			MASSES— 3rd to 10th Mar 2024
Sun	03	9.30am	Zygmunt Drabik (RIP)
		11.30am	Catherine Ezinma Obageli Okafor (RIP)
Mon	04	12.00noon	Eugene Doyle (RIP)
Tues	05	9.30am	Ofure Jeremy Agenmonmen (B'day)
Wed	06	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
Thurs	07	9.30am	Bob Haddock (RIP)
Fri	08	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
Sat	09	9.30am	Osezele David Agenmonmen & Fremlin Farias (B'day)
Sun	10	9.30am	John Powers, Mary Mulrooney (RIP)
		11.30am	Catherine Ezinma Obageli Okafor (RIP)
Lectors			
		<u>03//03/2024</u>	<u>10/03/2024</u>
9.30am		Creshel, Co	smos (R) Naomi, Dan (R)
11.30am		Louis, Preetl	ni (R) Paapa, Rosaline (R)
Eucharistic Ministers			
		<u>25/02/2024</u>	03/03/2024

9.30am Felix (E) 11.30am Marcel (E) <u>03/03/2024</u> Anne M (E) Lilian ((E)

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

<u>The sick of the Parish:</u> Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Gerard Griffith, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

<u>Anniversaries during the week</u>: Cardelina Pinto, Hannah Crone, William Busby, Thomas Francis McDonald, Rose Elizabeth Browne, Kevin Andrew Flynn, Francis Joseph McClule, Patrick James Ward, Gussie Stapleton, Michael Joseph Connors, Mary O'Brien, Kevin David McCarthy, Colin Edward Read, Betty Heavy, William Mooney, Maureen Power.

Reflect on... This Lent perhaps we can reflect on our own faith – what it means to us, what we are doing to help our faith grow, what we are doing to help others grow in their faith, to thank God for our faith. Like Jesus, who often escaped to be by Himself, unless we recharge our spiritual batteries then when 'everyone is looking for us' we won't be able to keep going! Let us make time this Lent to get our priorities right.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter–3rd Sunday of Lent - 3rd to 10th Mar 2024

LET US ACCOMPANY THE CANDIDATES

The Journey of Faith is our entire experience of being disciples of Jesus, which we started on the day of our Baptism. Those who were baptised as infants became aware of their faith journey as they advanced in age and made a conscious decision to remain in it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: 'This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion' (No. 1229).

Our parish community is privileged to have children and adults who, following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have discerned their faith journey, and have decided to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Some of those will be baptised at the Easter Vigil, they will also receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and receive their First Holy Communion. We are grateful to their godparents, sponsors and catechists who are giving testimony of their mature decisions and are encouraging them. We are also grateful to our parish school which is preparing children for the Sacraments of Initiation - are receiving them in the first Mass today.

In our parish community, we have adults who are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. They intend to live their Catholic faith as married couples and by God's grace as parents. Their sponsors and witnesses will stand by them to support them as they live the demands of their vocation.

Our Christian faith can best be lived in communion with others as the family of God's people. In the mind of Pope Francis, it is an invitation to the spirit of synodality in the Church. The Pope teaches us that the Holy Spirit is the protagonist of the synodality of the Church which is achieved through communion, participation, and mission. He emphasises that all the baptised are called to take part in the Church's life and mission. This means that each member of the Church has a role to play in keeping our faith alive and in encouraging others.

Let us accompany our candidates by our words and actions, to help them make their journey a joyful and meaningful experience with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ who is present amidst us.

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 by everyone to build up and sustain our faith community.

Parish Development

25/02/24: Gift Aid : £115.50 Dona: £.191.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 404.14 Total: 710.64

SO (Jan): £ Second collection : £ 199.03 May God bless you all.

2nd collections : 3rd March: Cathedral maintenance

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 303

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Confessions: Saturday– 10.10–11.00am (& by appointment)

<u>Pious Devotions</u> : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6pm

Legion of Mary: Meet every Sunday after 11.30am Mass

SAFE GUARDING 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.

<u>CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE</u> 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 the children 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. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

CHURCH NOTICES

ENROLMENT AND SCRUTINY OF CANDIDATES: Today we enrol the children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Let us keep in prayer and support them.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING LENT: Immediately after the 9.30 Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, this is in addition to the Confession times on Saturdays. The time for the Lenten Parish Penitential Service to be announced soon.

<u>COVENTRY COMHALTAS St PATRICKS DAY</u> CEILI, Friday 15th March 2024 7.30 -11.30pm,, Christ the King Club, Westhill Rd, Coventry CV6 - 2AA

<u>GIFT AID ENVELOPS</u>: are ready for collection at the piety stall. New GAD members are welcome that is if you are a tax payer I encourage you to join the Gift Aid scheme to give your Sunday donations. *Donating through Gift Aid means charities and communities can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra.* Please talk to Sr. Leera today.

SCHOOL ADMISSIO APPEALS PANEL MEMBERS NEEDED: The Admissions and Governance Advisor of the Diocesan Education Service is calling on volunteers to support the Appeals Support Service. Those who are interested in this ministry please contact the parish priest for details.

Catechumens and the Easter Vigil

As we progress with Lent, our attention is continually being drawn to the catechumens who are to be baptised on the Easter Vigil. The term Catechumen comes to us from the early Church; it refers to one who has not yet been initiated into the sacred mysteries but is undergoing a course of preparation for that purpose. Historically, it is during the liturgy of the Easter Vigil that catechumens are baptized, and adult catechumens are received into full communion with the Church. This is because the resurrection of Jesus, alongside his crucifixion, is the central historical event of our faith. Without the Resurrection, there would be no Christianity. "If Christ has not been raised," wrote St. Paul, "then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1Corinthians, 15:14). On the Easter Vigil, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory.

At the Easter Vigil the candidates make their profession of faith by joining the community in the renewal of the baptismal promises, and, if they have not yet been confirmed, they can receive the sacrament of confirmation, which is intimately connected with baptism.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: The reception of Mary Bridget Mulrooney will take place on 20th March 2024 at 5.30PM and Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 21st March at 12.00noon The Committal will take place at London Road Cemetery Coventry at 1:30PM.

MARRIAGE BANNS: Ugonna Elvis Uzoukwu son of Late Fidelis M.O. Uzoukwu and Stella N. Uzoukwu of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, Uumudiagba, Abajah, Imo State, Nigeria, would like to marry Chisom Frances Anochie daughter of Late Ikechukwu N. Anochie and Chinelo Agatha Anochie of St. Gabriel's Catholic parish, Uumunachi, Anambra State, Nigeria. If there is anybody who knows that they should not get married to each other, kindly come and inform the parish priest.