

**Change of Mass time:** due to the death of Baby Kassadie - Maria Conway of 1125 Foleshill Road, Coventry, who passed away on 23rd May 2017 aged 4 months. Mass on Thursday 15th June 2017 will be at 11:30am instead of 12:10pm. It will be a Requiem Mass for the baby who completed her pilgrimage of faith within such a short time. Her grandparents are staunch members of our parish and have great devotion to the Divine Mercy. May the Lord of consolation give them peace.

**Aid to the Church in Need:** Deacon Tim Anthony is visiting our parish this weekend and he will preach at both Masses. He will speak about the Church in Need, all over the world. There will be a second collection to that effect. I'm very grateful to the parishioners of St. Mary's who has weekend welcomed Deacon Tim and made a generous contribution of £848.38 pounds in response to his appeal. May God bless your generosity.

**Do not get framed!** Attention is drawn to you of a young Romanian man who is visiting parishes in the Coventry area asking for financial help . He was in the area about three years ago and received money from a number of parishes and individuals. He is a complete fraud and his story should not be believed. He is well dressed, persuasive, but sometimes a little assertive or even a little aggressive. He is often dropped off by car. He carries rosary beads and pictures of saints to convince Catholics that he is a practicing Catholic. The man is total cheat. I would advise that you politely refuse his request straight away and avoid him coming in to the house. You are warned.

**Gift Aid Donation:** as you might notice from our newsletter bulletin, the number of the parishioners who donate to the church through Gift Aid has gone down. Gift Aid Scheme is a golden chance given to UK taxpayers to claim £0.25 pence on every pound they give to charity. Your parish being a charity gets that money back as a support by the government to your chosen charity. If you are already in the Gift Aid Scheme, thank you so much but remember to use your G.A envelope whenever you come to Church. Please note that if you happen to go to Sunday Mass to another Church in Coventry please use your envelope there since the priest in that parish will send it to your parish.

**Marriage and Family Pilgrimage** Week will be celebrated from 12th-20th August at the Catholic National Shrine Walsingham Norfolk NR22 6AL. There will be Holy Mass, Rosary, Confessions, Renewal of Marriage vows, a time to be together as families.

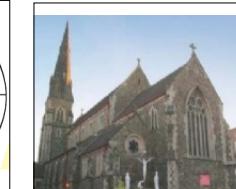
**The 48 Diocesan Pilgrimage** to Hedesford in honour of Our Lady will take place on Sunday 2 July 2017.

**University Chaplain resigns:** Rev. Rosie Deeds who has been the Anglican Chaplain at Coventry University has resigned from her post. She has been appointed as Spiritual Care Lead for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice in the Isle of Wight. She anticipates to start in September. I'm sure that students will be interested to hear this. Rosie has served for a very short period but very transformative. The team will miss her.

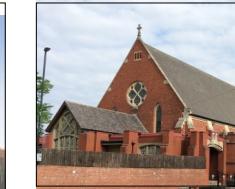
**Apostles of Jesus Cuba Mission:** One of the priests Fr. Alfred Tumushabe AJ who were entrusted with the Cuba mission will make a stopover at St. Mary's on his way to Cuba. If you remember we sent Holy Souls Masses for November to them. I hope he will have a chance to celebrate Mass for us and to speak to us about their work.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

### Parish Newsletter—Holy Trinity Sunday - Year A - 11th to 18th June 2017

#### THE AFRICAN TERMITES MAY HAVE THE ANSWER

There is no doubt that evil is overtaking us much faster than we thought. There are things we used to hear about or to read in books and newspapers, today they are real. I was brought up at a time and in a city where terrorism was a common factor. Thank God it had no international connections. Much of the time was spent on devising means for survival. If you were not threatened by the soldiers, you were scared of the police. Much business went down and the country ran to ruins! None of the people of my generation would wish to see those days again.

To solve our problems people talk about coming together. This is what togetherness can do in action. One day while grazing our family sheep which were no more than five, we damaged the termite colony. Within 20 minutes news had gone around the colony. Soldiers and police came to defend the colony, larvae was securely taken by paramedics and the work of reconstruction started. Each tiny termite brought within its mandibles tiny mud, hardly seen by human eye and placed it at the place where the chief builder and engineers wanted it to be. On return to bring more, each termite took away with it dirty straw, polythene pieces and pebbles. I sat there for hours and hours observing something that was going to influence my whole life. It was a matter of days and a new colony was reestablished, an anthill which no human brain is able to construct.

Keep this imagery in mind and read on. Well the challenges facing the world and the church today cannot be left to political or church leaders. They can only be handled and solved by collective effort and team work. We are responsible for our common future. Goodness in the world will exist if every human person tries to bring out one's goodness to others. Evil in the world will continue to exist as long as we impose our evil thoughts, actions and desires upon others. If we have a thief in the village, property will always get lost but if the thief reforms and stops stealing, everyone's property will be safe. So it is with good and evil behavior, as long as people practice evil, we cannot talk about getting rid of it. The power to do good is written in our heart because when we do the contrary, our conscience reprimands us no matter how much we try to silence it. You do not need to be a soldier or a political leader in order to contribute to goodness and to peace in the world.

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us simple advice "Love one another," "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". "The Truth will set you free" " Walk in the light" "Be merciful" Show compassion" Be brave I have conquered the world" There is no teaching, no culture, no political system that would not value the teaching of Jesus Christ, nevertheless if we act together to follow his teaching just as the African termites act together this world would be the best place a heaven on earth God has made for us

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### **Parish development**

Gift aid..... £85.40 Loose.....£362.06 Total..... £447.46

Sat. lunches....£ 00. Restoration.£ 10090 Heating.....£21.15

Second Collection £ 00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Driving Lessons for the priests:** our two priests Fr. Pontius and Sunday need to acquire UK Driving Licence so that they can do their pastoral work effectively. They know how to drive but it would be much better if they acquired the required UK road safely etiquettes. I wish to ask you if there is someone among you who can help them. Please let them know.

**Pioneer Rally** will take place on 17th June 2017 at Pioneer Hall Broad street Foleshill commencing at 6:30pm starting with Holy Mass by Fr. David Barry followed by social dance. Refreshments will be provided. Entertainments will be provided by Little Jimmy. You are all invited.

**Marriage Bans:** Chioma Offier, daughter of Mr Emmanuel Ozoh and late Mary Rose Ozoh of Aku in Igbo Etiti Local Government are Enugu State Nigeria, would like to get married to Mr. Nduosa Dafikpaku son of Mr. & Mrs. Moses Dafikpaku of Obiaruku in Ukwuani Local Government area Delta State, Nigeria. If anyone knows why they should not get married to each other, kindly inform the parish priest.

**WE HAVE MOVED from MCN Media to church services, if you want to follow the Mass live from St. Marys go to [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) an icon of the Camera click on the link. It will take you to live events at St. Marys.**

**Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'**

### **MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 11th to 18th June 2017**

Sat	10	11.45am	Heather Hancocks (B/day)
		5.30pm	Matthew Kelly (RIP)
Sun	11	11.30am	Matthew Kelly (RIP) Month's Mind
Mon	12	12.10pm	Matthew Kelly (RIP) Month's Mind
Tues	13	12.10pm	Michael Wain (B/day)
Wed	14	12.10pm	Michael Keaney, Matthew Kelly (RIP)
Thurs	15	11.30am	Requiem Mass -Baby Kassadie Maria Conway
Fri	16	12.10pm	Ann Fenton, Christina (Spl. Int)
Sat	17	11.45am	Sam (Spl. Int)
		5.30pm	Matthew Kelly (RIP)
Sun	18	11.30am	Elizabeth McManus (RIP)

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

	<b>10th/11th June</b>	<b>17th/18th June</b>
5.30pm	Ann E., Bernadette (R) Maggie (E)	Ann F., Maggie (R) Bernadette (E)
11.30am	Maggie, Charles (R) June, Catherine (E)	Charles, Janet (R) Patsy, Zen (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:** Ted Rodgers Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Ryne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correvigandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Clithero, Jan Carusso, Nadia Faruk Hannah, Tom McDermott, Winnie McDermott, Gerald Douglas, Shirley Hartnett, Stephen Bayliss, Jackie Buckley, Dave Riliott, Alan Davis, David Horley, Margaret Ghen, Bridie & Benny McAndrew . Christine Strong, Hilda Gibson, Sheila Biggs.

### **Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:**

Arrowsmith Brenda, Lynch George, Wilson Mormar, McHugh Lawrence, Cross George Noel,

**Kathleen Seary** once a devoted and regular Mass attendant at St. Marys between 1983 and 1998 died on the 4.6.17.Her funeral will take place at Christ the King Church on: 22.6.17 at 12 noon. Our sincere condolences to the family.

**Smoke Free School Gates:** For a number of years now our school has been part of the City Council's campaign to promote 'Smoke Free School Gates' in order to minimise our children's exposure to smoking or having to walk through a smoky atmosphere on their way to or from school. Smoking is prohibited on the school site but we have received a few complaints that some of our parents are smoking right outside the school gates again. Please could I kindly ask you not to do this and if you wish to smoke to do it further away from the school gates. Smoking kills you.