

MASSES— 31st Mar to 7th Apr 2024



Sun	31	9.30am	People of the parish, Adaobi Obis (8th B'day)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	01	NO MASS	
Tues	02	9.30am	Mylene family (Thanksgiving)
Wed	03	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
Thur	04	9.30am	J.C.M. (Thanksgiving)
Fri	05	9.30am	Martin Doyle (Get well)
Sat	06	9.30am	Kate Middleton (Good health)
Sun	07	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

31/03/2024

07/04/2024

9.30am: Emmanuella, Cath Slatter (R) Elena A. , Nicholas (R)
11.30am Ann E., Attracta (R) Vivian, Anne (R)


Eucharistic Ministers

31/03/2024 9.30am : Sophie **11.30am :** Marcel, Sr. Leena (E)
07/03/2024 9.30am: Betty 11.30am : Frank, Loveness (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 : James Herbert, Patrick McHugh, Eric Donnelly, Mary Ellen Allen, Mick Fitzgerald , Seamus Mulrooney, Phelena Seaman , Anne Brennan, Thomas Brophy, John Dunning , John Dunnion, Mary McSorley , Joseph Macken, Thomas O'Maller, Patrick O'Neill, Ellen Cox,.

 May the joy of the resurrection fill your hearts, particularly in moments of loneliness, weakness and failure. The Resurrection of Jesus affirms that there is glory after suffering for the kingdom of God. We will honour Our Risen Lord by modelling our lives after his example of total surrender to his Father's will in order to save us. May this Easter Season be one of happiness and abundant grace to you pilgrims of hope, God's holy Church.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—Easter Sunday - 31st Mar to 7th Apr 2024

Easter Joy and the Community of Faith



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we are celebrating with joy the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the good news, that baffled the first witnesses, and which the Lord confirmed by his empty tomb, numerous appearances, and conversations with them. We have started the 50-day Easter Season which lasts until the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday. With joy we sing, “Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!”

The news of the resurrection speaks to our humanity in a very powerful way: Jesus was victorious over death; he overcame an enemy to our human existence. Our communion with him in Baptism, and the other Sacraments, equips us with hope to face our frailty and gives us abundant trust in God who fulfils his promises. Jesus’ resurrection guarantees our eternal life.

The celebration of Easter joy is not a simple recalling of a past event, but an emmersion in the reality of the new life that our Lord shares with us as members of his body, the Church.

Because we believe that he rose from the dead, we embrace the perplexities of our daily lives with him as our guide. Easter joy is the foundation of our community of faith and communion. This explains why we renew our Baptismal Promises as we pledge to live the new life in the Lord.

We congratulate and rejoice with *Jude Samchukwu Ifeanyi* and *Joan Mesomachucwu Ifeanyi* who have been baptised and received their first Holy Communion and *Marie Noel Kamga* who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the celebrations of the Easter Vigil. Let us accompany them in their faith.

We celebrate this Easter Sunday in the Year of Prayer which is a preparation for 2025: the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis is inviting us to look at ourselves as members of the Pilgrim Church that instils hope to many people in our world. This means that we have a mission to accomplish.

I wish you a Happy Easter.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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<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

24/03/24: Gift Aid : £140.50 Dona: £.188.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 453.04 Total: 781.54

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

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

Bonus Ball : No. `9 Tony Smith

Mass Attendance : 423

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

EASTER is an important Christian festival – it is when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This historical event gives us hope. It is a time for joy, feasting, and love to all; as we recall the steps that God took to save humanity from eternal damnation.



Divine Mercy Sunday is observed in the Calendar of the Roman Rite. This year it will be celebrated on 7th April. It's a great day for our parish as we celebrate 25th Anniversary of Mercy Sunday at St. Mary and St Benedict Church. A special celebration of Divine Mercy will be held here on Sunday 7th April starting at 2.00pm followed by Holy Mass at 3.45pm. Come and rejoice in the Mercy of God.

Thanks to the Faith Groups: Here at St Mary and St Benedict Church, we celebrate fellowship following faith groups: The Parish Finance Committee, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, the Parish Choir, Altar Servers, Liturgical Ushers, Catholic Women's Association of Cameroon, Community of St Mother Theresa of Calcutta (Mwaki), Legion of Mary, Church Cleaners, Monday Club, the Parish Youth Group, Catechetical Instructors and Leaders of the Children's Sunday School. Thank you for your Charity.

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.

Traditional Easter Monday Mass: will take place at St. Osburgs at 10.00am. There will not be Mass here on Easter Monday. Let us come together as a people of this city to celebrate Easter.

Catholic University Students (Chaplaincy): We are looking forward to a vibrant community of Catholic University Students who too will inspire our parish in unique ways.

Easter Envelopes are available at the back of the Church, or you may use the contactless machine to make your donation for your priest.

Bible Society: Would you like to volunteer your time to enrich others as you grow your knowledge and skills? There are lots of opportunities to get involved. Get in touch via volunteers@biblesociety.org.uk.

Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

Monday 27 May to Saturday 1 June.

The annual Diocesan pilgrimage will be returning to Lourdes under the leadership of His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans.

Please pray for all those considering joining the pilgrimage to Lourdes, as they will be praying for you. For more information, please, contact the Parish Priest.