

MASSES— 7th to 14th Jan 2024

Sun	07	9.30am	Eucheria Ifeoma , Christie Iluobe (Thanksgiving) Pooja Chotai (Good health)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	08	9.30am	Mr & Mrs. Okey (Thanksgiving) Susie Hangly (RIP)
Tues	09	9.30am	Malize & Chukwudi family & Mr & Mrs. Okey (Thanksgiving)
Wed	10	9.30am	Mr & Mrs. Okey (Thanksgiving)
Thurs	11	9.30am	Mr & Mrs. Okey (Thanksgiving)
Fri	12	9.30am	Mr & Mrs. Okey (Thanksgiving), Sr. Anna Patricia (Get well)
Sat	13	9.30am	Mr & Mrs. Okey (Thanksgiving), Neil Toland (RIP)
Sun	14	9.30am	People of the parish, Steph Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	Mr & Mrs. Okey (Thanksgiving)



Lectors

	<u>07/01/2024</u>	<u>14/01/2024</u>
9.30am	Creshel, Demisha (R)	Joel, Nicholas (R)
11.30am	Ann Marie, Karen (R)	Kayla, Florence E. (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>07/01/2024</u>	<u>14/01/2024</u>
9.30am	Betty Osagie (E)	Ann M. (E)
11.30am	Serso (E)	Florence K. (E)

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

Anniversaries during the week: Tom Dunleavy, Dymphnah Glennon, Elizabeth Benson, Hugh Matthew O'Neill, Sean Costelloe, Thomas Patrick Joyce, Patrick Gannon, Nora O'Brien, Michael Hogan, Jim Davis, Con O'Driscoll, Eileen Helen Teresa Coleman, Thomas Joyce, Mary Ellen Healy, Thomas Earley, Mark Brennan, Rev Fr Richard Placid Rea, Winifred Browne, Peter McCabe, Kathleen Kooghan, Isabel Carson, Thomas Shaughnessy, Margaret Cooke, Ethna Veronica Bannon, Isabel Read, Bridget Christine Barnes, Michael Edward Terence Thornburgh Hanbury.

Popes prayer intention for January : *For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church.*

As we start a new calendar year, it's a time of rejuvenation for all of us. A chance for a new beginning. A chance to discover new things and make our own revelations. As the wise men in today's gospel did, we too can continue to follow our faith throughout this year.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter – Epiphany of the Lord -Year B: 7th to 14th Jan 2024

Gifts for the King

I cannot talk about gifts before thanking you, dear parishioners. Thank you for the Christmas gifts that you have given to me during this Christmas season. They make me feel your love and devotion and challenge me to be more available for my pastoral ministries among you. The gifts you gave me strike a loud chord with today's feast of the Epiphany, particularly as we consider the gifts of the wise men from the East, the Magi, who offered gifts to the Baby Jesus in the Manger.

In this solemnity, we celebrate with great joy God's manifestation in the Baby Jesus to all people who were represented by the wise men from the East. The Gospel of Matthew narrates how some wise men led by a star went to Jerusalem from the East and asked where the infant king of the Jews was because they wanted to do him homage (Mt.2:1-2). They expressed their faith in the Baby Jesus whom they also regarded as their king. Although they were not Jews, they felt closely included in the salvation that Jesus brought to all peoples of all nations and generations; those include you and me.

They did him homage and expressed their love by opening their treasures and offering him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were precious gifts of immense meaning to the mystery of Jesus who is the Son of God, Jesus the Saviour and King of all people, the Light of the world.

We celebrate this feast as an expression of God's love for all peoples regardless of race, colour, or language. Jesus manifested himself as the Saviour for all peoples. He opened to us God's treasures of eternal love, graciousness, and mercy.

As we celebrate this feast, we intend to affirm our response to the universality of Christ's message for all people. Like the wise men from the East, we seek to recognise Christ and we are being guided by the light of the Star: our faith. We encounter Christ who reveals himself in the Community of faith, the Church; he speaks to us his Word and is present to us in the Sacraments. As we encounter Christ, let us generously open to him the treasures of our love and flow with grace as we approach him in our neighbours and in prayer.

I wish you a happy celebration of the Epiphany.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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Youtube: [st mary and benedict church coventry](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1)

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

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

Priest in the Parish. Fr. Aloysius L. Bukenya, AJ

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Parish Sisters: Srs. of St. Ann of Providence

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 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.

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.

Parish Development

31/12/23: Gift Aid : £122.60 Dona: £340.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 402.42 Total: 865.02

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

2nd collections :

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

Daily offering

Loving God, here I am. I know you are always with me. I place my heart in the Heart of your Son Jesus, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist each day. May your Holy Spirit strengthen me to live the Gospel in everything I do and say. With Mary, mother of the Church, I pray for the mission of the Church, for the Apostleship of Prayer, and for the intentions of the Pope this month. Amen.

CHURCH NOTICES

MOVEABLE FEASTS OF 2024: YEAR OF PRAYER

On the Epiphany of the Lord, in keeping with an ancient practice of the Holy Church, we announce the moveable feasts of this year.

14 February: Ash Wednesday

31 March: Easter

9 May: The Lord's Ascension

19 May: Pentecost

2 June: The Body and Blood of Christ

1 December: First Sunday of Advent

INDUCTION OF THE NEW PARISH PRIEST: Thursday, 18th January, Holy Mass at 7pm, during which Msgr. Tom Farrell will induct Fr. Aloysius L. Bukenya into the office of parish priest of St. Mary and St. Benedict R C Church, Coventry. It is our parish celebration.

DAY FOR LECTORS : Saturday, 20th January at **Christ the King** starting at 9.30am, Fr. Marco Egawhary will speak; both old and new readers are invited.

DAY FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday, 9th March at **Christ the King** starting at 9.30am, Fr. Cecil Rogerson will speak; both old and new Eucharistic ministers are invited.

MARRIAGE COURSE to start on Thursday 11th January 2024, at 6pm. Couples intending to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are invited to register for the course.

BAPTISM CLASSES: Lessons will commence on Tuesday, 9th January, at 11am. Registrations are on-going.

Monday Club : will resume on 5th Jan 2024 after the Eucharistic celebration at 12.00noon.

18—25 JANUARY WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY : The theme of the Ecumenical prayer is, ‘You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself ‘ (Luke, 10:27).

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY AT 2PM: Ecumenical Service in the Chapel of Unity. A strong representation from our Catholic Community is encouraged to participate. For more information please, follow this link <www.ctbiorg.uk>.

MEETING OF PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Date and venue to be announced soon.