



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—16th Sunday in Ordinary time- 21st to 28th July 24

ONE IN CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD

Last week, our Archdiocese rejoiced in the celebrations of the Sacrament of Holy Orders as we received two new bishops: Timothy Menezes and Richard Walker. In the same week, we received a priest and three new deacons. Let us briefly reflect on the meaning of priesthood.

The Preface for Mass of the episcopal ordination summarises the meaning of Christ's priesthood thus: *'For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood the people he has made his own, but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men through the laying on of hands. They are to renew in his name the sacrifice of human redemption, to set before your children the paschal banquet to lead your holy people in charity to nourish them with the word and strengthen them with the Sacraments' (Preface of Episcopal Ordination).*

We rejoice because Our Lord, the Chief Shepherd, has provided new shepherds to his people. Each in their degree (orders) of bishop, priest and deacon have received authority to teach, sanctify and govern God's people. They have generously responded to God who always raises shepherds to carry on his work in the world.

They are to always emulate our Lord's example who *took pity on the large crowds because they were like sheep without a shepherd and set himself to teach them at some length (Mk, 6:34).* The Sacrament of Holy Orders which confers the ministerial priesthood reminds us of our common priesthood.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the close connection between our common priesthood, received in Baptism, and the ministerial priesthood conferred by the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It states that the ministerial priesthood of bishops, priests and deacons and the common priesthood of all the faithful, participate *'each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ'* and while being *'ordered one to another they differ essentially' (1547).* This means that the presence of ordained ministers among us will always remind us of the common priesthood that we share in Christ, the eternal High Priest.

We also note that by our common priesthood, we too must practically shepherd those entrusted to us in family, workplace and church. By our words and deeds, we are to make conscious attempts to manifest Christ the priest, teacher and shepherd, and to mutually support one another as we play those roles.

Fr. Aloysius

MASSES— 21st to 28th July 2024

Sun	21	9.30am	Roque Xavier Almeida & Esperance D'Costa (RIP)
		11.30am	Avery Justine DeVera , Graduate students (Thanksgiving) Onyenje Egbunike & family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	22	9.30am	Sr. Anna Maria Lorenzon (RIP)
Tues	23	9.30am	Seamus O'Keiffe (RIP), Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Wed	24	9.30am	Sick of the parish
Thurs	25	9.30am	Anne McCrave , Jan Misiuk (RIP) Lina Brenda Mapuranga (B'day)
Fri	26	9.30am	Srs. Of St. Ann (Thanksgiving), Nora Griffith (Spl int) Ann Chukwudi (B'day)
Sat	27	9.30am	Angella Guinan (B'day thanksgiving)
Sun	28	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Celeste Galban (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

21/07/2024

28/07/2024

9. 30am Creshel, Desma (R)

Leslie, Cosmos (R)

11.30am Ivan, Tasha (R)

Vivian, Angela N. (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

21/07/2024

28/07/2024

9.30am Cath Slatter

Betty O.

11.30am Frank, Lilian

Serso, Marcel

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 Crawford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Nancy Notaro, Minnie Byrne, Fred Billington, Harold Shepherd, Betty Griffiths, Maureen Patterson, James Daniel Farrel, John Plunkett, Mr & Mrs Noonan, Mr & Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr & Mrs Enright, Joe Leo Byrne, Patrick Joseph Herbert, Mr & Mrs McMahan, Patrick Travers, Michael Keaney, Anne McCrave , Annie Ferry, Anthony Curristan, Trudy Shanley, Catherine Logan, Patrick Joseph Plunkett, Sally McGorman, Christine June Hand.

Sacrament of Baptism

For Catholics, the Sacrament of Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship. Baptism is the first sacrament of Christian initiation. Through Baptism we are freed from sin, we become adopted sons and daughters of God and are embraced into the family of the Church.

Baptism transforms us. It marks our soul for life and eternity. In baptism, the Holy Spirit moves us to answer Christ's call to holiness. In baptism, we are asked to walk by the light of Christ and to trust in his wisdom. We are invited to submit our hearts to Christ with ever deeper love.

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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 thirteen parish priests since 1889. Our Parish welcomes you to promote initiatives that build up and sustain our faith community.

Parish Development

14/07/24: Gift Aid :£ 265.50 Dona: £340.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 477.91 Total: £1083.41

SO (Jul): £ Second collection - 178.38 Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 329

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

CUSA weekly prayers: Every Thursday at 6.00pm.

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 us 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

University Graduation: We congratulate our university graduates upon completing their studies and pray that they will find a future in which they will use their acquired skills to productive use for their personal growth and the good of the world.

St. Ann's Feast : Sisters of our parish are celebrating their Patroness day on Friday 26th July feast of Ss. Ann & Joachim. You are invited to join them in the Eucharistic celebration at 9.30am praying for their holy perseverance and the needs of the Religious Order.

Founders day of Apostles of Jesus: This is to invite you to the celebrations of the Founders' Day of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries on Tuesday 30th July. Holy Mass will start at 12.00 followed by refreshments.

Monday Club: This has closed for summer holidays and will resume on 9th September. Thanks to those who supported our elderly parishioners by providing tea, coffee and food. Our parish has outreach to the elderly of our city to which every senior citizen is warmly welcomed. I wish them a restful summer break.

School holidays till 2nd September. We wish a refreshing break to the children, students, teachers and support staff who have started their holidays on Friday 19th July. For school children this is useful time to engage in activities outside the school schedule and develop their many skills and talents.

CWA Cameroon is celebrating its 60th anniversary worldwide on Sunday 28th July. As a result, CWA Cameroon is inviting all parishioners to join them in the parish hall for a cup of tea, coffee and snacks after the 11.30am Mass. Let us join them in celebrating this milestone as they continue to follow the footsteps of our Mother Mary 'To serve and not to be served'.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) If you are an adult seeking Instructions for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, this is for you. Please, register with the fathers or sisters of the Parish. Weekly instructions will be held at 7pm on Thursdays at St. Osburgs, starting on 12th September. Please, inform those who are seeking this programme

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE ON THE OLYMPIC GAMES

'Sport is a universal language that transcends frontiers, languages, races, nationalities and religions; it has the capacity to unite people, to encourage dialogue and mutual acceptance; it stimulates the surpassing of oneself, forms the spirit of sacrifice, fosters loyalty in interpersonal relations; it invites people to recognize their own limits and the value of others. The Olympic Games, if they remain truly "games", can therefore be an exceptional meeting place between peoples, even the most hostile. The five interlinked rings represent the spirit of fraternity that should characterize the Olympic event and sporting competition in general' (Extract from the Message the Holy Father Francis to Archbishop Laurent Ulrich, metropolitan of Paris, for the Olympic Games, taking place from 26 July to 11 August 2024 Holy See Press Office).

***Family thanksgiving day—22nd September 2024
Christmas Bazaar—7th December 2024***