

MASSES— 25th Feb to 3rd Mar 2024

Sun	25	9.30am	Edith Hunter, James Ferry (RIP), Kathleen Breen (Get well) David Okame (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Catherine Ezinma Obageli Okafor (RIP) Cecile Nzanda & Ekobe Charles (RIP)
Mon	26	12.00noon	Sr. Lavinia (RIP)
Tues	27	9.30am	
Wed	28	9.30am	
Thurs	29	9.30am	
		6.00pm	Divine mercy prayers
Fri	01	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	
Sat	02	9.30am	
Sun	03	9.30am	Zygmunt Drabik (RIP)
		11.30am	Catherine Ezinma Obageli Okafor (RIP)

Lectors

	<u>25/02/2024</u>	<u>03//03/2024</u>
9.30am	Filomena, Nicholas (R)	Creshel, Cosmos (R)
11.30am	Ivan, Angela N. (R)	Louis, Preethi (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>25/02/2024</u>	<u>03/03/2024</u>
9.30am	Felix (E)	Anne M (E)
11.30am	Marcel (E)	Lilian ((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 : Cardelina Pinto, Hannah Crone, William Busby, Thomas Francis McDonald, Rose Elizabeth Browne, Kevin Andrew Flynn, Francis Joseph McClule, Patrick James Ward, Gussie Stapleton, Michael Joseph Connors, Mary O'Brien, Kevin David McCarthy, Colin Edward Read, Betty Heavy, William Mooney, Maureen Power.

Reflect upon the holy mountain to which you are called. Know that as you climb it with perseverance and determination, hope and joy will be given to you. Pray for the ability to trust in the God Who not only died a cruel death but also is radiant in glory for all eternity. Trust Him, turn to Him and commit to the journey ahead.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—2nd Sunday of Lent - 25th Feb to 3rd Mar 2024

WITH JESUS ON A HIGH MOUNTAIN

On this second Sunday of Lent, Our Lord is inviting us to go with him to the top of a high mountain. There alone with him, he will teach us to meaningfully spend this year's Lenten Season. We shall deepen in our lives the three pillars of Lent, namely: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (Charity). Let us reflect on the rich symbolism of 'a high mountain' in our spiritual life.

I have been blessed in my lifetime to have been close to several high mountains in Africa and the Middle East: Moroto, Muhabura, Masaba, Kenya, Kilimanjaro, the Rwenzoris and Horeb (Sinai). Because of their height and conditions of the wild, they are not humanly habitable; thus, the higher the mountain, the more it is deserted. High mountains therefore hold with them a sense of mystery, and there is no wonder that many communities have held them as centres of worship. High mountains carry an aura of silence while providing a suitable environment for prayer, meditation, contemplation, and union with God.

We can understand why God instructed Abraham to sacrifice his only child, Isaac, on a high mountain in the land of Moriah (Genesis, 22:2). Today's Gospel extract presents Jesus taking three of his disciples to a high mountain to be transfigured in their presence.

The season of Lent presents us with a refreshing invitation to depart from the noise of our busy schedules in the city and village, and acknowledge of our emotional and spiritual turbulence and seek union with God on a high mountain. In this sense the expression 'high mountain' is used figuratively to symbolise a seclusion that encourages meaningful experiences prayer.

It is in moments of prayer that we present ourselves to God as we are and offer him our natural inclinations and their manifestations: pride; selfishness; and the idols of sexual lust, anger, unworthy attachments, and indifference. There, we experience the overwhelming peace that comes from God's forgiveness. We therefore exclaim with Peter, 'Rabbi, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah' (Mark, 9:5). During this Lenten Season, let us keep close to our Lord Jesus Christ; let us contemplate his face in our neighbours, particularly the most vulnerable who need our kindness.

I wish you a great week of blessings and joy in the Lord.

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

<https://donate.mydona.com/ss-mary-benedict-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 by everyone to build up and sustain our faith community.

Parish Development

18/02/24: Gift Aid : £94.60 **Dona:** £.195.00 **Non-Gift Aid:** £ 345.77 **Total:** 635.37

SO (Jan) : £ **Second collection :** £ 74.14 **May God bless you all.**

2nd collections : **25th Feb—CAFOD; 3rd March: Cathedral maintenance**

Bonus Ball : No. `

Mass Attendance : 295

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.



The Jubilee logo shows figures coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other showing the solidarity and fraternity which should unite us all. The leading figure holds a cross as a sign of Christian faith. The cross becomes an anchor, a symbol of hope, providing stability in the stormy waters we all experience on our pilgrimages through life.

CHURCH NOTICES

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT SCRUTINY OF CANDIDATES: Next Sunday during the 11.30 Mass, the following candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation will undergo the Rite of Scrutiny. Please pray and support them; they are:

Marie Noel Kanga: Confirmation

Mario Jovic : Communion & Confirmation

Adenike Christopher Oyeniyi: Baptism, Communion & Confirmation

Adebowale Esther Oyeniyi: Baptism, Communion & Confirmation

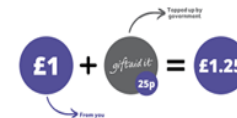
THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING LENT: Immediately after the 9.30 Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, this is in addition to the Confession times on Saturdays. The time for the Lenten Parish Penitential Service to be announced soon.

Day for Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday 9th March 2024 at Christ the King, starting at 9.30am with Holy Mass, followed by Adoration and two talks, a tea break and ending at 12.45 with soup and sandwiches. We need to confirm names of participants before 29th February. New Eucharistic ministers are welcome.

COVENTRY COMHALTAS St PATRICKS DAY CEILI, Friday 15th March 2024 7.30-11.30pm,, Christ the King Club, Westhill Rd, Coventry CV6 - 2AA, Dancing to Innisfail Ceili Band (with Caller), Celtica Irish Dancers, Adults £5.00 Children £2.50. For details contact 07876 013590

Confirmation Catechism Classes will commence in June. Year six Children in non Catholic schools should register with the Sisters.

Gift Aid Envelops: As the tax year is coming to an end by 31st March those who need the envelopes will be ready for collection at the piety stall from next Sunday. New GAD members are welcome that is if you are a tax payer I encourage you to join the Gift Aid scheme to give your Sunday donations. Please talk to Sr. Leera today.



Donating through Gift Aid means charities and communities can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT: We regret to announce the death of Mary Mulrooney, 57 Strathmore Avenue, a former active member of our parish community, which occurred on Saturday 24th February. Funeral arrangements will be communicated later. May she rest in eternal peace.

MARRIAGE BANNES: Ugonna Elvis Uzoukwu son of Late Fidelis M.O. Uzoukwu and Stella N. Uzoukwu of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, Uumudiagba, Abajah, Imo State, Nigeria, would like to marry Chisom Frances Anochie daughter of Late Ikechukwu N. Anochie and Chinelo Agatha Anochie of St. Gabriel's Catholic parish, Uumunachi, Anambra State, Nigeria.. If there is anybody who knows that they should not get married to each other, kindly come and inform the parish priest.