



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

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

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9.30am Creshel, Cosmos (R)
11.30am Louis, Preethi (R)

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Naomi, Dan (R)
Paapa, Rosaline (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

25/02/2024

9.30am Felix (E)
11.30am Marcel (E)

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Anne M (E)
Lilian ((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 : 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.

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.

