



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—27th Sunday in Ordinary time- 6th to 13th Oct 24

Song of Songs and the Bond of Marriage

The Word of God today touches perennial questions regarding the nature of marriage and its call for indissolubility rather than divorce, and the spirit of family life, that embraces children. I invite you to consider the power of love that spouses must cherish in their relationships to enable them to uphold their marriage. About the power of love, the Song of Songs says: ‘Love is a fire no waters can avail to quench, no floods to drown; for love a man will give up all that he has in the world and think nothing of his loss’ (8:7). This very love that moves martyrs, virgins, celibates and missionaries to entirely offer themselves to God can be the life-time foundation of the marriage bond.

Throughout the year we have witnessed that love in the anniversaries of the Sacrament of Matrimony in our parish, the last ones were last weekend when **Colonel Edwin and Bridget Okpo** celebrated their 39th marriage anniversary and **Leonce and Esperanza Barutwanayo** their Silver (25 years) Jubilee. We thank them for inspiring us by their commitment to each other and their offspring.

In today’s Word of God, we reflect on the Sacrament of Matrimony and the Christian values of family life. The bond of marriage is founded on the very nature of man and woman as social beings, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him a helpmate’ (Genesis 2:18). When the man received the woman, he exclaimed: ‘This at last is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh!’ (Genesis 2:23). We see excitement in that first marriage that was destined to be permanent. Jesus taught, ‘They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So, what God has united, man must not divide’ (Mark 10:9).

Despite its beauty, the institution of marriage faces challenges that often lead to questions of its indissolubility, and a calling for divorce. That is the paradox of marriage, namely, that bond that fulfils fundamental human needs of mind and heart can have tensions that lead to bitter battles that may lead to divorce. I believe that when spouses ignite of the fire of sacrificial love as presented in the Song of Songs, they will have every reason to persevere and tremendously enrich our present-day world.

Fr. Aloysius

MASSES— 6th to 13th Oct 2024

Sun	06	9.30am	Stany Mathias (RIP), Tran family (Spl int) Sebastian D’Silva, Nora Healy (Anniv)
		11.30am	Emmanuel & Jacintha Agbo (Anniv), People of the parish
Mon	07	12.00noon	Phil Dunleavy (Anniv), Peggy Hyland (Anniv)
Tues	08	9.30am	Mathias family (Spl int) John Wilson (Good health)
Wed	09	9.30am	Alden D’Souza (B’day), John & Valana (Thanksgiving) Kathleen Ward (Anniv)
Thurs	10	9.30am	Zoe Downes (Get well)
Fri	11	9.30am	Breda Wall Ryan (RIP)
Sat	12	9.30am	Stany Mathias (RIP)
Sun	13	9.30am	Stany Mathias (RIP), Tran family (Spl int)
		11.30am	Veronique (Get well)

Lectors

	<u>06/10/2024</u>		<u>13/10/2024</u>
9.30am	Elizabeth H., Emmanuel	Noami, Jean P.,	
11.30am	Velda, Elena	Nisha, Florence E.	

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>06/10/2024</u>		<u>13/10/2024</u>
9.30am	Betty O.	Cath Slatter	
11.30am	Beyang, Lilian	Florence K., Patricia	

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 : Mary Margaret Murphy, Mary Ann Curtin, Tim Boylan, Dan Dunnion, Margaret Gill, Nellie Gilroy, Nora Healy, Philomena Dunleavy, Margret Christina Hyland , Bridget Noonan, Gerard James Dewhurst , Kathleen Ward, Eddie martin, Margaret Hamill, Seamus Gannon, Susan Skarwinko, Maureen Bridget Delargy, Margaret Flek, Nora Edwards, David Doran, Elizabeth Villiers .

Prayer Intention for October

We pray that the Church will continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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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

29/09/24: Gift Aid :£ 181.00 Dona: £ 234.50 Non-Gift Aid: £ 383.70 Total: £ 799.20

SO (Sept): £ Second collection - 245.43 Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections : 6th Oct - CAFOD; 20th Oct.— W. Mission Sunday

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 360

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 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 accidents do not happen. Thanks you for your help in keeping our children safe.

CHURCH NOTICES

Monday 7 October – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is declared by Pope Francis a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the world, as our Christian response to ‘the winds of war and the flames of violence that continue to devastate entire peoples and nations’ (Pope Francis).

Wednesday 9th October Feast of St. John Henry Newman - Born in London in 1801, he became an Anglican clergyman and was influential in the Oxford Movement. He was received into full communion in 1845 and later ordained to the priesthood. As a pastor and scholar he brought Christian instruction and encouragement to many people. He was beatified in Birmingham in Sept 2010 and canonised by in 2019.

Deanery Meeting in our Parish: Tuesday, 8th October, our parish will host the priests of the Coventry & Nuneaton Deanery for their meeting. I thank all who have volunteered to help me welcome the priests at 11am.

Welcoming Bishop Richard Walker at Sacred Heart Coventry: Thursday 10th October at 7.00pm with an opportunity to listen to him regarding the future for our parishes in the deanery. I am asking for as many representatives of our parish groups to attend as possible.

Knights Of St Columba - Quiz Night: Friday 18th October - 7.30pm start at Christ the King. A team of 7 will be participating in the quiz Night from St. Mary's and we wish all the very best.

CAFOD'S Fast Day second collection is today 6th Oct. CAFOD is the official relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales which prioritises work through local church organisations. Today's second collection is for CAFOD, also you can donate through envelopes or online at cafod.org.uk . Thank you for your generosity.

Preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony – Prayers are requested for Daniel Donatus Akpan Ndifreke and Felicity Emem Sunday Akpan who are preparing to celebrate their Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, 26th October, at 12noon.

Blessing of the Graves : Canley on 6th October, St Paul's, 13th October, London Road 20th October and Lenton's Lane, Sunday 27th October. All at 3.00pm

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 12th October - 11.15am: First Holy Communion classes start

Thursday 17th October - 7pm: Finance committee meeting in the Presbytery.

Parish X'Mas Bazaar—7th Dec at 1.00pm