



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



A.J. Mission

**Parish Newsletter –32nd Sunday—Year A—12th to 19th Nov 2023**

## LESSONS ON WISDOM

There is a sense in which all humans are wise, even babies have that natural wisdom that befits their age and inspires their choices. That sense of wisdom grows and matures as one interacts with lived experiences. We could, therefore, argue that the more experienced one is the wiser they are. Sociologists characterise that as common wisdom. The parable of the ten bridesmaids presents two levels of wisdom among the five who were amateurs, endowed with the common wisdom, and the others who were more experienced, who had a higher sense of foresight, true wisdom.

The more experienced took their lamps with flasks of oil to use in the night at the arrival of the bridegroom, the amateurs carried their lamps but did not carry the oil, they followed the common wisdom. Perhaps, if they had in humility sought advice from the more experienced, they would have been guided and got more sensible.

The parable invites us to introspect and check how we make important decisions. Biblical wisdom challenges us to consider uncomfortable themes of life as we go about our life. To make wise decisions requires humility, patience, prayer, carrying the daily cross, and a foresight to consider the immediate and distant future that includes themes of personal death, judgment, heaven, and hell. With those distant themes in mind, one is likely to be more careful when going about daily life.

The Book of Wisdom assures us that there is no excuse for any reasonable person to remain in ignorance or choose foolishly, because channels of wisdom are accessible to all. We read, ‘Wisdom herself searches everywhere for those who are worthy of her, benevolently appearing to them on their ways’ (Wis. 6:16).

Dear Brothers and Sisters, how much time do you dedicate to a search for true wisdom as you go about your daily life? How much time do you avail to instruct the doubtful to live wisely?

### **MASSES— 12th to 19th Nov 2023**

Sun	12	9.30am	Anthonia & Sam (Wed Anni), Drabik & Urbarni families (RIP)
		11.30am	Eubert Lasrado , Welde Gabir & Ferem (RIP) Mark & Celine D’Souza (RIP)
Mon	13	12.00noon	Fr. Aloysius (Ordination Anniv) Chukwudi & Anne Malize (Wedding Anniv)
Tues	14	9.30am	Deceased members of Tom Ward family
Wed	15	9.30am	Deceased members Marime & Mapuranga families
		5.00pm	Reception of Mary Ann Curtin (Maureen)
Thurs	16	11.00am	Requiem Mass—Maureen
Fri	17	9.30am	James Mapuranga (Good health)
Sat	18	9.30am	Teresa Feltan (RIP) Deceased members of Ofili’s family
Sun	19	9.30am	James Mapuranga (Good health), John Curristan (3rd Anniv)
		11.30am	Deceased members of Dunnion family, Helen Pinto (RIP)

#### **Lectors**

**12/11/2023**

**19/11/2023**

9.30am Cosmos, Demisha (R)

Anthonia O., James M. (R)

11.30am Ann Marie, Angela N. (R)

Elena, Scarlett (R)

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**12/11/2023**

**19/11/2023**

**9.30am** Cath Slatter (E)

Betty O. (E)

**11.30am** Lilian (E)

Patricia K. (E)

**Readings—** Wis. 6:12-16, 1Thes. 4:13-18; Mt. 25: 1-13.

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

**Anniversaries during the week:** Mary Mooney, Alton Taylor Robinson, Mary Margaret Crean, Patrick Mooney, Paddy Darley, Mary McCall, Robert Delargy , 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, Margaret & Joseph Hamill, William Greene, Robert Wood, Maria Patricia Murphy, John Ledwidge.

#### **Reflect on...**

“With charity towards the dead, we practise all the works of charity. The Church encourages us to aid the souls in Purgatory , who in turn will reward us abundantly when they come into their glory.” - St. Francis de Sales

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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 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**

**05/11/23:** Gift Aid : £109.60 Dona: £ 190.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 424.54 Total: £ 724.14

SO (Oct) : £1587 Second collection : 307.09 May God bless you all.

**2nd collections :** 12/11/2023— Fr. Jimmy Lutwama A.J.

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

**SAFEGUARDING**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses 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](mailto:sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Legion of Mary at St. Mary's Church :** members meet immediately after the 11.30am Mass every Sunday in the Parish meeting room. All are welcome.

**Mass Intentions**

Envelopes for your Mass Intentions and the Holy Souls are available at the back of the Church; please pick one, write your intention and hand it over to the Sisters with a minimum donation of £5.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Today is Remembrance Sunday** (closest to the 11th November) is the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War I. It our opportunity to remember sacrifices of all those defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. May we pray for all those who have died in war and conflict and pray for a future where peace and justice reign over violence and war.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Feast of Christ the King is World Youth Sunday:** The Pope invites the global Church celebrate and pray for young people. The theme for the Sunday is: "Jesus' door is always open: Come and See!".

**Thanksgiving & Farewell Mass for Fr. Jimmy:** On the same Sunday, at 11.30am, Fr. Jimmy will preside over the Thanksgiving Mass as the 16 year-pastor among us. Installation of Fr. Jimmy as parish priest of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Nuneaton is on Thursday, 30th November 2023. You are all welcome.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** We thank you for supporting our newly confirmed young people. We continue to pray for their perseverance in the faith as they also discover the particular vocations to which God is calling each. We thank Msgr Paul Fitzpatrick who conferred the Sacrament and for his memorable homily.

**Catechism for First Holy Communicants (FHC)-** Children studying in non-Catholic schools and who have reached the age to receive First Holy Communion (year3), will commence their preparation classes will on Saturday, 18th November at 11.00am in the Lady's Chapel.

**Christmas Bazar, 9th December:** I kindly request you to support this event as you usually do by bringing stuff for Bric-a-Brac, Food hampers, Bottle stall etc. If you can put up a food stall, you are most welcome. Raffle tickets are available at the piety stall. Kindly bring back the stubs so that you can win a prize. Thanks for your co-operation.

**Sunday, 19th November 2023 is Safeguarding Sunday** Our parish representatives Asipita Iroko & Perpetua Sam will address us on themes of child safeguarding, as part of awareness campaign organised by Christian Safeguarding Charity Thirty-one: eight.

**Members of the Parish Youth Group** will hold their meeting on next Sunday 19th November at 4.00pm in the Parish Hall. Fr. Aloysius will participate in the meeting.

**Annual Mass for the deceased clergy** will take place on Tuesday 14th Nov. at Holy Family church Coventry at 1.00pm. The names of our deceased priests will be called out. We are invited to attend this Mass.

**Blessing of the Christmas Crib in Coventry** near Godiva Statue will take place on the 1st Sunday of Advent, 3rd Dec at 4.00pm.

**Feasts during the week:** 15th Nov. St. Albert the Great Bishop, 16th Nov. St. Margaret of Scotland, 17th Nov. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious; 18th Nov. Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul in Rome.