

St. Mary and St. John's Church

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MASSES INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 7th August.

6.30pm (Sunday Vigil) **John Proffitt RIP**

SUNDAY: 8th August. 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00am: (Sung Mass)

11.30am: **Parishioners**

MONDAY: 9th August. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patron of Europe

10.00am:

TUESDAY: 10th August. St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

10.00am

WEDNESDAY: 11th August. St. Clare

10.00am: **Harry Hedgecox RIP**

THURSDAY: 12th August. St. Jane Frances de Chantal

10.00am:

FRIDAY: 13th August. Feria or Blessed William Freeman, Priest &

Martyr or SS. Pontianus & Hippolytus, Martyrs

11.00-11.45 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 noon:

SATURDAY: 14th August. St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

9.30am:

11.30am: Diamond Jubilee Mass: Pat & Tony Nicholls

6.30pm: Vigil of the Assumption: **Agnes & Alan Clay RIP**

SUNDAY: 15th August. SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10.00am (Sung Mass) **James & Marie Davies RIP**

11.30am: **Parishioners**

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

AT SUNDAY MASSES

10.00am: Bro. Rafał, Mary Smith

Next week: Bro. Rafał, Emmanuel Bastian

11.30am: David Lashford

READERS AT SUNDAY MASSES

6.30pm Saturday: This week: Margaret O'Connor

Next week: Jan Wynn

10.00am Sunday: This week: Keith Wycherley

Next week: Rachel & Madeleine Blount

11.30am This week: Alan Thomas

Next week: Emma Flanagan, David Lashford

COUNTING TEAMS:

This week: Mr. & Mrs. Wynn, Father Dawid

Next week: Mr. & Mrs. Lennox, Father Dawid

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY:

Offeratory: Covenants: £152.36 Loose: £363.44

Flowers: £5.00

Thank you for your very generous contributions

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This week: Church Maintenance

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE SICK OR

HOUSEBOUND: Leon Stefek (Father Kazimierz's Father), David Deller, Bridget Ryan, David Barlow, Bridget Keane, Gerard Lawlor, Kathleen Reynolds, Pauline Ryan, Molly Ball, Tim Shee, John and Vona Smout, Hilda Westwood, Iris Duncan, Margaret Kenny, Pat Burton, Peter Blackwell, Keith Basudev, Ken and Hazel Harris, Bridget Lawrence, Anil Basudev, June Randles, Colleen Nicholas, Ann Proffitt, Joan Lindsell, Floss Jenkins, Sister Kay, Frances Page, Frances Butler, Mrs. MacDonald, Marie Matthews, Sister Dominic, Mary Landers, David Lashford, Margaret Davies, Olga Borowa and all those who are physically or mentally handicapped.

ANNIVERSARIES: Father Gerard Flint, assistant priest here 1933-39; Fr. Michael McGrath, parish priest Tettenhall 1948-77; Michael Brady, Tony Groom.



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CONFESSIONS:

Friday 11.00 – 11.45am Saturday: 10.00am – 10.30am
AND BY REQUEST

ROSARY

Mon. – Thurs.: following 10.00am Mass. Fri.: 11.30am

Sat.: following 9.30am Mass.

Sunday at 5.00pm

VOCATIONS: This week we pray for all studying for the priesthood, diaconate, or the religious life, and for those who will start their studies in the Autumn.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will recommence on Sunday 12th September.

OUR TUESDAY CLUB will recommence at 1.30pm on Tuesday 14th September.

GENTLE KEEP-FIT in our hall every Tuesday, 11.00am until 12 noon. If you wish to join, just turn up, you will be made very welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish for a Mass to be said for either a relative or friend, living or deceased, please see one of the priests.

HYMNBOOKS: It is hoped that 200 hymnbooks can be ordered soon. However we have not yet received enough funds for the 200 books. Donations would be gratefully received.

PAPAL VISIT: If you have signed the list to attend the Papal Mass on Sunday 19th Sept., could you please pay the £25 for each Pilgrim's ticket as soon as possible. Jan Wynn will be collecting the money following each Sunday Mass. Thank you.

PAT AND TONY NICHOLLS celebrate their DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY at a special Mass at 11.30am, this Saturday, August 14th. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Guy Nicholls: it is the 27th anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. Please remember them in your prayers.

PAPAL VISIT OF POPE JOHN PAUL II IN 1982 – were you a pilgrim at the Mass at Coventry and would like to share your memories of the day to Alex Homer at Express & Star, 01902 319466 or e-mail wolverhampton@expressandstar.co.uk

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE (Saturday) is very much a saint of our time. He was born in 1894 in Poland, the second son of a poor weaver, and was baptised Raymond. Both his parents were holy people, with a special devotion to Our Lady, which their sons imbibed from them. When he was 13, Raymond entered a Franciscan Junior Seminary; there he excelled in maths and physics. The call to the priesthood was strong, and he became a Franciscan novice, taking the name Maximilian. He was sent to Rome to study where he gained two Doctorates. Here, with six companions he founded the Crusade of Mary Immaculate. But no sooner was he ordained than his health began to fail, being in an advanced state of tuberculosis. Nevertheless, he put all his energy into spreading devotion to Our Lady. Using the most modern techniques he produced a Catholic newspaper as well as books etc.. When the Germans invaded Poland, Maximilian turned his friary into a shelter for over 3,000 Poles, of whom 2,000 were Jews. Inevitably his Friary was raided, and he, with many others, was sent to the infamous Auschwitz. There in secret he comforted the prisoners, hearing confessions, and speaking of the love of God even in such dreadful surroundings. His final heroism and sacrifice are well-known: he took the place of another prisoner who was to be sent to the Death Block. There the prisoners were left to starve without food or water, and were frequently beaten by the guards. Maximilian was given a fatal injection. His reputation for holiness spread rapidly and he was recognised as a great saint and devotee of Our Lady.