

## MASSES— 24th to 31st Mar 2024

Sun	24	9.30am	Greg Osagie (B'day), Maria Drabik (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	25	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
Tues	26	9.30am	Jim Dunleavy (B'day remembrance)
Wed	27	9.00am	Jack McCrave (RIP)



## HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

Thurs	28	7.00pm	Lord's Supper
Fri	29	2.15pm	Stations of the cross
		3.00pm	Passion of the Lord
Sat	30	8.30pm	Easter Vigil
Sun	31	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

## Lectors

24/03/2024 9.30am Cosmos, Alister (R) 11.30am Kisaneth, Emmanuel (R)

28/03/2024 Angela Ngozi, James M ; 29/03/24 Tom Ward, Patricia K. (R)

30/03/24 1. Ashley K., 2. Kenneth. 3. Karen 4. Desma 5. Preethi

31/03/2024 9.30am: Emmanuella, Cath Slatter (R) 11.30am Ann E., Attracta (R)

## Eucharistic Ministers

24/03/2024 9.30am Cath Slatter, Felix (E) 11.30am: Marcel, Lilian (E)

28th— Patricia & Frank ; 29th— Lilian & Betty ; 30th— Loveness & Serso

31/03/2024 9.30am : Sophie 11.30am : Marcel, Sr. Leena (E)

## Passion Readers— 24/03/2024

9.30am - Elizabeth, Joe

11.30am - Tony Okeke, Honorine

## 29/03/2024

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

Anniversaries during the week : Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury, J O'Sullivan, Mary Josephine Axworthy , Bernard Kelly, Mary O'Mara, Mary Whiting, , Aloysius Patalong, Emma O'Brien, Marie Concepta Garner , Catherine Mary Muldoon , Walter roach, John Molloy, Michael Cox, Bob Brolly , James Herbert,.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

## Parish Newsletter—Palm Sunday - 24th to 31st Mar 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Parishioners of St Mary and St Benedict,



### **HOLY WEEK AND THE DIOCESAN VISION FOR THE MISSION OF CHRIST**

I invite you to enter Holy Week when we celebrate the mysteries that are central to our Christian faith. Starting with Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday, let us make a pilgrimage of Faith by following our Lord in the final events of his life that manifested his total surrender to the will of his Father and won for us salvation. 'By his death he destroyed our death and by his rising he restored our life' (as we acclaim the Mystery of our Faith). We are privileged to have the light of faith to recognise these truths that deeply impact our lives and the choices we make. I invite you at this moment to consider the invitation of the Archbishop for more collaboration, responsibility, and participation in carrying on the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we work towards the realisation of the Archdiocesan Vision. Let us remind ourselves of our Diocesan Vision which is:

*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.*

Dear brothers and sisters, for this vision to be actualised, you and I must place Our Lord Jesus Christ at the very centre of our lives and be prepared to be his ambassadors and his missionaries in our communities. Every Catholic individual, family, association, school, parish, and deanery must own this vision and make it part of its identification.

The celebrations of Holy Week provide us with a unique opportunity to be reenergised in our devotion to our Lord, who inspires us to come out of our comfort zones, and to stretch our energies to reach out in selfless service of our neighbours in the proclamation of the Gospel of hope. Each of the days of Holy Week have deep lessons to impart on us. They inspire virtues of communion and synodality, generosity, courage, truthfulness, honesty, constant prayer, and perseverance in carrying our daily crosses as we live the demands of our Baptismal promises.

Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and allow him to turn us into missionary disciples who collaborate to create vibrant communities of faith in joyful service of God and our neighbours. With such sentiments as these, we shall be open to an honest discernment and honest availability to evangelise in truth and confidence, aware that we are not alone, rather we are always with the Lord who said, 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew, 28:20).

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

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

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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.

#### Parish Development

**17/03/24: Gift Aid : £122.60 Dona: £.188.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 380.93 Total: 691.53**

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

**2nd collections 29th Mar : Holy places; 21st April—Clergy training Fund**

**Bonus Ball :** No. `

**Mass Attendance : 375**

**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

**Palm Sunday** also known as Passion Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, 24th March. In the Christian tradition, the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Let us process to the church commemorating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.



**Active Catholic Groups in our Parish :** The following Catholic Groups in our Parish play various roles for the participating members and others in the Community. I encourage you to join one or two if you do not belong to any yet. The existing groups are: The Parish Finance Committee, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, the Parish Choir, Altar Servers, Liturgical Ushers, Catholic Women's Association of Cameroon, Community of St Mother Theresa of Calcutta (Mwaki), Legion of Mary, Church Cleaners, Monday Club, and the Parish Youth Group. We value what you contribute to the sustainability of the Faith and invite you to do more to make Jesus Christ more known and loved.

**Catholic University Students (Chaplaincy)** St Mary and St Benedict offers a unique opportunity to all Catholic University Students in Coventry City to organise themselves into a vibrant community of faith. Considering that Coventry has evolved to be a University City, we would like to come together to revive our faith, as we consider our common mission to make Jesus Christ known and loved. After we have come together, we shall create a vibrant Catholic Chaplaincy for the University and our local Parish Church. Please, register and wait for further communication from Fr. Aloysius L. Bukunya, your Catholic Chaplain.

**Grieving With Hope :** We always interact with experiences of death when our beloved relatives and friends die. It is sad to lose people who once were the pillars of faith in our Church. In the first quarter of this year, we lost Mr Robert Haddock, Mrs. Mary Bridget Mulrooney and, Mrs. Mary Gamble. Thursday, 21st was the burial of Mary Mulrooney; we shall have the funeral rites for Mrs Mary Gamble on 12th April at 1pm. Our faith in Jesus the risen Lord provides us with the assurance of the eternal life, since Christ overcame death, as St. Paul reminds us: 'Death is swallowed up in victory. Death where is your victory? Death where your is your sting. Now the sting of Death is sin, ... So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1Cor. 15:55 -57).

**Extraordinary Eucharistic ministers** will renew their promises on Maundy Thursday. They have been assisting the priest in distributing the Body of Christ at Mass, to the sick and house bound. Let us keep them in our prayers.

**Novena to Divine Mercy:** will start on Good Friday 29th March 2024. The celebration of Divine Mercy will be held here on Sunday 7th April starting at 2.00pm followed by Holy Mass at 3.45pm. Come and receive the Mercy of God.

#### Happy Easter

I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter, and to thank you in advance the Easter offerings that you donate as a sign of love for your priest. Easter Envelopes are available at the back of the Church, or you may use the contactless machine to make your donation