

**MASSES 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010**

Sat	15	6.00pm	Ken Ferris (Anni)
Ascension	16	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney (Spl. Int)
SUNDAY		11.30am	People of the parish

Mon	17	12.30pm	Theresa Persons RIP
		6.30-7.30pm	Holy Hour
Tue	18	9.30am	Judith Ohaeri (Thanksgiving)
Wed	19	9.30am	Theresa Persons RIP
Thurs	20	6.30-7.30pm	Holy Hour
		7.30pm	Nada Stoganovic RIP
Fri	21	6.30-7.30pm	Holy Hour
		7.30pm	Nuala Robertson (Sp. Int.)
Sat	22	10.30am	Holy Souls
11.00am to 12.00noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & confessions			

Sat	22	6.00pm	Claire Wilson Birthday.
Sun	23	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Bill and Bridie Clisham

**Feast Days:** 19<sup>th</sup> May St. Dunstan

**Eucharistic Ministers and Readers**

	<b><u>This weekend</u></b>	<b><u>Next weekend</u></b>
6.00 pm	Jean Hoey (E) Brendan, Geraldine (R)	Sophie (E) Tom, Leola (R)
9.30 am	Bridie (E) Robert, Patrick (R)	Elizabeth (E) Martha, Roisin (R)
11.30am	Serso (E) Dominic, Anne	Kath Slater (E) Veronica, Marho

Please pray for those who died recently: Bill Clisham, Theresa Persons, Nada, Kevin McGlinchey.

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries fall during this week: Sean Anthony Logan, Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, William Morrissey, Michael McDermott, Mary Devein, James Malarkey.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Jane Shorthose, Patrick Plunkett, Jordan Smith, Josephine Duffy, Maura Marron, Mary Flynn, Tom Shaughnessy, Patricia Gibbons, John Robson, Susan, Josephine Murray, Sheila McElaney, John Ledwidge, Maria Drabik, Molly Kelly, Cileen McHugh, Mary Mulrooney, Jane Moran, Vincent McHugh. Cathleen Lesley.

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**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

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**Mass Book Yr C, Part I Pg 133/140**

Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky?

The mysteries of our faith are deep indeed as today we celebrate the ascension of the Lord. As Christians we can clearly conclude that what we believe is not a cleverly invented myth but a revelation given by God 1 Pt.2:16. Other people might be more pleased to declare their unbelief in God and religion dismissing what we believe as empty! But those who enthusiastically declare their unbelief only reveal their troubled conscience over the matter.

The day of Jesus' return to the Father is a day of joy. Therefore let us lift up our hearts and raise up our minds. Christianity assures us of the destiny of all those who believe in Jesus. The preface at this Ascension Day Mass will remind us that "Where he our head has gone before us we his body hope to follow." It is very important to entertain thoughts of our final redemption, for *hope is not deceptive*.

Do we know everything of the mysteries beyond? Not at all, if we knew there would be no need to hope. It is like a game of football, if I knew the final score before it started, there would be no reason to spend 90 minutes watching the game! We believe as scripture teaches us that; "No ear has heard and no eye has seen what God has prepared for all those who love him." 1 Cor. 2:9. We have his word: "Where I'm you too will be" Jn. 14:3.

Lord, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Guard this hope with your grace and bring it to fulfillment in the kingdom of heaven.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ – Parish Priest.

Is a 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

**The next Baptism course** will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

**Choir Practice:** is always after 11.30am Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. All are welcome

**Divine Mercy** monthly prayer meeting is on last Thursday of every month from 6.30-7.30pm followed by Mass. Prayer for priests is on First Friday of every month from 6.30-7.30pm followed by Mass.

**Legion of Mary** Coventry curia invites us to a seminar on Sacred Priesthood which will take place on Pentecost Sunday at St. John Vianney Parish, Mount Nod Coventry. Details are available on the notice board.

**Year of Priests:** We pray for the following priests this week:

Saturday	15	Fr. Jonathan Veasey
Sunday	16	Fr. Joseph Vu-Duc-Yen
Monday	17	Fr. John Wairagu
Tuesday	18	Fr. Richard Walker
Wednesday	19	Fr. Brian Wall
Thursday	20	Fr. John Walsh
Friday	21	Fr. Thomas Walton
Saturday	22	Fr. James Ward

**Collection:** Gift Aid £216.47 Lose £ 364.88 Total: £ 581.35 Thank you.

**Second Collection** for Pope's visit on Pentecost Sunday.

**Counters:** Sun 16<sup>th</sup> May Mick Hogan, Vera Dunnion

**Bonus Ball:** NO. 16 Mary Mulrooney. Please collect your prize at the piety stall.

**Death announcement:** of Mr. Bill Clisham of King Edward Rd who died at Fountain Lodge on Sunday. Bill was an outstanding member of this parish for more than 60 years together with Bridie his wife who died in February. They had an extraordinary faith in God and loyalty to the Church. Reception on 20<sup>th</sup> May 6:00pm. Funeral Mass on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10:30 am.

Death occurred to Mrs. Teresa Parsons of 15, Vecqueral St. Reception Wed. May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. Mass on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Please remember them in your prayers

**Our Licking Flat Roof:** The bad weather left our flat roof right from the garage to the convent badly damaged! Roofing Engineers both local and from the Archdiocese have come and looked at it and gave their own assessment. As you know a flat roof will always be a problem. As your parish priest I feel deeply concerned about buckets along corridors and in the hall to trap licking water. Before I commission any work to be undertaken I want to make sure that I get it right. Until that happens I'm sorry that basins and buckets will be around. I know you will all understand.

**New Members on the Parish Pastoral Council:** I'm looking for volunteers who can serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. The members on this council advise the Parish Priest on the Pastoral issues affecting the Parish. Please if you would like to volunteer your service to the parish in this capacity, or if you would like to propose someone, please contact me on 02476258901 or Veronica Carol on 02476551107.

**Pentecost Prayer Convention:** a group of Charismatics from all over Coventry City will hold a prayer session here at St. Mary's Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 (Pentecost Sunday) from 2:30pm until 6:30pm. Are you interested in Charismatic prayer? Would you like to know how they go about things in a charismatic style? Please come and join them. For more information contact Mr. Tom Ward on 07710143740. or Sr. Margaret on 024-76592408.

**Visiting Thomas King and Pioneer Flats:** Members of Legion of Mary will visit the residents of the mentioned flats this Sunday. I'm sure they will knock on some of your doors. Please welcome them. Remember the words "*Benedictus Qui venit in nomine Domini*" = Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord".

**My thanks to those parishioners** who turned up on Saturday to clean the church. As I mentioned the cleaning of our church has reached a crisis stage. The reasons for this are understandable; some volunteers who kept the church clean are either assaulted by bad health or old age! . Please may I suggest that if you are able to spare some time on Saturday morning between 8:30am and 10:30am that you come and help in cleaning our place of prayer?

**Temporary Job opportunity** The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CESEW) is looking for a temporary member of staff to support its work in a number of areas over the summer period in preparation for the Pope's visit. The successful applicant will work closely with the Policy and Briefing Manager and will be expected to undertake a mixture of high and low end tasks to assist in many of CESEW's areas of work. This post will be based in their London. Start date: July 2010 (end date to be negotiated)

Interested persons should submit a copy of their CV with a covering letter to [mmccormack@cesew.org.uk](mailto:mmccormack@cesew.org.uk) Any queries should be addressed to Maeve McCormack at the above address or call her on 020 7901 1914

**Post for Deputy Head teacher:** St. Edmund Campion Catholic School is looking for a good Catholic member of the church who can serve in the mentioned post. If anyone is interested in the post, please look on the notice board for details or contact Ms. Mary Finnegan on 01214647040.

**Financing the Pope's Visit in September:** The Office of the Archdiocesan treasurer has suggested that a second collection be taken on Pentecost Sunday to help to cover the expenses on the Pope's visit to England.

**Next Sunday is Pentecost and end of Eater time.**