



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Seventh Sunday of Easter –12th to 19th May 2024

IN PRAYER WITH MARY

The period between the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost connects us to the first community of about 120 persons who gathered in the upper room in the city of Jerusalem. It comprised the eleven apostles, Jesus’ relatives, some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus; these devoted themselves in one accord to prayer (AA 1:14). They followed the Lord’s instructions ‘to stay in the city and wait for the promise of the Father upon them to be clothed with power from on high’ (Lk, 24:49). That community of fearful men and women confidently relied on the words of our Lord to wait for the miracle of the promised outpouring. They were united in their faith. We want to do the same as they did.

This period invites us to do the Pentecost Novena with utmost devotion and to pray in thanksgiving, praise, worship, and petition as we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit that comes to us daily. In this month of May, during this year of prayer, we are privileged to pray with Mary the mother of Jesus as we present our petitions to God. We present to the Lord our parish community and particularly for various groups that are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion; and to celebrate Holy Matrimony.

I ask you to pray for the following couples who have expressed their intentions to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the course of this year:

- 1. Ehinoma Osawe & Roselyn Onyimye Ashibuogwu
2. Uchechukwu Chidiebere Francis & Christiana Odinaka Okaro
3. Leonard Ronnie Maruya & Hilda Musanaguro
4. Rahul & Rose Mary Thomas
5. Eric Chinedu Amah & Magdalene Osarague Ojomo
6. Tiemele Kouadio Edgard & Zioh Tahignri Adrey Maseur
7. Austin Ikenna Ugoh & Jennifer Chioma Ugoh
8. Bibi Sylvester Bougneh & Delphine Sieh Bibi
9. Leonard Ronnie Marunya & Hildah Musananguro
10. Donald Edokpa & Rita Aligbe
11. Nathaniel Ogheneovu Onokpue & Calista Aadaeze Emmanuel
12. Pravins Leonard & Saintrin Isha
13. Richard Mmaduabuchi NNEJI & Scholastica Chienonam Obiorah,

For these, and for all the people we promised our prayers, we commend them to God during this Pentecost Novena in communion with the whole Church, together with Mary the mother of Jesus. Amen.

MASSES— 12th to 19th May 2024

Table with columns for Day, Time, and Mass details. Includes entries for Sun 12, Mon 13, Tues 14, Wed 15, Thur 16, Fri 17, Sat 18, and Sun 19.

Lectors

12/05/2024

19/05/2024

9. 30am— Anthonia A., Naomi (R) James M., Cosmos (R)
11.30am - Florence K., Elena (R) Scarlett, Karen (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

12/05/2024

19/05/2024

9.30am Betty O. Sophie D.
11.30am Lilian, Patricia Florence K., Serso

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 T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers, John Maher, Michael John McCarthy, Gerald Byrne, Harry McGorman, Patrick Owen Murray, Edward James Kavanagh, Matthew Tanner, Doris Barnabal, Martin Duffy, William Clisham, Patrick Lanigan Barbara Julia Gleeson, Danny Rodgers, Thomas Sweeney, Elizabeth Morgan, Leo Pinto, Christina Doyle, Ellen Hull.

Feasts during the week: 13th May– Our Lady of Fatime; 14th May– Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle.

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Thy Light; and in the light of glory, to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

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

<https://donate.myдона.com/ss-mary-benedict-church>

Parish Priest: Fr. Aloysius L. Bukenya, Apostles of Jesus.

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Parish Sisters: Srs. of St. Ann of Providence
Leena and Leera

Sunday School: Perpetua Sam & Emmanuella

Parish School: St Mary & St Benedict's, Leigh Street CV1 5HG

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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 thirteen parish priests since 1889. Our Parish welcomes you to promote initiatives that build up and sustain our faith community.

Parish Development

28/04/24: Gift Aid :£ 167.38 Dona: £. 407.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 370.04 Total: 944.42

SO (Apr): £ Second collection : Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections Sudan crisis appeal: 5th May; 12th May –Catholic Communications.

Bonus Ball : No. ` **Mass Attendance** : 360

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

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Pentecost Novena - Stay in Prayer with Mary: Let pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the lord. we pray for the plenitude of God's favour upon the Church for unity, peace, and apostolic zeal in our times. To be effective, our prayer shall be accompanied by an open disposition to receive God's promises. 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.

TRANSFORM MINISTRIES WORSHIP

St Osburg's Church, 18th May, 6.00pm -8.30 pm. Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Word of God & Praise and Worship. All are welcome.

Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK, Charity Number: 1205905

We welcome donations to support the goals of the Charity. The second collections of **Sunday 7th July** and **17th November** will be in support of the Charity's goals.

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

This will take place on 25th May from St Elizabeth's Church; 15seats are still available. Those who are interested to go, please, register with Sr. Leera and Sr. Leena. The cost is £15 per person. Booking deadline is Tuesday 14th May. Details about Walsingham are at: www.walsingham.org.uk

2ND COLLECTION FOR COMMUNICATIONS FOR EVANGELIZATION

The 2012, Instrumentum Laboris of the Synod of Bishops XIII Ordinary General Assembly the New Evangelization for the transmission of the Christian faith stated:

The new evangelization does not mean a "new Gospel", because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever" (*Heb 13:8*). The new evangelization means an adequate response to the signs of the times, to the needs of individuals and people of today and to the new sectors with their cultures through which we express our identity and the meaning of our lives. Consequently, the new evangelization means fostering a culture deeply grounded in the Gospel and discovering the "new man" (*Eph 4:24*), which is within us as a result of the Spirit who has been given us by Jesus Christ and the Father.

DAIRY DATES

Saturday, 11th May, 11am: Confirmation Preparation Instructions start;

11.30 am: Marian Pilgrimage to the Coventry Priory Place

Pentecost Sunday, 18th May, 1.15pm : Infant Baptism;

Saturday, 8th June, 10am: Mass for First Holy Communion;

Thursday, 13h June, 7pm: Meeting of the Parish Property and Finance Committee .