

MASSES— 11th o 18th Feb 2024

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| Sun | 11 | 9.30am | Apostles of Jesus Missionaries | 6th Sunday in ordinary time |
| | | 11.30am | Chantel Sharp (B'day) | |
| Mon | 12 | 12.00noon | Karen Hewson (RIP) | |
| Tues | 13 | 9.30am | Mary Mulroney (Good health) | |
| Wed | 14 | 9.30am | People of the parish | |
| | | 7.00pm | People of the parish | |
| Thurs | 15 | 9.30am | Ignatius & Josephine (RIP) | |
| Fri | 16 | 6.30pm | Stations of the cross | |
| | | 7.00pm | Sr. Donetella (RIP) | |
| Sat | 17 | 9.30am | Mary Mulroney (Good health) | |
| Sun | 18 | 9.30am | Frank Healy (B'day remembrance) , William Mara (RIP) | |
| | | | Henry McCafferty (Get well) | 1st Sunday of Lent |
| | | 11.30am | George Dunnion, Donna Boyle (RIP) | |

Lectors

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| | <u>11/02/2024</u> | <u>18/02/2024</u> |
| 9.30am | Elizabeth, Cosmos (R) | Anthonia A., Joe (R) |
| 11.30am | Kenneth, Angela N. (R) | Joseph, Maame (R) |

Eucharistic Ministers

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| | <u>11/02/2024</u> | <u>18/02/2024</u> |
| 9.30am | Betty Osagie (E) | Sophie D (E) |
| 11.30am | Loveness (E) | Patricia K. (E) |

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

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

Anniversaries during the week : Teresa Langan, Harry Hone, Ellen Crawley, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Boman, Robert Hancock, Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama, Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash, George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd.

Reflect on...

The Word of God teaches us that Prayer should be a habit to be watered every day.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—6th Sunday in Ordinary time-Year B: 11th to 18th Feb 2024

Of course, I want to! Be Cured.

In the past two Sundays, reading extracts from the Gospel of Mark, we encountered Jesus who performed miracles: casting out demons and healing the sick. He did this because of his kindness to those who were vulnerable due to sickness and those who cried out to him for help.

Today we have Jesus who healed a man of leprosy, a disease that was associated with ritual uncleanliness, stigma, social exclusion, and discrimination. It was very humbling to have leprosy. In the Book of Leviticus, chapters 13 and 14, are about the strict rules that were imposed on lepers. It was the role of the priest to verify cases of leprosy, pronounce them so, and order their exclusion; likewise, the priest verified their healing and accepted the sacrifice of thanksgiving for their healing.

The leper was to live differently from other members of the community, they were to wear torn clothes, have unkempt hair, and cry out 'Unclean, Unclean!' so that no one got too close to them. The regulations indicate how much leprosy affected an individual's dignity, social life, and their personal identity.

With that background we have an insight into the feelings of the man, whose name we are not told, who came to Jesus, and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to, you can cure me'. We learn that Jesus felt sorry for him, stretched out his hand, touched him, and said: 'Of course, I want to! Be cured'. At once he was cured. That is how powerful Jesus is!

How restoring to hear the words of the Master of Creation telling the same to us! In the first place, he does not avoid the leper; he is beyond contamination; he touched him to restore his dignity and remove the stigma that was associated with the disease.

To be healed by Jesus, we must be humble enough to accept our need for healing. There is no human condition that Jesus cannot heal. As we start the Lenten Season, let us open our lives in humility and sincerity of heart to accept God's healing touch and particularly in the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

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

<https://donate.mydona.com/ss-mary-benedict-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

04/02/24: Gift Aid : £153.48 Dona: £316.00 Non-Gift Aid: £608.58 Total: 1078.06

SO (Jan) : £ 2315.00 Second collection : £ May God bless you all.

2nd collections : 11th Feb– Pro Life ; 25th Feb—CAFOD

Bonus Ball : No. ` Mass Attendance : 382

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.

For the terminally ill...

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of February 2024, and invites everyone to pray for the terminally ill and their families.

CHURCH NOTICES

Today is World day for the sick. It is an awareness day, or observance, in the Catholic Church intended for "prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ". Let us remember in our prayers our parishioners who are ill.

THE LENTEN SEASON: Next Wednesday is the start of Lent, the ecclesiastical season of grace that is characterized by repentance and committed discipleship. The ritual of the imposition of ashes is very symbolic and reminds us of our humble nature and inclinations to sin. It also reminds us that we are made from the earth. The priest will say, as he imposes the ashes on our faces: 'Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return', or 'Repent and believe in the Gospel'. I invite you to see the Lenten themes of Fasting and Almsgiving in a complete spiritual whole as enriching our prayer life because we are celebrating this Lenten Season in the Year of Prayer.

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February Mass Times: 9.30am and 7.00pm

Stations of the cross every Friday at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. Come and receive graces from the Lord.

Rite of Election will take place on Sunday 18 February at 3pm in Saint Chad's Cathedral. Marie Noel Kamba who completed her RCIA sessions will be attending this Celebration at St. Chand's Cathedral and will receive Confirmation on Easter vigil. Let us keep her in our prayers.

CAFOD: We encourage you fast in view of supporting the Catholic Agency for overseas Development (CAFOD) this year CAFOD aims to reach out to the hard working people in the Global world to get home safely and feed their families for good. Every contribution you make helps in improving other people's lives.

2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER - In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', the diocese of Birmingham has launched a video on "Pause for Prayer" and you can use this link (birminghamdiocese.org.uk) to watch and learn a little more about the importance of prayer and how to make time for prayer:

Requiem Mass for Robert (Bob) Haddock will take place on Friday 23rd February at 1.00pm at St. Mary & Benedict's Church. We extend our condolences to his family and friends. May God grant him eternal peace.

Walk with Me Booklets and Calendars are a great spiritual companion through the Season of Lent. They are available at the piety stall. Kindly place a donation of £1 towards the printing. Let us read, reflect and prepare for our Lenten journey.

GREETINGS FROM THE APOSTLES OF JESUS IN NAIROBI



Thank you for your prayers. Our meetings are going on smoothly. We start our day with prayer and Holy Mass, and I do pray for your daily intentions and for peace in the world. I am looking forward to my return to the parish on Thursday, 15th February. May God