

## **MASSES— 23rd to 30th June 2024**

Sun	23	9.30am	Warren Osagie (B'day) People of the parish
		11.30am	Dennis & Mystie (5th Wed Anniv) , Clement Evans (RIP) Tony & Veronique (Thanksgiving)
Mon	24	12.00noon	Nigel Rowley (RIP), Sr. Phillipina Varhese (RIP)
Tues	25	9.30am	Tom Ward (Spl int)
Wed	26	9.30am	Fr. Paul Ward (B'day)
Thur	27	9.30am	Kathleen Ryan (RIP)
		6.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers
Fri	28	9.30am	Eileen Ward (RIP), Mapuranga family (Thanksgiving)
Sat	29	9.30am	Sr. Leena Mathias (Thanksgiving)
Sun	30	9.30am	Kathleen & Patsie Leslie (RIP), Emili Misiuk (RIP) Emmanuel Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	Paola Kegni (B'day) Ray Evans (RIP) People of the parish

### **Lectors**

**23/06/2024**

**30/06/2024**

9.30am	Emmanuella, Anthonia O. (R)	Alter Servers (R)
11.30am	Evania, Morgan (R)	Ann, Emma (R)

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**23/06/2024**

**30/06/2024**

<b>9.30am</b>	Ann M. (E)	Cath Slatter (E)
<b>11.30am</b>	Serso, Florence K. (E)	Loveness, Patricia (E)

### **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 :** Timothy O'Driscoll, Baby Cara Whelan, Patrick Francis Hallinan, Maura Donnelly, Teresa McManus, Anthony Hegarty, Patrick Mullaney, Joseph O'Neill, Kathleen Leslie, Patrick Joseph Moore, Margaret Brophy, Doreen Davies, Patrick Michael Boyle, Desmond Michael Whelan, Elizabeth Keegan, John Anthony Doyle, Michael Joseph Dowd, Thomas Joseph Cosgrove, Joe Byrne, Teresa McPartlain, Annie Dunion.

**Peter's Pence (*Denarii Sancti Petri*)** are donations or payments made directly to the Holy See. The practice began under the Saxons in England and spread throughout Europe. The earliest documentary evidence concerning these payments is found in a letter written from Rome by King Canute to the English clergy in 1031. "Peter's Pence" proceeds are used by the Pope for philanthropic works throughout the world and for administrative costs of the Vatican state. In various ways our Churches worldwide have benefited from the Pence.



**Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry**



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

## **Parish Newsletter—12th Sunday in ordinary time—23rd to 30th June 2024**

### **ON-GOING FORMATION IN OUR PARISH**

I would like to thank all the parishioners who turned up for the meeting on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June to discuss matters relating to establishing the Parish Pastoral Council. As we wait for guidelines from the Archbishop, I encourage you all to be open to learning about new approaches and taking on new roles within the parish and beyond.

In our meeting the theme of “on-going formation in our faith” came up strongly. We appreciated the initial catechetical instructions we provide in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Holy Matrimony. We noted, however, the need for moments of on-going formation to help in deepening our knowledge of faith doctrines. This is because we can love our faith when we know it well, and the deeper our knowledge of the faith, the deeper our love and commitment to it can be.

We noted that we need to look at on-going formation considering the Vision Statement of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, namely: *“We are called to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour”*.

The members made the following observations:

- We need forms of evangelization, which is embedded in teaching and learning the faith, is very important, and could be carried out in seminars, workshops, retreats and moments of praise and worship.
- We need to be aware of the global issues that surround us and make effective use of the resources that are periodically published by CAFOD.
- We should explore ways to encourage regular attendance of the Sunday and weekday Masses by families, so that parents and their children will be devoted to the practice.
- We need to plan for an effective Parish Pastoral Council that will allow the parish community to work together and move as one Church.
- We need to enrol more people to take on roles and responsibilities in the parish.

Dear parishioners, I invite you to consider and eventually submit your ideas about what you consider to be the vibrant parish of St Mary and St Benedict Coventry. Thank you.

**St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church**

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

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

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

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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**

**16/06/24: Gift Aid :£ 190.00 Dona: £412.50 Non-Gift Aid: £ 360.58 Total: 963.08**

SO ( June): £1180.44 Second collection : 188.95 Thank you and may God bless you all.

**2nd collections** 30th June-Peter's Pence

**Bonus Ball** : No.

**Mass Attendance** : 389

**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.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.

**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**

**Feast of Saints Peter & Paul** : Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days. We celebrate their day made holy for us by the shedding of their blood. Let us embrace their confession of the faith, the example of their lives in the zealous preaching of the Gospel, their labours, and finally their endurance of persecutions up to death.

**Catholic University Students Meeting** today in the parish hall, after the 11.30 Mass.

**The Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall**, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sunday 1 September 2024. This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. After Mass, refreshments will be served to all pilgrims in the garden of The Priest's House.

**THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION** of Bishops-Elect Mgr Timothy and Canon Richard will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 16th July at 12noon. Due to limitations on space the Mass of Ordination is by invitation only, but all are welcome to join online via the cathedral's live stream facility. Let us keep them in our prayers.

**An Invitation to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes** All are welcome on the Annual Pilgrimage to Hednesford, Sunday 7 July at 1.00pm. The Hednesford Pilgrimage runs annually in response to Our Lady's invitation to come in procession. Venue : Our Lady of Lourdes, Uxbridge Street, Hednesford, Staffordshire, WS12 1DB. A Lourdes experience in our own Archdiocese.

**VALUE YOUR VOTE: GENERAL ELECTION 2024**

A General Election has been called for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The threat of abortion being decriminalised was averted when this election was called, but these extreme proposals are sure to return. The next Parliament will also likely see a big push to legalise assisted suicide. It is therefore vital that we elect MPs who will oppose these threats to life. To contact your candidates, and check on their voting intentions, please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/General-Election-2024>.

**THE APOSTLES OF JESUS MISSIONARIES IN THE UK GREET YOU**

I would like to bring to you greetings from the fathers of the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus who are ministering in the Archdiocese of Birmingham (England) and in Wrexham (Wales). As a community, we met at Our Lady of the Angels Nuneaton on June 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June. It was a time for prayer, reflections and on-going formation. We thank you for your material, moral and spiritual support.

**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.

**DIARY DATE:** Sunday, 15th September, our Parish Family Day.