



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Solemnity of PENTECOST Sunday 19th to 26th May 2024

THE CHURCH: A PENTECOST PEOPLE

Today, as the Church, we are invited to remember who we are and where we come from. In a nutshell, we are the Body of Christ, human as well as divine, and because we are born of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we are a Pentecost people. We are entrusted with the treasures of the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The account of the Act of the Apostles (2:1-11) presents the miracle of Pentecost as a powerful event that transformed the disciples of Jesus into powerful preachers and fearless witnesses of the marvellous works of God. What God had done in a hidden fashion in the life of Jesus: his incarnation, birth at Bethlehem, his hidden years, his public ministry, his suffering, death and resurrection, he manifested with might in the disciples. They spoke in tongues and taught about the work of salvation in Jesus Christ: calling their listeners to repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The Spirit that blew into the Church on that day has continued through the centuries enabling the sustenance and flourishing of Christianity until today. It is the Holy Spirit that enables all these good works in the plenitude of gifts which are symbolised in the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Today the Holy Spirit continues to be present in what may look like a declining Church in the developed countries. He distributes his gifts to believers and invites them to continue with the mission of teaching all nations and making disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt. 28: 18-20).

This mission continues in Christian families, Catholic schools, our parish churches, deaneries, dioceses and universally in the whole Church.

The Holy Spirit working in the Church is calling for a revival of synodality in listening and participation as we focus on the mission of our Lord. The Spirit is calling on the faithful today to facilitate the preaching of the Gospel amidst the dwindling numbers of vocations to the sacred priesthood, missionary, and consecrated life.

We are the Pentecost people who experience the wealth of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and we bring them together to grow Christ's body, the Church, in our community and the world. We have the confidence that God continues to manifest his holy will when we bring those gifts together.

MASSES— 19th to 26th May 2024

Table with 4 columns: Day, Time, Date, and Mass Details. Rows include Sun 19 (9.30am, 11.30am), Mon 20 (12.00noon), Tues 21 (9.30am), Wed 22 (9.30am), Thur 23 (11.00am), Fri 24 (9.30am), Sat 25 (9.30am), and Sun 26 (9.30am, 11.30am).

Lectors

19/05/2024

26/05/2024

9.30am— James M., Cosmas (R)
11.30am Mogan, Vivian (R)

Marcy, Jean Pearl (R)
Chioma, Angela (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

19/05/2024

26/05/2024

9.30am Felix M.
11.30am Loveness, Lilian

Cath Slatter
Marcel, Florence 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 Crowford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Bridget Theresa Ludid, William Morrissey, Michael McDermott, Mary Devlin, Edmond Patrick Flynn, James Anthony Domican, James Mullarkey, Agnes Ethna Tolan, Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh, Thomas Duiggnan.

Departed Clergy : Canon Wilfrid Smith, Rev. Joseph Griffin, Rev. Ernest Cook, Rev. William Lyons, Mgr. John Humphreys, Rev. Anthony Davies, Rev. Thomas Foynes, Mgr Wilfrid Moore, Rev. Micharl McKenna, Rev. Patrick Taylor.

Prayer

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits: charity, joy, peace, patience, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, modesty, self-control and chastity, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration, may merit to be united eternally with Thee in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

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

<https://donate.mydona.com/ss-mary-benedict-church>

Parish Priest: Fr. Aloysius L. Bukenya, Apostles of Jesus.

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Parish Sisters: Srs. of St. Ann of Providence
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 thirteen parish priests since 1889. Our Parish welcomes you to promote initiatives that build up and sustain our faith community.

Parish Development

12/05/24: Gift Aid :£ 142.00 Dona: £.340.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 341.67 Total: 823.67

SO (Apr): £1592.00 Second collection : 210.23 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** : 340

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.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 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.

Procedure to Establish the Parish Pastoral Council

On this Pentecost Sunday, we are launching the establishment of the Parish Pastoral Council. This will work in collaboration with the parish priest, the pastor, in discerning the will of God within and outside our parish community. In his pastoral letter for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, 16/17 March 2024, the Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, asked every parish in the archdiocese, through the parish priests and deans, to establish pastoral councils to manifest more concretely the collaboration and co-responsibility in the mission of the Body of Christ.

Canon 636 explains the role of a parish pastoral council as follows:

It is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity.

It possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop.

To this end, I am calling for a meeting of representatives from various groups in the parish to advise me on the best way to select the members of the Parish Pastoral Council as follows:

Time: **1pm – 2.30pm on Sunday, 16th June 2024**, in the parish hall.

Invited are the representatives from the following groups:

1. The Parish Sisters	10. Catholic Women's Association of Cameroon
2. The Parish Finance Committee	11. Community of St Mother Theresa of Calcutta (Mwaki)
3. Eucharistic Ministers	12. Legion of Mary
4. Parish Safeguarding Team	13. Church Cleaners
5. Lectors	14. Monday Club
6. Parish Choir	15. Parish Youth Group
7. Altar Servers	16. Catechetical Instructors
8. Liturgical Ushers	17. Leaders of the Children's Sunday School
9. Catholic Men's Association	18. Catholic University Students Association

CHURCH NOTICES

FR. REGINALD TARIMO, AJ will join St Mary and St Benedict Church and will hopefully be appointed assistant parish priest. He will arrive here next weekend, let us welcome him.

Red Box 2023: Thank you! In 2023 St. Mary's raised £161.28 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you for supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance.

Funeral Mass on Thursday 23rd May for the late Philomena Mary Kirwan, of Northfield Road, Stoke, Coventry, who died at home on the 6th May, aged 93 years. Time: 11.00am at St. Mary & Benedict Church followed by committal at Canley Crematorium, Cannon Hill chapel at 12.45pm

Lectors meeting will take place after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

Altar servers retreat day at Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton, Saturday 29th June from 9.30am to 4.00pm. All Altar servers and families are invited. For more information please look up to the notice board.