

## **MASSES— 16th to 23rd June 2024**

Sun	16	9.30am	Alister D’Souza (Thanksgiving), Ify Ogoegbunam (B’day) Adewale & family (Spl int) People of the parish
		11.30am	Elroy Rayan Pereira ( (Thanksgiving)
Mon	17	12.00noon	Emmanuel Malize (Spl int) Sharon Hart (Get well)
Tues	18	9.30am	Sr. Fulvia Bonalumi (RIP)
Wed	19	9.30am	Tom Ward (Spl int), Tejeri Agenmonmen (Thanksgiving)
Thur	20	9.00am	Tejiri Agenmonmen (Thanksgiving)
Fri	21	9.00am	Staney Mathias (Good health)
Sat	22	9.30am	Sr. Nirmala Kujur (RIP)
Sun	23	9.30am	Warren Osagie (B’day))
		11.30am	Dennis & Mystie (5th Wed Anniv) People of the parish

### **Lectors**

	<b><u>16/06/2024</u></b>	<b><u>23/06/2024</u></b>
9.30am	Alister, Filomena (R)	Emmanuella, Anthonia O. (R)
11.30am	Ann M., Maame (R)	Evania, Morgan (R)

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

	<b><u>16/06/2024</u></b>	<b><u>23/06/2024</u></b>
<b>9.30am</b>	Felix (E)	Ann M. (E)
<b>11.30am</b>	Lilian, Marcel (E)	Serso, Florence K. (E)

### **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 :** Katie McHugh, Patsy Cooke, Bridget Meehan, William Maggs, Daniel Murphy, Martin Ward, Minnie Byrne , Timothy O’Driscoll, Baby Cara Whelan, Patrick Francis Hallinan,.

Clergy Anniversaries: Rev. Laurence Jones, Rev. Hubert Mooney, Rev. George Smith, Rev. Eric Morgan, Rev. Geoffrey Tucker, Mgr. Peter William Stonier, Rev. Bernard Garratt.

### **What is the Church?**

*The Church is the mystical body of Christ, established by God on earth to gather humanity to divine life in heaven.*

*God desires all the faithful to be a single family, united to him and to one another in one ‘mystical body’. The assembly is the Church, the body of Christ, which God has established as the “instrument for the salvation of all”*



**Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry**



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

## **Parish Newsletter—11th Sunday in ordinary time—16th to 23rd June 2024**

### **Compassion and Hope at the End of Life**

Today, the Life Day of 2024, we reflect on our Christian duty to provide compassion and hope to the very elderly and terminally sick and those who are at the very end of life. The Catholic Church opposes what has been trending in mass media as ‘assisted suicide’. This false form of expressing compassion occurs when people who feel lonely and overburdened by suffering are facilitated in bringing their lives to a premature end. *Bishop John Sherrington (England and Wales), Bishop Kevin Doran (Ireland), and Bishop John Keenan (Scotland) and Father George (a Hospital Chaplain) have inspired our reflection as they say:*

As Catholics we agree with the understanding that people who are coming towards the end of their lives can feel vulnerable, and recent research shows that many consider themselves a burden on their loved ones and wider society. Jesus provides us with the ideal when he shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. The prospect of death can evoke a variety of thoughts and feelings among those who are dying and their loved ones.

Our faith directs us towards a life that extends beyond death and encourages us to see the end of life as an opportunity for love. Father George reflects on the gift of accompanying the dying in their last days. As Christians, we have the perfect model of how to cope with suffering in the example of the Lord Jesus. It is a model that can inspire those who are facing death as well as those who surround them on their last journey. As disciples of Christ, we need to see our lives as being a continuing response to the call to follow him, including the times when we need to take up the crosses which we have been given to carry.

We need to know that the call to follow will mean climbing our own Calvary at some stage. In our modern culture, we often view life as disposable and assume that everything should be under our control and open to our choice – hence the promotion of assisted suicide. In fact, assisted suicide ultimately involves the denial of an opportunity to live our last days surrounded by compassion and love. It denies us the real dignity that comes from spiritual growth as our bodies diminish. Caring for people at the end of their lives is a beautiful vocation. It is a vocation lived out by hospital chaplains, doctors, nurses, social carers, family, friends, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and members of other parish groups. Let us support the vulnerable elderly and those in pain by our expressions of compassion, care and a listening ear.

Today’s second collection goes to support those who care for the elderly and those in the final moments of their lives.

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Youtube: [st-mary-and-benedict-church-coventry](http://st-mary-and-benedict-church-coventry)

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

**Parish Development**

**08/06/24: Gift Aid :£ 144.00 Dona: £115.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 462.41 Total: 721.41**

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

**2nd collections** 16th June-Day for life; 30th June-Peter's Pence

**Bonus Ball** : No.

**Mass Attendance** : 411

**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](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.

**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**

**Gathering for Parish Pastoral Committee:** 1pm today in the Parish Hall.

**Thank you for your prayers:** Fr. Reginald and I had a refreshing time with the Archbishop and priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham on 11th to 13th June. As your priests care about your needs, they also acknowledge and appreciate the love and support that you give them. Thank you and continue to discover the common mission that our Lord gives to all his people.

**Father's Day** This Sunday, we pray for all those who have chosen the vocation of being the father of a family or those who exercise a fatherly role in the care of others. May their desire to fulfil their calling well, be sustained by keeping always before them God, the almighty Father, who is ever merciful, as is the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

**Fr Stephen Fawcett's 25th Anniversary Mass:** 11am, Wed 19th June, at Corpus Christi. You are all invited to the celebrations.

**Come and See! Vocations Weekend:** Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June, Selly Park, Birmingham. If you feel called to be a priest or a religious, the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers are inviting you to the weekend. Please, see Fr. Aloysius if you wish to go.

**Refugee Week:** Starting on 17th June, with Pope Francis, let us reflect on the journey that each of us makes while in this world. We note that ultimately this world belongs to God. It means that nobody should be so possessive of that land, that is temporarily ours, that we should shun those who – for just reason – might need to occupy it alongside us. Our Christian love should move us to establish peace that will enable people to live in harmony with each other in full respect of their human rights.

**General Election Issues:** to be an informed voter on 4th July, please, take time to study important issues to Catholics by visiting this webpage: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

**Day for Life 2024** : The celebration of Day for Life are taking place today; here are resources for your reflection: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

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**Bishop Ullathorne School:** Saturday 29th June, a reunion morning to include a tour of the school. All past pupils are welcome.

**Diary Dates:**

16th June, 1.00pm - Meeting of group-representatives on parish pastoral council.

29th June 9.30m to 4.00pm Retreat for Altar servers at Our Lady of the Angels.

**Feasts during the week:** 18th June-Dedication of Cathedral; 21st June-Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, 23rd June- Feast of Ss. John fisher Bp & Thomas More, Martyrs.