

MASSES— 5th to 12th Nov 2023

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| Sun | 05 | 9.30am | Deceased members of Dunleavy & Murphy & Conconan families Anthonia (B'day) Jason Irianan (B'day), Patrick Anderson (Spl int) |
| | | 11.30am | Esther Eghe (Sp int) |
| Mon | 06 | 12.00noon | Departed Sisters of St. Ann |
| Tues | 07 | 9.30am | Fr. Gregory Anatuanya (B'day) |
| Wed | 08 | 9.30am | Joseph Clear (RIP) |
| Thurs | 09 | 9.30am | Deceased members of Tom Ward family |
| Fri | 10 | 9.30am | Deceased members of Sr. Leera's family |
| Sat | 11 | 9.30am | Deceased members of Sr. Leena's family |
| Sun | 12 | 9.30am | Anthonia & Sam (Wed Anni), Drabik & Urbarni families (RIP) |
| | | 11.30am | Eubert Lasrado (RIP) |

Lectors

05/11/2023

9.30am Elena, Clinton (R)
11.30am Chidima, Rosaline (R)

12/11/2023

Cosmos, Demisha (R)
Ann Marie, Angela N. (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

05/11/2023

9.30am Sophie
11.30am Lilian (E)

12/11/2023

Cath Slatter (E)
Patricia K. (E)

Readings—

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week: Pat Sheehan, Jim Maguire, John Lawrence O'Sullivan, Patricia Buxter, Maureen Reilly, Kevin Dunne, Margaret Scully, Eva Tierney, James Patrick McLaughlin, Mrs M. Glennon, Vincent McKeown, Johanna Mary McCoy, John Griffin, P. Prewitt, Anthony Edward Luke Mullarkey, Jean McCarthy, Bridget Flynn, Patrick Plunkett, Gerald Thomas Dunnion, Anthony Francis Groogan, Nikki Cherry, Con & James Healy, Jack Allen, Rodger Gill, Patrick Ledwidge, Mary Mooney, Alton Taylor Robinson, Mary Margaret Crean.

Reflect on...

St. John Vianney "If it were but known how great is the power of the good souls in Purgatory with the Heart of God, and if we knew all the graces we can obtain through their intercession, they would not be so much forgotten. We must, therefore, pray much for them, that they may pray much for us."



A.J. Missions

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Osburg

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter —31st Sunday—Year A—5th to 12th Nov 2023

THEY DO NOT PRACTICE WHAT THEY PREACH (Matthew, 23:3).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church presents us with two complementary types of priesthood, namely, the common priesthood and ministerial priesthood (See Catechism, nos. 1546 & 1547).

The Sacrament of Orders makes of a Catholic priest another Christ: what a dignity! It is an uphill task that must be sustained by daily prayer, listening to the Word of God, celebrating the Sacraments, seeking holiness, and actively witnessing the mystery of Christ, the High Priest (See Heb. 5). A priest should consciously seek the integrity that harmonizes his preaching and way of life. He must be aware that his actions speak loudly as his words.

History reveals moments when the image of priests has been damaged and time and again prophets arose and called them to order. In today's Word of God, we read of Prophet Malachi admonishing priests to change from their scandalous ways. In Matthew 23, Jesus' critical statements about the scribes and pharisees (priests) was another form of warning. He encouraged the faithful to listen and obey their preaching because they represented the authority of Moses.

Jesus, however, slapped the priests in the face when he instructed, *'Do not be guided by what they do, since they do not practice what they preach (Mat.23:3)*. In this, he pointed to the hypocrisy of their lives. It is perhaps because of their selfishness that they neglected the burden of their calling to harmonise their actions with their preaching. Our Lord's message is relevant not only to the Catholic priests of our day, but also to all the Christian faithful who share in the common priesthood of Christ.

An awareness of the Christian dignity in the common priesthood raises one's consciousness for the need of a life of integrity and constant search for holiness. Both types of priesthood complement each other, as each in their positions, strives for a life of holiness that upholds the true image of the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today's readings, and particularly the Gospel, leave us with a challenge of questioning ourselves how we live our priesthood.

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

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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 taken by everyone for the building up and sustenance of our faith community.

Parish Development

29/10/23: Gift Aid : £241.10 Dona: £ 147.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 595.44 Total: £ 983.54

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

2nd collections : 05/11/2023—Johnson Association

Bonus Ball : No. **Mass Attendance : 392 Church cleaning:** 7.30am

Choir practice : Fri—7.30pm **Confessions:** Saturday— 10.10—11.00am.

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses 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.

Legion of Mary at St. Mary's Church : members meet immediately after the 11.30am Mass every Sunday in the Parish meeting room. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions

For Mass for your intentions & Holy souls envelopes are available at the back of the Church please pick one, write your intention, handed it over to the sisters with a minimum donation of £5.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Collection to support our Priests: the annual collection for the Johnson Association that provides financial help and support to the retired, sick and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Today the second collection is for the support our retired clergy. Thanks for your generosity.

Thanksgiving & Farewell Mass for Fr. Jimmy: This will be on Sunday 26th November 2023, at 11.30am Mass here at St. Mary and St. Benedict Catholic Church. I invite you all to come and to give thanks to God for the 16 years of Fr. Jimmy as pastor among us. May God bless him in his new ministry. Installation of Fr. Jimmy as parish priest of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Nuneaton is on Thursday, 30th November 2023. You are all welcome.

Candidates for Confirmation: Prayer Request: We are inviting the Catholic Community of St. Mary and St. Benedict to pray for the 2023 Confirmation Class. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 22 candidates in this Church on Wednesday, 8th November 2023, the Holy Mass will start at 6.00pm. Their Confirmation retreat will be on Tuesday, 7th November, starting with Holy Mass at 9.30am in the Parish Church. They will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part their spiritual preparation.

Preparations for Baptism: Instructions to parents with children for the Sacrament of Baptism will be on Saturday 11th November from 11.00am to 12.30pm in the Lady's Chapel. Parents and god-parents are requested to attend the session.

Catechism for First Holy Communicants (FHC)- Children studying in non-Catholic schools and who have reached the age to receive First Holy Communion (year3), will commence their preparation classes will on Saturday, 18th November at 11.00am in the Lady's Chapel.

Christmas Bazar, 9th December: I kindly request you to support this event as you usually do by bringing stuff for good Bric-a-Brac, Food hampers, Bottle stall etc. If you can put up a food stall, you are most welcome. Raffle tickets are available at the piety stall. Please buy them to support the Church. Thanks for your co-operation.

Safeguarding Sunday will be marking this in our parish at the Masses on the weekend of 19th November. It is an awareness-raising campaign organised by **Christian Safeguarding Charity Thirtyone:eight**. In doing this we will be joining thousands of other churches across the UK to share this message and demonstrate unity. We believe that safeguarding is an expression of our faith in a loving and just God – the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8).

Souls in Purgatory: November is a special month to remember and pray for the faithful departed. It is our duty, as the living, to pray for the souls in Purgatory, later when God calls us we too shall rely on other people's prayers. November is the best time to offer Holy Mass for your loved ones who went ahead of us.

Annual Mass for the deceased clergy will take place on Tuesday 14th Nov. at Holy Family church Coventry at 1.00pm. The names of our deceased priests will be called out. We are invited to attend this Mass. Blessing of the Christmas Crib in Coventry near Godiva Statue will take place on the 1st Sunday of Advent, 3rd Dec at 4.00pm.