



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

**SO (Feb) : £ Gift Aid : £174.50 Non-Gift Aid: £525.04 Total: £ 699.54**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Readings:** Gen: 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom: 5:12-19; Mt.: 4: 1-11

**2nd Collection :** 26th Feb—Turkey Earthquake 5th Mar.— Cathedral Maintenance

**Bonus Ball :**

**Mass Attendance :** 393

**Choir practice :** Fri— 7.30pm

**Church cleaning:** 7.30am

**Confessions:** Saturday— 10.10—11.00am.

**Pious Devotions :** Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

**(RCIA): sessions :** every Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel.

**Gospel Reflection :**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. Matthew 4:1-2

The "forty" that we commemorate today is the forty days and forty nights that our Lord spent in the desert being tempted by the devil while He fasted and prayed.

Reflect, today, upon the importance of embracing the virtue of temperance with courage throughout life. Throughout life's many ups and downs, joys and sorrows, blessings and crosses, we must allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit, confronting every circumstance with courage and self-control. Reflect upon any ways that you struggle with the crosses you endure or excessively cling to the consolations of life. Seek to embrace the road of virtue this Lent in imitation of Jesus' forty days and nights in the desert.

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Parish Penitential service** 27th March at 7.00pm, come on let us seek God's mercy together.

**Devotion to Divine Mercy:** has resumed after interruptions due to Covid19. Please join us every last Thursday of the Month. Prayers start at 6:00-7:00pm followed by Holy Mass. You are all welcome to join our voices to invoke the mercy of the Lord.

**Day for Eucharistic Ministers Fr Stephen Fawcett** is organising a day for Eucharistic Ministers at Christ the King on Saturday 25th March. The day will start with mass at Christ the King at 9.30am followed by Holy Hour and two talks given by Fr Cecil Rogerson and Fr Stephen Fawcett. The day will finish with a light lunch at 1pm.

**Appeal to Turkey earthquake:** CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance, and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. There is a Second collection today to assist the victims of this natural calamity.

**Change of Friday Mass time** during Lent Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm preceded celebration of the Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm. The Stations of the Cross is an ancient Catholic tradition which I encourage you to attend. It is important to meditate on the Passion and death of our Lord.

**Confessions for First Holy communicants** will be on 20th March at 6.00pm in the Church.

**International Women's day:** will be celebrated on 8th March and the theme for is, "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality". This theme is aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67), "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

**Confirmation classes** children who go to non catholic schools and are in in year 6 please contact Sr. Leena to arrange Confirmation Catechism classes.

**St. Patrick's Mass :** The annual St. Patrick's Mass will be on

**Walk with me booklets** are available for you to take to aid you in your prayers during Lent at the back of the Church. Pick up your copy today. £1:00 is recommended towards the printing.

**Sacrament of Confession:** Fr. Jimmy is available during Lent at any time for anybody who wants to have the Sacrament of Confession. Please give him a call on 07906124756. to arrange the time. Confessions take place also every Saturday from 10:00-10:50am.

**The Chapel of Unity is hosting** an on line 20-minute Poem Reflection at 6.00pm each Monday evening during Lent.

Week 1	27th February	Lent	Jean M Watt	
Week 2	6th March	Late have I loved you		St Augustine
Week 3	13th March	The Meeting House		U A Fanthorpe
Week 4	20th March	The Trees		Philip Larkin
Week 5	27th March	Rublev		Rowan Williams
Week 6	3rd April	Love		George Herbert

Zoom details Meeting ID: 811 1671 1786

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