

### **MASSES— 15th to 22nd Oct 2023**

Sun	15	9.30am	Kaylen D'Souza (B'day), James Mapuranga (Good health)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eke Kalu (RIP)
Mon	16	12.00noon	Roque Xavier Almeda (RIP), James Mapuranga (Good health)
Tues	17	9.30am	Tom Ward (Spl int)
Wed	18	9.30am	James Mapuranga (Good health)
Thurs	19	9.30am	Fr. Aloysius (Thanksgiving)
Fri	20	9.30am	Chukwudi Malize (B'day), James Mapuranga (Good health)
Sat	21	9.30am	Tom Ward (Spl Int)
Sun	22	9.30am	Felix & Ida Minezes (20th Wed anni), Anna Mara (RIP)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eke Kalu (RIP)

#### **Lectors**

**15/10/2023**

9.30am School children (R)  
11.30am Daluchi, Michelle (R)

**22/10/2023**

Elizabeth H., Nicholas O. (R)  
Emma, Louise (R)

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**15/10/2023**

**9.30am** Betty Osagie (E)  
**11.30am** Marcel (E)

**22/10/2023**

**Readings— 15/10/23: Isaiah 25: 6-10; Philipians 4: 12-14; Mt. 22: 1-14**

**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 :** Christopher Doyle, Victor Pickett, James Delaney, Jim Hogan , Patrick Benson, Nicki Cherry, Hanorah Royal, John Doyle, Eileen Teynan , James Crawford, Dolly Rixon, James Flynn, Agnes Kathleen Molloy, Royalty Innih , Eve Jones, Gerard Bannon, Ellen O'Brien, Martin King , Matthew Murray, Margaret McDonagh, Catherine Mulvaney, Thomas Burke, Michael Jerome Walsh , Mary Higgins, John Ferry, Patrick Flynn, Raymond Anthony Day.

**Clergy Anniversaries:** Bp Michael Glancy, Canon William Withers, Mgr Paul Joseph Watson, Rev. Aidan White-Spunner, Rev. Brendan Byrne, Rev Thomas Burge, Rev. John Murray. May they rest in peace.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present you requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:16-7**



A.J. Missions



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Osburg



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter –28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th to 22nd Oct 2023**

### **DISCIPLINE IS A KEY TO GREATER THINGS**

Discipline is a quality of living that guarantees success. It demands following a pattern of life, keeping a particular company, reading certain books, observing a particular diet among other things. An undisciplined person is friend of none. Families with children who take disciplining them from the start as a joyful duty, are likely to live a happy life in their old age. In the same way, children who positively accept the discipline they receive from their parents, grow up with feelings of obligations towards them, even though they may already have assumed obligations similar to what their parents have. Discipline is a key to success no matter the difficulties that may be involved.

Jesus demanded discipline from everyone who wanted to become his follower, a discipline that is demanded of every Christian to the present day. It is this: "*if anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself, take up his cross every day and follow me.*" Mt.16:24. For those who had already become his followers, he gave them a new commandment: "*Love one another as I have loved you, by your love they will know that you are my disciples.*" Jn.13:35. This teaching calls for discipline of a certain kind.

In the second reading today, St. Paul speaks about his personal discipline as a follower of Christ. As a faithful disciple, he had mastered how to be poor, or how to be rich, whether he was well provided for, or lacked bare necessities of life, there was nothing that he could not master with the help of God who gave him strength.

As Christians, we are also called upon to learn the art of fidelity to Christ in such a way that we can remain with him in which ever situation we might be. Jesus did not promise us that we shall not be touched by the trials of life, but in all these, he expects us to be faithful to him. Fidelity is that wedding garment that Jesus speaks about in the Gospel today. While every person from crossroads, street corners and alleyways was called to the wedding hall, it was still necessary that they had observed a certain etiquette namely putting on a wedding garment (fidelity).

Let us always observe our Christian discipline as Jesus Christ expects of us, because that is what makes us to be known as his followers in this world. A person without discipline should never expect happiness or progress.

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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>.

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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**

**08/10/23:** Gift Aid : 115.10 Dona: £178.00 Non-Gift Aid: £421.58 Total: £ 714.68

SO (Sept) : £ Second collection : 135.87 May God bless you all.

**2nd collections :** 22/10/23 - APF (Mission Sunday)

**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](mailto:sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Legion of Mary at St. Mary's Church :** The members meet immediately after the 11.30am Mass every Sunday in the Parish meeting room If you would like to join the group please contact Ms. Emmanuella on 07448595836

**Mass Intentions**

For Mass for your intentions 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 or you can call Tel. 07547242375.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Welcome to Fr. Aloysius :** He will be with us on Tuesday 18th October. Fr. Jimmy and him will celebrate Eucharist with us on Sunday 22nd October. We wish him well and a fruitful mission among us.

**Jesus Youth Eucharistic Encounter Enroute:** Encounter Enroute is a eucharistic procession in a motorcade with the Blessed Sacrament placed on a special mobile platform, praising and worshipping the Lord, while travelling throughout England, Scotland, and Wales, from Oct 31st to Nov 4th. The motorcade is open for everyone to join at any time during its journey. As part of the Encounter Enroute (An initiative of Jesus Youth UK), the blessed sacrament would be received on 31st Oct at 12:00noon at St. Mary and St. Benedict Church followed by Eucharist adoration till 1:15 pm. All are invited to enjoy a spiritual bliss in the Eucharistic adoration.

**Day of Renewal:** "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) A day of refreshing renewal and healing will take place at St. Thomas More Parish , CV3 5DE on Saturday 18th November from 10.00am to 4.30pm followed by Mass at 5.00pm. All are welcome. Refreshments provided.

**World Mission Sunday** this year is on 22 October. On this day the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. Donations and prayers on this day have direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Therefore, your generous donations help build the Church, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places. Next Sunday there will be a second collection.

**Red boxes** (APF) could I ask those who have Red Boxes to bring them for counting next week please. Thanks to those families that have them.

**Christmas bazar:** Parish Christmas Bazar will take place on Saturday 9th December at 1.00pm in the parish hall. 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.

**Lectors meeting** will take place soon after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

**Sunday School:** volunteers are doing a fantastic ministry by teaching Christian faith to the little ones. The parents who bring them to Church are greatly appreciated. Sunday school is for children above 5 years not for the toddlers. Kindly cooperate with the volunteers for the benefit of everyone.

**Fr. Brendan Byrne RIP** 12th death anniversary will occur on Thursday 19th October He was our parish priest for 8 years. Let us remember him in our prayers for the repose of his soul..