



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—4th Sunday of Lent - 10th to 17th Mar 2024

MASSES— 10th to 17th Mar 2024

Sun	10	9.30am	People of the parish, John Poers (RIP) Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
		11.30am	Catherine Ezinma Obageli Okafor (RIP)
Mon	11	12.00noon	Eugene Doyle (Rip)
Tues	12	9.30am	Brendan (Spl int)
Wed	13	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Mapuranga Family (Spl int)
Fri	15	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	Margaret (Spl int),
Sat	16	9.30am	For peace in the world
Sun	17	9.30am	Deceased members of Coventry Pioneer Society
		11.30am	Catherine Ezinma Obageli Okafor (RIP) People of the parish

Lectors

	<u>10/03/2024</u>	<u>17/03/2024</u>
9.30am	Naomi, Dan (R)	Anthonia A., Elizabeth H. (R)
11.30am	Paapa, Rosaline (R)	Children

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>10/03/2024</u>	<u>17/03/2024</u>
9.30am	Felix (E)	Sophie (E)
11.30am	Serso (E)	Frank K. (E)

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

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

Anniversaries during the week : John Murphy, Margaret Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Lena Fitzgerald , Edward Brennan, Fr. Harkin, Nora Woods, Margaret Dunne, Ivy Elsie Lucas, Jim(James) Crean, Rosalyn Muffitt, Margaret Ward, Micki Kijko, Patrick Flahive.

Reflect on... God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son that we might embrace him and with him live for all eternity in His arms.

God's love embraces the whole world, including those who truly love God, those who never think of God and those who reject the love of God. Everyone is included in God's infinite love. As Saint Augustine expressed the idea, "God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love."

ARE YOU SAVED?

This question takes my memory back to the late 1970s when I first encountered Christians of non-Catholic tradition at a Bus Station in Masaka Town, in Uganda. One smart woman asked me if I was saved! I did not understand her question and so I did not answer her. I later understood that the question of salvation is central to our Christian faith so it is one worth revisiting all the time.

In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul provides a useful answer, 'When we were dead through our sins, God brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus' (Eph. 2: 5).

Salvation has two prongs. It entails being saved from danger. For example, hostages in the circle of terrorists are in danger of being killed or harmed at any time if their demands are not met, and a successful rescue mission will save the hostages from the terror of evil. However, it is not enough to be taken away from the danger, it is also important to flourish with fullness of life. Fullness of human life means an experience of utmost happiness, joy and contentment.

Salvation, which is complete flourishing of the human person, entails a personal embracing of the love of God. This is because, as creatures, we come from God and can get our ultimate fulfilled flourishing only in God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ provides us with the experience of salvation which God grants freely to all, but can be freely accepted or rejected.

Thus to the question, 'Are you saved?' Each person upon reflection should give a relevant answer according to each ones response. It is also important to note that our salvation cannot be complete while still in this world, since we continue to struggle with sin and its ugly effects.

As we journey through Lent, let us focus our attention to God who invites us to embrace his love. Remember: God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life (John, 3: 16). God saves us because he loves us.

I wish you a happy Sunday and joyful celebrations of the Mothers' Day.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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YOU ARE MOST WELCOME to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here or probably 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, 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 eleven Parish priests since 1889, the present one being a Religious Missionary from the Institute of Apostles of Jesus in Uganda. Our Parish welcomes and promotes the initiatives by everyone to build up and sustain our faith community.

Parish Development

03/03/24: Gift Aid : £114.50 Dona: £.187.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 488.27 Total: 789.77

SO (Feb) : £ 1572.00 Second collection : £ 96.80 May God bless you all.

2nd collections 29th Mar : Holy places; 21st April—Clergy training Fund

Bonus Ball : No. `

Mass Attendance : 303

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

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 round the car park. It is important that we do everything to ensure that accidents do not happen. Thanks you for your help in keeping our children safe.

CHURCH NOTICES

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY! On this day, we honour our dear mothers living and departed. The best gift to give our mothers is FILIAL LOVE.

PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE & CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday, 19th March, at 7pm, St Mary and St Benedict Church.

Monday, 11th March, 6pm, St Mary and St Benedict, Reconciliation for 31 Children preparing for the First Holy Communion, adults are welcome too.

Penitential Services and Confessions in Neighbouring Parishes

Saturday, 23rd March: St Osburgs Church, 2pm,

Saturday, 23rd March: St John Fisher, 7pm,

Monday, 15th March: Corpus Christi, 7pm,

Tuesday, 26th March: Our Lady of the Angels Nuneaton, 7pm

Wednesday, 27th March, 7pm, Sacred Heart, 7pm.

PROGRAMME FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sun 24th March: Palm Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am

Wed, 27th March: 11.30am Mass of Holy Chrism– St. Chad's B'ham

Thurs, 28th March: 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, (Washing of Feet, Re-commissioning of Extra- ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Adoration until 10.00pm at the Altar of Repose)

Frid, 29th March: Good Friday: 2.15pm Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of our Lord

Sat. 30th March, Holy Saturday: 8.30pm - Easter vigil Mass

Sun. 31st March, Easter Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

Mon 1st Apr Easter Monday Mass at St. Osburg—10.00am

Sun 7th Apr - Sunday Masses at 9.30 and 11.30; Devotional Prayers of the Divine Mercy will begin at 2.00pm followed by Mass at 3.45pm.

GIFT AID ENVELOPS: are ready for collection at the piety stall. If you are tax payer and you want to donate your Sunday collection through GIFT AID please contact Sr. Leera. Thank you all for your generous contribution.

Popes intention for March-For the new Martyrs. We thank those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.