Molloy, Teresa Langan, Ellen Crawley, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Boman.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulrooney, Philomena Dunleavy, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Paul Kordes, Diana Best, Jim Crean, Tess Pearkes, Sheila McElaney, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Tom Dui-gnan, 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.



A.J Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeths

Parish Newsletter Fifth Sunday 7th to 14th February 2016

IT IS ONE OF THE MOST SACRED MOMENTS ON EARTH:

Nations have respect for their national flags to such extent that to trample underfoot a national flag, to burn it or to disfigure it is an abhorrent show of hatred that someone has towards the people of that nation. In my home country Uganda, the national flag is solemnly raised up in all primary and secondary schools during the morning assembly and solemnly lowered in the evening when the schools close. At the hoisting of the flag, pupils and students wherever they are expected to stop whatever they are doing, even men and women going about their business upon finding our national flag either being raised or lowered, they too are expected to stop and wait until it is done. What is a national flag but a cloth but a cloth which defines the sovereignty of a people.

I wish to connect this to what we call the most sacred time in our worship. The time of Consecration at Mass and at the time of Blessing (Benediction) with the Blessed Sacrament are the most sacred times. To remind us that this time is special, the church decided that altar bells are rung so that we may offer worship and adoration to God who is present among us. It is a very special time when every activity should be suspended to let silent adoration and worship reign. The bell which rang at this moment is meant to remind us that this is the time. Some people ignore this time either by walking about or reading books or they are just not bothered! We should not play ignorant of things which are so dear to our faith.

I must have mentioned to you that our human eye was not created to see spiritual realities but to see material realities. At the consecration, all that the human eye can see is a piece of bread blessed, broken and distributed; but our spiritual eye sees Jesus the Bread of life - the Living God present among us. I'm quite sure that for those who practice the faith, we know that we are not here to be deceived, to deceive ourselves or to deceive others. The mysteries of our faith are very deep, we should be proud that we believe and to be filled with awe and wonder at those times when the eyes of our faith see God truly present in the mysteries we serve. Any unnecessary movement and noise at this time is a great disturbance to the prayerfulness of the time.



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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 140.50 Non-Gift Aid 568.35 Total: £ 708.85

Thank you.

Counters 7th February Vera Dunnion, Julia Harte

Bonus Ball : No 49 John Crawford

Mass Attendance 31st January 589

Train a Apostles of Jesus Priest

Second Collection: 6th March Cathedral Maintenance

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

The season of Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on 10th February. It is a penitential season, a period of examination of conscience and reparation for sins. It is a time of repentance and contrition, inviting us all to a deeper conversion and interior renewal. In this Lenten journey of prayer the Walk With Me booklets have been produced and provided. Please pick your copy from the back of the church and use it in your prayer and reflection. There will be 2 Masses on Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm in the church. It is our Catholic tradition to meditate on the passion and death of Jesus through the stations of the Cross. I invite you all specially during this year of mercy to come and join the celebration of the Stations of the Cross and seek his mercy.

Rite of Election for those members of our parish who are seeking full communion with the Catholic church will be held on Sunday 14th February 2016 at 3.00pm at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. Let us keep in our prayers Suzanne Virginie Kamogne, Chelsy Chibwe, Leopoldine Tankeu Ayamah Orochakwa, Heidi Abigail Partridge, and Tegon Aleshia Mia Partridge who are receiving instructions here at St Mary's.

First Holy Communion preparation programme will commence on Monday 22nd February 2016 at 6.00pm in the school. If there are children who are studying in schools other than St Mary & St Benedict and wish to make their First Holy Communion please contact Mrs McDonald, our head teacher. Mass of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 21st May 2016 at 10.00am.

Annual Collection for LIFE: to which all parishes of the archdiocese contribute. Although it took place last Sunday we shall have the second collection for LIFE this weekend. The money raised is spent by the archdiocese on LIFE's caring and education work, on its housing programme and promoting the LIFE FERTILITY Care program. LIFE is unique among prolife organisations in that it combines prolife campaigning and education work with a comprehensive care service (counselling, housing and support of all kinds during and after pregnancy). With the recent appointment of a new executive officer, LIFE is embarking on a major programme of renewal. This will give energy and vision to all their work throughout the archdiocese.

Coventry Catholic Fellowship Concert: Fr. Bob Wright has organised a concert to take place at St. John Fisher Tiverton Rd CV2 3DL on 28th February starting from 2:30pm- 4:30pm. Music will be provided by Our Lady of the Angel Choir also present will be Dorothy Clark Humorous poetry. Tickets cost £6:00 per person, soft drinks, wine and nibbles.

Extra ordinary Ministers of Eucharist are needed. If you wish to render your service as one, please contact one of the Sisters. Date for training will be announced one of these days.

Lectors meeting will take place on Sunday 6th March soon after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.