



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—5th Sunday of Lent - 17th to 24th Mar 2024

THE CALL OF THE ARCHBISHOP FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

“So that we may ourselves move from collaboration to co-responsibility in the same spirit I am asking every parish and deanery in our Archdiocese - through the parish priests and the deans - to establish pastoral councils. Whether in individual parishes, working closely with our schools, or groups of parishes working in clusters together, as well as in our deaneries, pastoral councils can focus and motivate the Body of Christ for mission, with the Diocesan Vision as our guide.

These future gatherings of clergy and lay faithful, assisted by the prayers and participation of our Religious and our school communities, will pray and reflect together about the local mission of the Church. They will act as consultative bodies, informing and guiding the decisions that need to be taken as we look to the future.

Thus they will help us prepare for a closer working together of neighbouring parishes, with the likelihood of fewer clergy, the possible merger of parishes and the likely need to close some of our churches in the years ahead. Through our baptism we all have a share in the Priesthood of Christ and that invests in all of us a responsibility for the future of the Church.

Over the coming weeks further guidelines will be provided to enable these pastoral councils to be established in the coming months - with due respect for the particular nature, the pastoral priorities and the achievements of the parishes and deaneries they will serve. Whatever the context, our shared goal is to see the Diocesan Vision become a reality.

This weekend we also ask for the intercession of St Patrick - the patron saint of Ireland and of Nigeria – and I offer my thanks for the longstanding work and witness of clergy, Religious, families and individuals from Ireland, and more recently from Nigeria, in so many of the parishes and chaplaincies of the Archdiocese. May Christ our Saviour guide us as we seek to do his will – and may he sustain us throughout the coming days of Passiontide and Holy Week until we come to celebrate together the joy of Easter.”

Bernard Longley

Archbishop of Birmingham

MASSES— 17th to 24th Mar 2024

Sun	17	9.30am	Deceased members of Coventry Pioneer Society; John Power
		11.30am	Catherine Ezinma Obageli Okafor (RIP) People of the parish
Mon	18	12.00noon	Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
Tues	19	9.30am	Maria Tran (RIP)
Wed	20	9.30am	Fr. Joe Fernandes (RIP)
		5.30pm	Reception of Mary Mulrooney
Thurs	21	12.00noon	Requiem Mass—Mary Mulrooney
Fri	22	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	Caolan Concannon (Spl int), Cecilia Mathias (RIP)
Sat	23	9.30am	Jim Durkan (RIP)
Sun	24	9.30am	Greg Osagie (B'day), Maria Drabik (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

	17/03/2024	24/03/2024
9.30am	Anthonia A., Elizabeth H. (R)	Cosmos, Alister (R)
11.30am	Tasha, Scarlet (R)	Kisaneth, Emmanuel (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

	17/03/2024	24/03/2024
9.30am	Sophie (E)	Cath Slatter, Felix (E)
11.30am	Frank K. , Patricia K. (E)	Serso, Lilian (E)

Passion Readers— 24/03/2024

9.30am - Elizabeth, Joe 11.30am - Tony Okeke, Frank K.

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 : Micki Kijko, Patrick Flahive, Peter Doyle, Terry Fielding, Ludovic Carl Wysoeki, John J Burke, Thi Tran, Marie Murtagh, Maureen Doyle, Janie Patalong, John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney, OFM. Cap, Frank Keobhan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Maria Drabik, Marian Christina Harte, Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury.

Reflect on... Through the cross of Jesus, God says to each of us, 'I love you with an everlasting love, I call you by your name you are mine, do not be afraid'

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

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Leena and Leera

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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

10/03/24: Gift Aid : £142.50 Dona: £.150.00 **Non-Gift Aid: £ 375.10 Total: 667.60**

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

2nd collections 29th Mar : Holy places; 21st April—Clergy training Fund

Bonus Ball : No. `

Mass Attendance : 375

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.

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

Saint Patrick Patron Saint of Ireland and Nigeria

Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. When he was 16 years old, Irish raiders tore him from the villa of his father, Calpurnius, and carried him into slavery in Ireland. He spent six bleak years there as a herdsman but he escaped and returned to his home. Later, Patrick was ordained by St Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. Utterly confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptising and confirming with untiring zeal.

There are many legends associated with the life of St. Patrick, for example, he miraculously *drove all the snakes of Ireland into the sea*. He is said to have used the three leaflets of the *Shamrock* to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity.

Parish penitential service will take place on Tuesday, 19th March, at 7pm. Come and experience the mercy of the Lord.

PROGRAMME FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sun 24th March: Palm Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am

Thurs, 28th March: 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, (Washing of Feet, Re-commissioning of Extra- ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Adoration until 10.00pm at the Altar of Repose)

Frid, 29th March: Good Friday: 2.15pm Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of our Lord

Sat. 30th March, Holy Saturday: 8.30pm - Easter vigil Mass

Sun. 31st March, Easter Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

Mon 1st Apr Easter Monday Mass at St. Osburg—10.00am

Traditional Easter Monday Mass: will take place at St. Osburgs. There will not be Mass here on Easter Monday. Let us come together as a people of this city to celebrate Easter. Mass will start at 10:00am.

Sun 7th Apr - Sunday Masses at 9.30 and 11.30; Devotional Prayers of the Divine Mercy will begin at 2.00pm followed by Mass at 3.45pm.

Baptism Sessions: Parents with children to be baptised can enrol their names with the sisters. The first session for parents and god parents is scheduled for 6th April at 12.30pm in the Lady's Chapel.

Confirmation classes will begin in the third week of June. Children who go to non-Catholic schools can register their names with Sr. Leena.

GIFT AID ENVELOPS: Kindly collect your Gift Aid envelopes at the piety stall. If you are a tax payer I encourage you to join this scheme.