

MASSES— 15th to 22nd Sept 2024

Sun	15	9.30am	Shawn Aikhionbare (B'day), Elizabeth (7th Anniv) Ehimen Michael Agenmonmen (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Rosalyn & Thomas Djoukong (Thanksgiving) Chiduben Anigbo & family (Thanksgiving) Margie Galban (Spl int)
Mon	16	12.00noon	Mr. & Mrs. Joyce (Spl int)
Tues	17	9.30am	Charles Ward Senior (RIP)
Wed	18	9.30am	Fr. Paul Ward (Spl int)
Thurs	19	9.30am	Pauline Hughes (RIP), Ann Mapuranga (B'day)
Fri	20	9.30am	Anetha (Thanksgiving)
Sat	21	9.30am	Pauline Hughes (RIP)
Sun	22	9.30am	Paul Fahy (1st Anniv), People of the parish
		11.30am	Luke & Amani (Spl int), People of the parish

Lectors

	<u>15/09/2024</u>	<u>22/09/2024</u>
9.30am	Desma, Anthonia A.	Cath Slatter, Demisha
11.30am	Chidema, Valerie	Rosaline, Leslie

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>15/09/2024</u>	<u>22/09/2024</u>
9.30am	Cath Slatter	Sophie D.
11.30am	Marcel, Frank	Florence K., Lilian

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 Crawford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Bernard McHugh, Julia O'Driscoll, Margaret Lee, Peggy Moore, Tyrone Declan Evans Shields, Michael Joseph Bannon, Owen Healy.

Clergy anniversaries: Rev. Richard Dinnis, Rev. Patrick Meagher, Arch Bp. George Patrick Dwyer, Rev. William Alfred Oddie, Canon Peter McKenna, Rev. Alan Leslie H., Rev. Peter Lees, Rev. John David Steward, Canon David Mellor.

Mary Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—24th Sunday in Ordinary time- 15th to 22nd Sept 24

THE HOME MISSION SUNDAY - THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

On this *Evangelii Gaudium* - Home Mission Sunday - we have another opportunity to reflect on the Lord's great mandate to us, his disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). For this year, Pope Francis has chosen for us the theme: '*Growing as missionary disciples*'. We are invited to pray for our parish communities, that we will become intentionally missionary in our lives and witness.

Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel (2013), reiterated the missionary nature of every Christian. He said: "Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples" ' (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 120).

Being a missionary disciple means that every Christian, whatever their level of education, has the competence to announce the Gospel to non-Christians and to other Christians who have lapsed in their practice of the faith. It is worth noting that carrying of the cross is central to the missionary activity of the Church. The crucifixion of our Lord stands out as a deep mystery because God chose it as the path to human salvation. In it, God chose to manifest his love to the world and make the cross central to the proclamation of the Good News of salvation.

As missionary disciples, we will daily respond to Jesus' invitation: 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8). It means that the more closely we follow Christ, the more we make him known. Discipleship is tied up to a commitment to constant purification and seeking greater ways to love God and the neighbour (see the greatest commandment of the Law, Matthew 22: 35-40).

Missionary discipleship also entails going out of one's comfort zones through a process of purification by detachment from excessive selfishness and seeking a life of integrity. As our Lord teaches us, the foundation of missionary discipleship is best realised by carrying one's cross after our Lord: it is always an uphill task.

Fr. Aloysius

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YOU ARE MOST WELCOME to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here, or even if 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 and 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

08/09/24: Gift Aid :£258.00 Dona: £ 240.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 353.05 Total: £ 851.05

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

2nd collections 15th Sept– CASE; 29th Sept.—Father Hudson's Society

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 286

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

CUSA weekly prayers: Every Thursday at 6.00pm.

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.covtv@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 around 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

Theme for this Sunday: “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.” (Mark 8:34-35).

Father Hudson's Care: On Sunday (29th September), we shall have a second collection to support the projects of this society which was established by Father George Vincent Hudson in 1902 as the Birmingham Diocesan Rescue Society for the protection of homeless and friendless Catholic children. Parishioners are invited to volunteer their time and provide support throughout the year. For further information about volunteering, please, contact fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Next Sunday - Our Parish Family Day - It is our Thanksgiving Day - a joyful occasion to celebrate God's favour to us: as individuals, families and the entire parish community. We aspire to celebrate our unity in diversity and to emerge from it determined to be pilgrims of hope and active announcers of the Good News. The last leaders' meeting will take place today after the 11.30am Mass.

Launch of 40 Days for Life Birmingham for the Autumn 2024 - at Our Lady and St Brigid's Church Hall in Northfield (63 Frankley Beeches Rd, Birmingham B31 5AB) on Sunday 22nd Sept at 2pm - a live interview with Natanya: a story of multiple abortions and coercion from abortion providers to finding peace in Christ. Everyone is welcome.

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees – Sunday 29 September

Theme of the Day: *God walks with His People*. “The images of the biblical exodus and of migrants share several similarities. Like the people of Israel in the time of Moses, migrants often flee from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development. Similar to the Jews in the desert, migrants encounter many obstacles in their path: they are tried by thirst and hunger; they are exhausted by toil and disease; they are tempted by despair” (Message of Pope Francis).

Season of Creation 2024 To hope and act with Creation “Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices. All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings” (Laudato Si, no. 212)

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 22nd September - 11.30am: Family thanksgiving day

Saturday 5th October - 12noon: St Chad's Altar Servers' Mass with the Archbishop

Saturday 12th October - 11.15am: First Holy Communion classes start