

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 taken by everyone for the building up and sustenance of our faith community.

Parish Development

SO (Feb) : £ 2296.80 Gift Aid : £ 121.60 Non-Gift Aid: £ 440.76 Total: £ 562.36

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Ex. 17:3-7; Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn. 4:5-42.

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 443

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10-11.00am.

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

(RCIA): sessions : every Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel a Samaritan woman encounters Jesus at the well. Jesus speaks with her for a while and she is deeply touched by this casual but transforming conversation. The first thing to note is that the very fact of Jesus speaking to her touched her. But there was something more that Jesus said that deeply affected her. As the woman herself tells us, He "told me everything I have done." But here was Jesus. He knew all about her but wanted to give her Living Water nonetheless. He wanted to satiate the thirst that she was feeling in her soul. As He spoke to her, and as she experienced His gentleness and acceptance, that thirst began to be quenched. It began to be quenched because what she really needed, what we all need, is this perfect love and acceptance that Jesus offers. He offered it to her, and He offers it to us.

Reflect, today, upon the undeniable thirst that is within you. Once you are aware of it, make the conscious choice to let Jesus satiate it with Living Water. If you do this, you too will leave the many "jars" behind that never satisfy for very long.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Fr. Cornell Harkin: today it is exactly 38 years since our beloved former parish priest was tragically killed in a gas explosion with his loyal housekeeper Mrs Norah Woods on Tuesday 12th March 1985. Fr. Harkin was a true pastor, while Norah was a loyal servant. Both advanced the welfare of our parish. Kindly remember them in your prayers.

Gift Aid Envelops: are ready for collection at the piety stall. New GAD members are welcome to join the Gift Aid scheme to give your Sunday donations. Please talk to Sr. Leera today. ***Donating through Gift Aid means charities and communities can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra.***

Pope Francis will make an Apostolic Journey to Hungary in April. In a statement from Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni announced on Monday: "Accepting the invitation of the civil and ecclesial Authorities, His Holiness Pope Francis will make an Apostolic Journey to Hungary from 28 to 30 April 2023, visiting the city of Budapest." The papal visit will mark Pope Francis' 41st Apostolic Journey abroad.

Mass for Married Couples are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. Saturday 12noon, April 29 at Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. For more information, contact Paul Northam by emailing: marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk or call him on (0121) 321 5148

We are half way to Easter: Lent is a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It's a time when we can prepare our hearts for the remembrance of Christ's death. Our observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week when on Palm Sunday we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection.

Vacancy Estates Manager working for Father Hudson's Care across multiple sites in Coleshill. The role is full time (37 hours) with a salary of £35086-40152 and an on call allowance of £110 per week (usually on call 2 out of every 4 weeks). If you would like to discuss the Estate Manager position please call our CEO Andy Quinn on 07966 935533 (direct applicants only, no agencies), or see vacancy details and download an application form here <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies/facilities-manager/337.htm>

Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis will be celebrated on 13th March. It will be a public holiday in Vatican city. Let us pray for his continued good health and ask God to guide him in all of his decisions.

St. Patrick's day will be celebrated on 16th March at 7.00pm at Christ the King parish. You are all welcome. After the Mass you are invited for a light dinner.

Sacrament of Confession: Fr. Jimmy is available during Lent at any time for anybody who wants to have the Sacrament of Confession. Please give him a call on 07906124756. to arrange the time. Confessions take place also every Saturday from 10:00-10:50am.

Dates for your diary:

Parish Penitential service will take place on 27th March at 7.00pm.

Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers: at Christ the King on Saturday 25th March at 9.30am