

## **MASSES— 27th Oct to 3rd Nov 2024**

Sun	27	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int), Mary Eileen Kerrigan (3rd Anniv)
		11.30am	Igweh Ozioma (Spl int)
Mon	28	12.00noon	Anna Mara, Rose Hogan (RIP)
Tues	29	9.30am	Stany Mathias (RIP), Emilie O'Brien (B'day)
Wed	30	9.30am	Igweh Ozioma (Spl int), Esther & Elias Marime (RIP)
Thurs	31	9.30am	Geraldine Clarkson (Spl int)
		6.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers
Fri	01	9.30am	All Saints day
		7.00pm	Sixtus (Spl int)
Sat	02	9.30am	Anthony D'Souza, Basil & Theresa Periera (RIP)
		6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sun	03	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int)
		11.30am	Veronique (Get well), Igweh Ozioma (Spl int)

### **Lectors**

**27/10/2024**

9.30am Emmanuela, **Cosmos**  
11.30am Edmond, Florence K.

**03/11/2024**

Anthonia O., James M.  
Anais, Maame

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**27/10/2024**

**9.30am** Felix M.  
**11.30am** Marcel, Frank K.

**03/11/2024**

Anne M.  
Beyang, Lilian

### **LET US PRAY TO THE LORD**

**The sick of the Parish:** 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** : William McSorley, Hughie McCabe, Joseph Ryan, Anna Mara, Eileen Mary Kerrigan, Eileen Ward, Patricia Bennis, Thomas Lyons, Ellen Floyd, Bridget Prosser, John Lucid, Thomas James Byrne, Maureen Thornton, Angela Cook, Ellen Roe, Danny Prosser, Richard McCann, John Joseph Carey.

**Clergy Anniversaries:** Rev. John Francis McGovern, Rev. Thomas Williams, Rev. John O'Dwyer, Rev. Patrick O'Sullivan, Rev. James Morgan, Rev. Henry Taylor, Deacon Paul G.

**All Saints Day** : The Saints must be honoured as friends of Christ and children and heirs of God. Let us emulate their faith, charity, hope, zeal, life, patience under suffering and perseverance unto death, so that we may also share their crowns of glory."



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



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

**Parish Newsletter—30th Sunday in Ordinary time- 27th Oct to 3rd Nov 24**

## **Lessons from Bartimeus**

I have had a thought-provoking week that I am concluding with reflections on the passionate prayer of the blind beggar, Bartimeus. On Monday, I was blessed to interact and listen to the candidates of the Sacrament of Confirmation as they narrated what inspired them about the lives of the saints. Each chose a saint's name to be called by and emulate. Of course, saints are friends of God, but they are also our friends, and they inspire us.

Bartimeus (not a declared saint) inspires me particularly with his prayer to Jesus. We can learn some lessons from him in this Year of Prayer, a preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope.

As a blind beggar, I suppose that he spent much time sitting in silent meditation, in which he self-introspected and made an honest acceptance of his condition which he wanted changed: he knew that he was blind, but he wanted to see and be independent. He knew that Jesus of Nazareth had the power to open his eyes. When Jesus passed by his way, surrounded by a large and noisy crowd, he learnt about it and started his prayer, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me' (Mark 10:47). The noisy people saw him as a distraction and attempted to silence him, but knowing that he was not far from Jesus, the Saviour, who had the power to heal him, he shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' (Mark 10:48). He drew Jesus's attention and called him. He then tested him with the question, 'What do you want me to do for you?' (10:51), and he replied with a petition that was specific, 'My teacher, let me see again' (10:51). Jesus, the high priest, who sympathises with those who are ignorant and uncertain (Hebrews 5:2) granted his request and opened his eyes.

Dear reader, you may reflect on this. When you pray, do you exactly articulate your need? How do you precisely articulate it? How much sacrifice are you prepared to make to accompany your prayer of petition?

One particular need to ask from God is sainthood. Saints are people who responded to God's call for holiness, which is founded on an ardent aspiration for union with God and an active charity for the neighbour. Holiness permeates every aspect of one's life and of course it is our universal vocation.

*Fr. Aloysius*

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**YOU ARE MOST WELCOME** to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here, or even if 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 and 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**

**20/10/24: Gift Aid :£174.00 Dona: £210.00 Non-Gift Aid: £313.44 Total: £697.44**

SO ( Sept): £ Second collection - £205.80 Thank you and may God bless you all.

**2nd collections : 3rd Nov.- Retired Clergy; 17th Nov. - Apostles of Jesus**

**Bonus Ball** : No.

**Mass Attendance : 347**

**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](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 around the car park. It is important that we do everything to ensure that children are safe.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Say the Rosary for Peace**: 'Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war'. Our Lady October 1917.

**Funeral Arrangements for Rose Hogan**: Reception followed by the Requiem Mass at 12.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, followed by a private interment at St. Paul's Cemetery at 2.30pm.

**Take Action: Oppose Assisted Suicide** The Catholic Bishops' Conference is calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, the House of Commons heard the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater.

**Process for Parish Pastoral Council**: The consultations are ongoing for various ministries in our parish to identify and nominate candidates to serve as members of our parish pastoral council. I ask you to offer prayers for a successful nomination and appointment of the members and, when contacted by your committee, to readily avail yourself to serve on the council in the spirit of co-responsibility, collaboration and synodality.

**Christmas Bazar**: This will take place on **Saturday 7th December at 1.00pm** in the parish hall. A preparatory meeting will take place on Saturday 2nd November at 4.30pm. We welcome items for Bric a Brac, food hampers, the bottle stall, items for Tombola etc. Christmas Bazar Raffle tickets are available at the piety stall. Thank you for your custom of financially supporting the Church.

**All Saints Day**: Friday 1st November: Two Masses at 9.30am and 7pm.

**All Souls Day**: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Two Masses at 9.30am and 6pm.

**Biblical Foundations of the November Prayers for the Departed** 'Judas also took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honourably, taking account of the resurrection. For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead.' (2 Maccabees 12:43-45). Brown Envelopes are available at the piety stall for the names of the faithful departed and for your offering.

**Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025**: Saturday 24 May to Friday 30 May 2025 with Archbishop Bernard Longley. To book you may contact our parish office or email: [admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk)

**The Johnson Association** provides financial help and support to the retired, sick and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Our priests rely on this support after devoting their lives to furthering the mission of the church. The Annual Collection for the Johnson Association takes place on Sunday 3rd November 2024. Your support will be most appreciated.