



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

Parish Newsletter – 2nd Sunday—Year B: 14th to 21th January 2024

MASSES— 14th to 21st Jan 2024

Sun	14	9.30am	People of the parish, Steph Osagie , Tony Smith (B'day), Kay Delaney (Anniv), Bob Haddock (RIP)
		11.30am	Tran family, Mr & Mrs. Okey (Thanksgiving)
Mon	15	12.00noon	Joesph Clear & Tomy Clear (RIP)
Tues	16	9.30am	Bridgit Clear & Michael Clear (RIP), Tran family (Thanksgiving)
Wed	17	9.30am	Sr. Carmel John (RIP)
Thurs	18	9.30am	Sr. Leonie Varghese (RIP)
Fri	19	9.30am	Patrick O'Neil (RIP)
Sat	20	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney & Ada Wood (Good health)
Sun	21	9.30am	Neil McHugh (RIP), Pearl Irianan (B'day)
		11.30am	People of the parish Eromosele Gabriel Agenmonmen (B'day)

Lectors

	14/01/2024		21/01/2024
9.30am	Joel, Nicholas (R)		Desma, Cosmos (R)
11.30am	Kayla, Florence E. (R)		Angela N., Mary (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

	14/01/2024		21/01/2024
9.30am	Ann M. (E)		Felix (E)
11.30am	Serso (E)		Florence K. (E)

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

Anniversaries during the week. : Margaret Cooke, Ethna Veronica Bannon, Isabel Read, Bridget Christine Barnes, Michael Edward Terence Thornburgh Hanbury, Neil Ferry, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Daniel Lanaghan , Baby Vanessa Ferkova, Linval George Morant, Thomas Michael Murtagh, Florence Maggs, William Williamson Stewart, Robert John Stevenson, Michael Joseph Kenny , Mary Jane Bohan, Angela Dunnion, Christopher Mooney, Dolores Kealy, Garry Mark Wood, John Dee, Eugene Pinto.

Feasts during the week: 17th Jan—St. Anthony, Abbot; 19th Jan - St. Wulstan, Bishop;

Reflect on...

“Speak, for your servant is listening.” Let us all imitate Samuel, or even the first two apostles. When they asked Jesus “where are you staying?” Jesus said “Come, and see.” It is by spending time in prayer, reading or listening that we become attune to the voice of God and we can answer with our Responsorial Psalm “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

Peace Be with You

Today, we are celebrating the Peace Sunday with the theme: Artificial Intelligence and Peace. Our Lord came to bring peace on earth. As Risen Lord, Jesus used the expression *Shalom*: ‘Peace be with you,’ to salute his disciples (John 20:20) and to dispel fear out of them. For us Christians, peace is a sign of God’s favour and a real mark of salvation.

Whenever it is mentioned, and in whichever language, the term peace means more than absence of war and strife. It entails positive qualities of calmness of spirit, holistic wellbeing, integrity, spiritual balance, social harmony, material prosperity, love, happiness, and a joyful expectation of good times, and fullness of life.

In his message for Peace Day, Pope Francis has reflected on the theme of Artificial Intelligence and Peace and he prays that Artificial Intelligence will serve the promotion of peace and holistic wellbeing for all peoples and that “*rapid development of forms of artificial intelligence will not increase cases of inequality and injustice all too present in today’s world, but will help put an end to wars and conflicts, and alleviate the many forms of suffering that afflict our human family.*”

Fr. Malcolm McMahan, OP, National President of Pax Christi England and Wales says, ‘The war between Russia and Ukraine continues, as do conflicts around the globe. As I write this, the conflict in Palestine and Israel has erupted once more into terrible violence and suffering with thousands dying, injured, and displaced. Advocating a just peace in Palestine and Israel - as indeed the Holy Father does - is a part of the ongoing work of Pax Christi, alongside building a culture of nonviolence, campaigning against war, nuclear weapons, and the arms trade.’

Pax Christi produces resources on peace and non-violence issues, organises events and vigils, represents Catholicism in the national and international peace movements, and works with young people in schools and churches. Each year Pax Christi makes resources available for churches and groups to mark Peace Sunday. Please give Pax Christi your support.

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Web cam: www.menmedia.tv/camer/st-mary-and-st-benedict

Youtube: [st mary and benedict church coventry](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvH7Zm5m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1)

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

<https://donate.myдона.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

07/01/24: Gift Aid : £146.60 Dona: £ 137.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 433.32 Total: 716.92

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

2nd collections : 14/01/24—Pax Christi

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.

Prayer for Christian unity:

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you;" regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which is according to your will, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and ever. Amen.

CHURCH NOTICES

INDUCTION OF THE PARISH PRIEST, 18th January, 7PM

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is an invitation for you to participate in the ceremonies of inducting the new parish priest, Fr. Aloysius Lwanga Bukonya, Apostles of Jesus. The induction is a parish celebration, because you the parishioners have your roles to pledge to sustain a dynamic expression of our Catholic faith in this City. Fr. Aloysius too will pledge to carry out his functions: Sanctification, Teaching and Servant Leadership, among you the people of God in this parish. He is to be installed as the 13th parish priest, following an unbroken succession in the same office.

1. Rev. Fr. Placid Rea (OSB), First Parish Priest 1889-1914 was our parish priest for 25 years.
2. Rev. Fr. William Campbell OSB 1914- 1918. He was our Parish priest for 4 years.
3. Rev. Fr. De Simple 1918-1920 was Parish priest for 2 years.
4. Rev. Canon JJ Walsh 1920- 1956 the longest serving parish priest for 36 years.
5. Rev. Fr. M. McCabe 1957 -1966 was parish priest for 9 years.
6. Rev. Fr. Charles Thornton 1967 - 1983, he was parish priest for 16 years.
7. Rev. Fr. Connell A. Harkin 1983 -1985, he died in gas explosion. He was our parish priest for 2 years.
8. Rev. Fr. Joseph Danaher 1985-1995 was parish priest for 10 years.
9. Rev. F. Joe Firth 1995-1997 was parish priest for 2 years.
10. Rev. Fr. Brendan Byrne 1997-2005 was Parish Priest for 8 years.
11. Rev. Fr. John Nolan 2006-2007 was our Parish priest for 2 years.
12. Rev. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama, Apostles of Jesus, 2008- 2023 was parish priest for 16 years.
13. Rev. Fr. Aloysius L. Bukonya, Apostles of Jesus, inducted parish priest on 18 January.

ALL NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH (Westhill Road, CV6 2AA) from 8pm on Friday 19th January to Saturday 20th. If you would like to spend an hour with our Eucharistic Lord, please, sign up using this link <https://bit.ly/Eucharist-Adoration> or call 07435690556

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY AT 2PM: Ecumenical Service in the Chapel of Unity. A strong representation from our Catholic Community is encouraged to participate. For more information please, follow this link <www.ctbiorg.uk>.

NEXT SUNDAY IS DESIGNATED FOR THE WORD OF GOD

MEETING OF PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

THE LATE ROBERT (BOB HADDOCK) - died on Sunday 7th January, burial arrangements to be announced.

Bob was a member of the Lay Franciscan fraternity and always active our parish community; he was committed to the Guild of St. Stephen as an altar server. He expressed his faith by wearing the Franciscan habit that was kept in the sacristy and he entrusted to Fr. Jimmy and the parish sisters his wish to be buried in it. May he rest in eternal peace. Amen.

