

MASSES— 28th Apr to 5th May 2024

Sun	28	9.30am	Peter Miranda (Anniv), Okey Ogoegbunam (B'day)
		11.30am	Cecile Nzanda & Michael Hendom (RIP) Sr. Leena (Thanksgiving) People of the parish
Mon	29	12.00non	Jan Misiuk (RIP)
Tues	30	9.30am	Alwyn Rodrigues (B'day remembrance)
Wed	01	9.30am	Srs. of St. Ann (Spl Int)
Thur	02	9.30am	Apostles of Jesus (Spl int)
Fri	03	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy Lutwama (Thanksgiving)
Sat	04	9.30am	Martina Keegan (Get well)
Sun	05	9.30am	People of the parish, Betty Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	Terry Kimani's family (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

28/04/2024

05/05/2024

9. 30am—	Creshel, Cosmos (R)	Maggie Cutney, Elizabeth H. (R)
11.30am	Christiana, Elena (R)	Kenneth, Karen (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

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9.30am	Felix M.	Cath Slatter
11.30am	Frank, Patricia	Loveness, Marcel

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 : Minnie Noonan, Mary McCarron, Nada Stojanovic, Mary Margaret McGlynn, Eric Maurice Goulden, Roseleen Killen, Brendon Noel Gilroy , Mary Greene, Jistus St John, Frank Seaman, P. Caroleen, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan. Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly, John Montague Austin Regnald O'Driscoll, John T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers..

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. Let the daily recitation of the Rosary in our families unite us to Jesus and his Mother Mary. Mary our Mother, Queen of heaven & earth, pray for us.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Fifth Sunday of Easter -28th April to 5th May 2024

THE CHURCH: MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

When we listen carefully to the Word of God and have a personal encounter with Jesus our risen Lord, we arrive at a deeper understanding of the Church. There are numerable images in the Bible that describe the Church which include: the Body of Christ, Temple, New Jerusalem, Woman in the desert, and Sheepfold. Today's Gospel reading presents the Church as the vine, when our Lord says, 'I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty' (John 15:5).

This means that the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church is more than a simple human club, association, or society. It is a living organism that has the life of God flowing in it, and in which we share by virtue of our Baptism. This is the mystery of our faith that is founded on Christ who died, Christ who is risen and Christ who will come again.

The Sacrament of Baptism introduces us to this community whose life is expressed in the bond of love between the believer with Christ and the members of his body. That bond entails a personal relationship with Jesus that is sustained by communication in prayer and a sense of being bonded to the Lord in total dependence and awareness of the infinite love and mercy of God. A clear understanding of this mystery leads the disciples to a rich experience of the life of God in their personal and community life.

The Church as the Body of Christ is a mystery because of God's indwelling presence in it; but it is composed of human beings who struggle with weakness and failures. This explains why, at times, we experience scandalous and painful moments of betrayal, conflict, and evil among the members of this noble body. Those imperfections explain the urgent need to remain united to the life of God by our decisions to seek and do what is right, and repent when we fail. Thus, we the branches need to always be connected to the true vine in order to bear fruits of heroism and virtue.

It means that being a member of the Body of Christ, the true vine, does not take away moral responsibility of the individual's personal decisions and actions. This is the mystery of our faith: the Church to which we belong and in which we proudly serve.

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

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

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Leena and Leera

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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

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

21/04/24: Gift Aid :£ 128.00 Dona: £. 253.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 431.20 Total:812.20

SO (Apr): £ Second collection : Clergy T. Fund £ 351.47. Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections 12th May –Catholic Communications.

Bonus Ball : No. `

Mass Attendance : 335

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

Pope Appointed New Auxiliary Bishops of Birmingham: On Thursday, 25th April, the Holy Father appointed Mgr Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. In the words of the archbishop, ‘... our two Bishops-Elect will approach their new responsibilities with energy and enthusiasm, and always sensitive to the present needs of our Archdiocese’.

Month of May: On Sundays, as parish community we will recite the whole or part of the Holy Rosary in Church.

Cake Sale for our Youth: Generously support our youth in their cake sale after Mass as they raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes; donations are welcome.

MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

His Grace Bernard Longley, the Archbishop of Birmingham is inviting married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary, and those preparing to marry this year, to the annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on **Saturday 4th May at 12 Noon**, followed by refreshments.

A Coventry Pilgrimage in May The members of the Legion of Mary invite you for a local Marian pilgrimage to the site of Priory and Cathedral of Coventry on **Saturday, 11th May, at 11.30pm**. It will start with a tea and coffee at the Visitors Centre, a guided tour as we recite decades of the holy rosary at some stops.

Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK, Charity Number: 1205905

We welcome donations to support the goals of the Charity. The second collections of **Sunday 7th July** and **17th November** will be in support of the Charity's goals.

Catholic University Students: *First Meet and Greet Meeting* in the parish hall on Sunday, 5th May; time: 1pm for maximum 1 hour.

Parish Youth Group Meeting: today at 4pm in the parish hall.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please, register children in non-Catholic Schools who are to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation; it is to be conferred on them at the end of this year.

Knights of St Columba meet every third Monday of each Month at CTK at 7pm. For more information on Joining contact Peter on 07565966103

Sacred Heart Parish and Primary School @ 100 Years: Sunday 9th June 2:00pm Thanksgiving Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley, followed by festival celebrations.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse Tuesday 30 April 2024

This year's focus is on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse within and outside the Church.