



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



The Parish is in the Care of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries

Parish Newsletter—32nd Sunday in Ordinary time- 10th to 17th Nov 24

BIBLICAL WIDOWS IN SERVICE AND ALMSGIVING

This Sunday’s readings provide us with an opportunity to learn from two biblical widows. The first book of Kings narrates how a widow, faced with the effects of the devastating drought (9th century before Christ), believed prophet Elijah and brought to him her only handful of a meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug that she had preserved for herself and her son. The prophet used his power to multiply the food stuffs that sustained them for the three years of the drought. The prophet too was sustained by the same food and continued with his ministry of the Word. In the Gospel reading, Jesus pointed to the poor widow as one who put the most in the treasury because she put in the little she had to live on, everything she possessed (Mark). Both widows have a message for us in relation to service and almsgiving, because their donations sustained the work of God’s prophets among his people.

Reflecting on those two Biblical widows brings me to sentiments of gratitude and encouragement. Our parish thrives on the donations and Sunday offering that you, the parishioners, give with devotion. These come in different forms as offertory and second collections to support various causes; others come in form of food stuffs and beverages, voluntary services in the teaching of the Catechism, singing in the choir, serving at the altar, proofreading and editing our publications, laundering our altar linens, preparing rotas for readers and eucharistic ministers, accounting and preparing first class reports for our auditors. All these keep our parish community vibrant. Thank you!

I am grateful to all who, from the tight schedules you have, still give time to do something more for the Church. This inspires me to appreciate my vocation as a priest and a minister among you. Similar sentiments are expressed by Fr. Reginald and our parish sisters: Sr. Leena Mathias and Sr. Leera Lobo.

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, let us thank the Lord for his generosity in multiplying our meagre supplies so that we can share them with the wider community that is in need. Those who are new to our Church community are also welcome to seek areas in which they can make their contribution. All those resources given generously with devotion contribute to building a vibrant community of God’s people.

Fr. Aloysius

MASSES— 10th to 17th Nov 2024

Sun	10	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int), Anthonia (B’d day), Dr. Jay (Get well) Steph & Niyi (Spl int), Patrick Anderson (Spl int) Anthonia & Sam (Wed Anniv),
		11.30am	People of the parish, Elvita Pereira (Thanksgiving) Patrick Kimani (RIP)
Mon	11	12.00noon	Rose Hogan (RIP) Holy souls, Departed souls of Drabik & Urban family
Tues	12	9.30am	Lobo family (RIP), Pete Fortune (Good health)
Wed	13	9.30am	Departed sisters of St. Ann, Ron Cashmore (RIP)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Benefactors & friends of Srs. of St. Ann, Rose Hogan (RIP)
Fri	15	9.30am	Tom Ward (Thanksgiving)
Sat	16	9.30am	Mathias family (RIP), Edna Gilks (RIP)
Sun	17	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int), John Curristan (4th Anniv) Deceased members of Monday Club
		11.30am	Akohamen Emmanuel (Spl int)

Lectors

10/11/2024

17/11/2024

9.30am	Clinton, Leslie	Elizabeth H., Elena
11.30am	Ivan, Jane	Oluchukwu, Valerie

Eucharistic Ministers

10/11/2024

17/11/2024

9.30am	Betty Osagie	Felix
11.30am	Florence K, Patricia	Marcel, Lilian

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

The sick of the Parish: Norah Griffith, Gerard Griffith, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crawford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Nikki Cherry, Con & James Healy, Jack Allen, Rodger Gill, Patrick Ledwidge, Mary Mooney, Alton Taylor Robinson, Mary Margaret Crean, Patrick Mooney, Paddy Darley, Mary McCall, Robert Delargy, James Joseph Smith, Emma Howey, William Greene, Michael Marron, Thomas Patrick McSweeney, Sarah McFadden, Packie Meehan, Ellen Duffy, Nora Herbert, Ann Devaney, Joseph Costelloe, Kathleen Nicola Hayden, Larry Moroney, Lawrence Sequeira, Gwendoline Margaret rose Whittington, John Augustine , Pat Martin, Marion Glennon, Chris Glennon, Annie Shanley.

November - dedicated to the faithful departed and the souls in purgatory, reawakens more intensively the memory of our loved ones who have died. Spouses who have died have left widows and widowers among us who, recalling their life together, hope to reconnect with them later. In the meantime, as a community of faith, the pilgrim Church, we support each other’s faith by acts of charity.

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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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YOU ARE MOST WELCOME to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here, or even if you have been here before, your presence with us at this moment at our community worship is greatly appreciated. Our Parish Church is the second to be built in Coventry after the Protestant Reformation. It was built in 1893 and the pews have never moved since then! Our Musical Pipe Organ was inaugurated in 1898 - it was the best of its kind at the time. Our parish has had thirteen parish priests since 1889. Our Parish welcomes you to promote initiatives that build up and sustain our faith community.

Parish Development

03/11/24: Gift Aid :£ 153.50 Dona: £273.00 Non-Gift Aid: £323.97 Total: £750.47

SO (Oct): £ Second collection - 197.36 Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections : 17th Nov. - Apostles of Jesus

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance :

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10-11.00am (& by appointment)

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6pm

Legion of Mary: Meet every Sunday after 11.30am Mass

CUSA weekly prayers: Every Thursday at 6.00pm.

SAFEGUARDING : The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE: must be accompanied by an adult if they need to leave the church to use the toilets during Mass or other Church services. Also, please do not let children of this age go near the votive candle stands unaccompanied, and do not let them run around the car park. It is important that we do everything to ensure that children are safe.

CHURCH NOTICES

They Received the Gift of the Holy Spirit: We rejoice and congratulate our twenty-two among us who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, but they have to allow the Holy Spirit to work in them. About this Bishop Richard Walker said, *'The Holy Spirit will, if we allow him, transform us so that we can transform the world in which we live.'* (Bishop's Homily)

Christmas Bazar: This will take place on *Saturday 7th December at 1.00pm* in the parish hall. We welcome items for Bric a Brac, the bottle stall, for Tombola etc. Christmas Bazar Raffle tickets are available at the piety stall. Thank you for your custom of financially supporting the Church.

Next Sunday for the Apostles of Jesus Mission Appeal – As usual I ask you, dear parishioners, to support the Apostles of Jesus with donations to help the formation of our major seminarians at Karen-Langata in Nairobi, Kenya. Every contribution, however small, helps. A donation given with faith attracts blessings. You may use the Dona Machine at any time to give your donation for this cause. I thank you in advance.

Parish Pastoral Council: Your Thoughts?

There are times when a pastor longs to listen to the people under his care. For the past few weeks, I have a longing to read and listen to your opinions about the proposed parish pastoral council. Please, use the suggestion box at the back of the Church to give your opinions. I will open the box on 24th November 2024. I am looking forward to your ideas for a more vibrant parish community and parish pastoral council

Transform Renewal Convention and Healing Service - Time 12 noon to 4pm, Saturday, 16th November, venue: our parish church. Specially invited are all members of our parish.

Praying for the Faithful Departed: In November we remember and pray for our departed brethren. If you would like to have Holy Mass celebrated for the souls in purgatory, place their names in the provided box. You may include a mass stipend. The Mass requests and stipends will be sent to the missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus to be celebrated in their mission lands in Africa. Thank you.

Fr. Aloysius Away 11th – 18th November – to celebrate 36 years as a priest on 13th November, at the Knock Shrine, Ireland. While I am away, Fr. Reginald will hold the fort of the parish administration. I will pray in thanksgiving and petition for your intentions.

Death and Burial: We regret to announce the death of Shepherd Bangure, formerly resident of Yarrow Walk, Coventry. His funeral service will take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday, 19th November at St Mary and St Benedict, followed by burial at Lentons Lane Cemetery, Coventry at 2.00pm. Our prayers for the bereaved family and friends.