



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Sixth Sunday of Easter -5th to 12th May 2024

LISTEN AS MAY SPEAKS!

This year's month of May is packed with devotional feasts that communicate invaluable messages of our Christian faith. It is dedicated to Mary, the mother of our Lord, and our mother. This month of the Holy Rosary gives us an opportunity to meditate on the Lord's joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries, as we pray for various intentions for ourselves and the world. During this month, we shall celebrate three glorious mysteries: the Resurrection of the Lord (as we continue with Easter-tide), the Ascension of the Lord and the Sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

On Thursday 9th May, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, our attention is on the Lord, who invites us to focus on a bright future in the joyful hope of the afterlife. Pope Francis is inviting us to inspire hope to many people in our world that experience destruction, negative energies, and mental / spiritual illnesses. On the Solemnity of the Ascension, we shall, like the first disciples, lock ourselves in the upper room and wait, as we continuously pray, the Pentecost Novena for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

We shall celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, on the 19th of May. We are a people of Pentecost, who like the apostles, are being transformed from frail and timid disciples to heroic preachers and witnesses of the Good News of salvation. The miracle of Pentecost in the Church is a continuous work in progress, and it is important that we listen to the counsel of our Lord to wait in prayer until He comes.

On Sunday 26th May, we shall celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This is the mystery of the life of God who reveals himself as a communion of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. By contemplating this mystery, we open ourselves to a total surrender in faith to the nature of God that we cannot comprehend with our limited minds.

As we progress with the Year of Prayer, we invoke the Blessed Mother of Our Lord to pray for us sinners, that we will listen to the appeal she made to the wedding attendants at Cana in Galilee when she told them, 'Do whatever he tells you' (Jn, 2: 5).

MASSES— 5th to 12th May 2024

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Mass details. Includes entries for Sun 05, Mon 06, Tues 07, Wed 08, Thur 09, Fri 10, Sat 11, and Sun 12.

Lectors

05/05/2024

12/05/2024

Table with columns for Time and Lector names for 05/05/2024 and 12/05/2024.

Eucharistic Ministers

05/05/2024

12/05/2024

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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 : John T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers, John Maher, Michael John McCarthy, Gerald Byrne, Harry McGorman, Patrick Owen Murray, Edward James Kavanagh, Matthew Tanner, Doris Barnabal, Martin Duffy, William Clisham, Patrick Lanigan Barbara Julia Gleeson, Danny Rodgers, Thomas Sweeney, Elizabeth Morgan, Leo Pinto, Christina Doyle, Ellen Hull.

"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend."

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

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

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

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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

28/04/24: Gift Aid :£ 167.38 Dona: £. 407.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 370.04 Total: 944.42

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

2nd collections Sudan crisis appeal: 5th May; 12th May –Catholic Communications.

Bonus Ball : No. ` **Mass Attendance** : 360

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

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS

Today is the annual International day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, we pray in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters of the East, especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and Sudan. Our hearts are with many who are suffering persecution, displacement, and discrimination for their faith in the Risen Christ. We pray for stability for peace to flourish in their lands.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MEETING TODAY

All Catholic University students who worship at this Church are invited for their first **Meet and Greet Meeting**, in the parish hall, at 1pm. We shall introduce ourselves and make a quick forecast of activities for a meaningful university experience. I am thankful to speakers and leaders who have availed to support our first meeting.

APPEAL FOR SOUTH SUDAN

His Grace the Archbishop is encouraging the Churches in the Archdiocese to consider supporting CAFOD's emergency appeal for Sudan, especially over this weekend. The situation in Sudan is deteriorating rapidly and with 25 million people needing immediate humanitarian assistance up to seven million people will now be at risk of famine-like conditions by June. Whatever contribution you make will go a long way to support families facing extreme hunger. Thank you.

INDUCTION OF NEW PARISH PRIESTS IN THE DEANERY

The parish of Our Lady of the Assumption on Tuesday 7th May at 6.30pm.

The parish of St John Vianney on Saturday 11th May at 6pm.

Let us support them with our prayers and actual presence.

TRANSFORM MINISTRIES WORSHIP

St Osburg's Church, 18th May, 6.00pm -8.30 pm. Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Word of God & Praise and Worship. All are welcome.

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.

DAIRY DATES

Saturday, 11th May, 11am: Confirmation Preparation Instructions start;

11.30 am: Marian Pilgrimage to the Coventry Priory Place

Pentecost Sunday, 19th May, 1.15pm : Infant Baptism;

Saturday, 8th June, 10am: Mass for First Holy Communion;

Thursday, 13h June, 7pm: Meeting of the Parish Property and Finance Committee .