

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C 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 taken by everyone for the building up and sustenance of our faith community.

Parish Development

SO (Jan) : £ Gift Aid : £113.04 Non-Gift Aid: £504.63 Total: £ 617.67

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Leviticus: 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1Cor : 3:16-23; Mt.: 5: 38-48

2nd Collection : Turkey Earthquake - 26th Feb

Bonus Ball :

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Mass Attendance : 356

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10-11.00am.

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

Gospel Reflection :

Jesus didn't come to abolish the law but to fulfil it. His new understanding expands, rather than reduces, the message of the law, making it more radical, yet, at the same time, more loving: 'Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect'. That includes loving both your friends and your enemies.

Our task is to make room for everyone, firstly because that's what God des, but secondly because we don't want to be in bondage to our resentments and thus fail to grow in our own relationship with the Lord of love. Jesus loved his enemies, and forgave those who mocked, scourged and crucified him. Going the extra mile and being accommodating, kind and understanding drives those who oppose, resist and loathe us into confusion. Therefore God's way is the way of the Spirit and here the Spirit is there's freedom.

DONA CONTACTLESS: You can now give your Sunday collection, donation, buy articles of piety etc. using your credit or debit card.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

✚ **Ash Wednesday will be on** 22nd February to start the season of Lent. It is a time of repentance penance and almsgiving. Repent and believe in the Gospel, will be the call. Ease prepare yourselves for this moment of grace.

There will be two Masses at 9.30am and 7.00pm. It is a day of fasting and abstinence when everyone over the age of 14 should abstain from meat and those between 18-60 should also fast. Church also asks to fast on Fridays during Lent. Let us come together during Lent on every Friday at 6.30pm for Stations of the Cross to reflect & meditate on the Passion & death of our Lord followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

Lent is a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It's a time when we can prepare our hearts for the remembrance of Christ's death. Our observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week when on Palm Sunday we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection.

First Holy Communion: the children who will receive their First Holy Communion in May are requested to meet at St. Mary's Primary School on Monday 6th March 2023 with their parents to prepare for the Sacrament. The meeting will start at 6:00pm.

Religious Christian Instruction of Adults (RCIA): sessions will take place on every Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Saturday 27 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023. If you would like to travel or would be interested in travelling, then please contact Kath White via email: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk or by phone: 0121 230 6288. If a parishioner with disability wishes to make this pilgrimage, please talk to the Parish priest Fr. Jimmy.

Walk with me 'A journey of prayer for Lent' booklets are available at the back of the church. Kindly take them for your personal reflection as you prepare for Easter. If you wish please place a donation of £1 for the booklet.

Day for Eucharistic Ministers Fr Stephen Fawcett is organising a day for Eucharistic Ministers at Christ the King on Saturday 25th March. The day will start with mass at Christ the King at 9.30am followed by Holy Hour and two talks given by Fr Cecil Rogerson and Fr Stephen Fawcett. The day will finish with a light lunch at 1pm.

Appeal to Turkey earthquake: CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance, and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at Prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes (cafod.org.uk). The archbishop has directed that we have a second collection next Sunday 26th February to assist those affected by this calamity.