



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—Divine Mercy Sunday - 7th to 21st Apr 2024

MERCY AND PEACE

Today, we are celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday, which was instituted in the Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30th 2000, during the canonisation ceremony of Maria Faustina Kowalska. He declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. In his devotion, the Pope entrusted the world to divine mercy, when in 2002, he consecrated the International Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, Poland.

Standing before the image of divine mercy, the Pope said: “I wish solemnly to entrust the world to divine mercy. I do so with the burning desire that the message of God’s merciful love, proclaimed here through St. Faustina, may be made known to all the peoples of the earth and fill their hearts with hope” (Website of the Catholic News Agency).

Today, we sing of God’s mercies both in word and action; sung by the harmonious flow of our very lives. We thank the Lord, who in every generation reveals his mercy and love to all, but specifically in our days, he revealed his mercy to Sr. Maria Faustina of Kowalska. Through her, the Lord Jesus communicates to the world the great message of God's mercy and reveals the pattern of Christian perfection based on trust in God and on the attitude of mercy toward one's neighbours.

Mercy is a fundamental Christian disposition which testifies to a disciple’s devotion to our Lord and commitment to the new commandment: ‘Love one another as I have loved you’ (Jn, 13:34). The attitude of mercy and compassion that we learn from God himself inspires us to generously serve the needy, proclaim the good news without counting the cost, forgive and forget wrongs done to us, reconcile warring parties and desire to work for peace.

After his resurrection, the Lord appeared several times to his frightened disciples and greeted them, ‘Peace be upon you’ (*‘Shalom aleichem’* in Hebrew). The peace of a believer ensues from total trust and surrender to God the Almighty who is in total control of all situations. The mercy we obtain from God showers us with immense peace and energy to actively witness to God’s goodness and be daily ambassadors of peace.

I wish you a happy Divine Mercy Sunday, and together let us recite the following verse: *‘I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, “Mercy shall be built up forever; your faithfulness you shall establish in the very heavens”’* (Ps. 89:1).

MASSES— 7th to 14th Apr 2024

Sun	07	9.30am	Hannah Omuya (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish
		3.45pm	Divine Mercy
Mon	08	9.30am	Mary Flanagan (RIP)
Tues	09	9.30am	Terie Ward (RIP)
Wed	10	9.30am	Stephnie Cheyne (RIP)
Thur	11	9.30am	Sheila Mapledene (Spl ine)
Fri	12	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
		1.00pm	Requiem Mass - Mary Gamble
Sat	13	9.30am	Patrick & Catherine Ward (RIP)
Sun	14	9.30am	William Flynn , Ronal Smith (RIP) , Tal Osagie (B’day)
		11.30am	People of the parish

MASSES— 15th to 21st Apr 2024

Mon	15	12.00non	Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
Tues	16	9.30am	Thomas & Annie Travers (RIP)
Wed	17	9.30am	Charles & Kathleen Ward (RIP)
Thur	18	9.30am	Kathleen Ryan (RIP)
Fri	19	9.30am	Vera Dunnion (Spl int)
Sat	20	9.30am	Apostles of Jesus Missionaries (Seminarians)
Sun	21	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy (RIP), Paschal Osagie (B’day)
			Peter Harte & Annie Laffey (Anniv)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

07/04/2024

9.30am: Elena A. , Nicholas (R)
11.30am Vivian, Anne (R)

14/04/2024

Anthonia O., Cath Slatter (R)
Eviana, Emma (R)

21/04/2024

9.30am— Clinton, Demisha (R) 11.30am Chioma, Michelle (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

07/04/2024 9.30am : Ann M. 11.30am : Loveness, Patricia (E)

14/04/2024 9.30am: Felix 11.30am : Frank, Marcel (E)

21/04/2024 9.30am : Betty 11.30am : Lilian, Serso (E)

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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 by everyone to build up and sustain our faith community.

Parish Development

31/03/24: Gift Aid : £ Dona: £.263.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ Total: 263.00

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

2nd collections 21st April—Clergy training Fund

Bonus Ball : No. `

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.covtv@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

THANK YOU FOR EASTER GREETINGS AND OFFERINGS

I thank you dear parishioners for the expressions of love and support that you expressed by Easter greetings, gifts, and offerings. May God reward you abundantly. I keep you always in my prayers.

SISTERS FOR SPIRITUAL RETREAT: Please, pray for our Parish Sisters who in the next few days will be making their annual spiritual retreat. We also entrust ourselves to their prayers.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE LATE MRS. HANNAH OМУYA

Prayers are requested for the late Mrs. Hannah Omuya who died on 21st February and was buried on 14th March in Abuja, Nigeria. Hannah was the mother of **Asipita Iroko**, who is a member of our parish safeguarding team. Let us ... 'console one another in the hope that we have in Christ the risen Lord (1Thess. 4: 13-18).

TRAINING OF RELIGIOUS MISSIONARIES - APOSTLES OF JESUS

We the Apostles of Jesus priests in the UK are grateful for the support that we receive from you, our parishioners as you provide funds to support the training of our major seminarians in Nairobi. We thank the Archbishop of Birmingham permission he gave us to do two second collections each year for financial support of the Apostles of Jesus major seminarians. Fundraising initiatives for this year will be announced in the near future.

Catholic University Students: Please, register yourself at the back of the Church; we shall plan our first meeting to plan for the creation of a vibrant community of Catholic university students who too will inspire our parish in unique ways.

Confirmation classes: Parents with children who go to non catholic schools are requested to enrol the names with Sr. Leena to organise the Confirmation Catechism begins in June.

Summer Term : A Happy summer term to the learners and staff members of St Mary and St Benedict Primary School. They are starting a busy time of many activities which include national assessments and tests (SATs). On Saturday 8th June, at 10.30am, 25 children in year 3 and up will receive First Communion. Let us pray that the school will continue to attain its Vision and Mission.

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 : Ellen Cox, Cath Molloy, Janet Cassidy, Patrick Bernard Ward, Kitty Howel, Annie Lyons, Mary Clark, Mr & Mrs Shaughnessy, Mr & Mrs Strevens, Winifred Mooney, John Anthony Whiting, Anne Crawley, Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McEleney, C. Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Masterson.