

## MASSES— 8th to 15th Dec 2024

Sun	08	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int), Bernadette Doran (RIP)
		11.30am	CWA Cameroon (Feast day), Salvator Semuswi (RIP)
Mon	09	12.00noon	Hugh Canning, Pearl Curry, Patrick C. Okobi (RIP)
Tues	10	9.30am	Felicia Ohobi & Agnes Iwenofu (RIP)
Wed	11	9.30am	Mike Cassidy, Paddy & Eileen Crean (RIP)
Thurs	12	9.30am	Stany Mathias (RIP)
Fri	13	9.30am	Tony McCafferty (RIP)
Sat	14	9.30am	Deceased members of Canning family
Sun	15	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int), Stany Mathias (RIP)
		11.30am	Salvator Semuswi (RIP)

### Lectors

	<u>08/12/2024</u>	<u>15/12/2024</u>
9.30am	Emmanuela, Desma	Cath Slatter, Cosmos
11.30am	Evania, Rosalyn	Ann Marie, Tasha

### Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>08/12/2024</u>	<u>15/12/2024</u>
9.30am	Betty	Sophie
11.30am	Loveness, Marcel	Serso, 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 :** Jean Cartwright, Christine Fitzgibbons, Edward McGinn, Frederick George Scrivens, Patrick Noonan, Annie Corrigan, Dennis James McCann, Albert Shorthose, Anne Plunkett, Norah Bernadette Hanbury, Margaret Kinsella, Jack Sheehan, John Cain, Andy McHugh, Jozef Conka, Josephine Battles, Patrick Meehan, Nora Herbert, Allen Leslie Randall, Michael Oliver Hickey, Cornelius John Morris, Edward Donnelly, Don McCaffer, Francis Morrissey

**Clergy Anniversaries:** Rev. Anthony Kane, Rev. George Refferty, Rev. Thoma McMorro, Rev. Jerome O'flynn, Rev. Hugh Molloy, Rev. Vincent Lucas, Mgr. canon Francis Harold, Rev. William Browne, Rev. Jon Ellis, Rev. Cyril Barlow, Deacon Bryan Slater, Deacon Henry Atkinson.



**Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE. "Peace be with you." Simple, but transformative words during a time of stress and anxiety. We are invited during the week to welcome peace in our lives. It is when we accept a spirit of peace that we are transformed and able to embrace Jesus, the Prince of Peace.**



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

## **Parish Newsletter— Second Sunday of Advent—8th to 15th Dec 24**

### **PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD**

The quest for a good life has always been the concern of people of every generation. We are longing for a happy life and a bright future of contentment and peace. Our experience reveals the many natural and human challenges to a good life: epidemics, destructive hurricanes, floods, volcanic eruptions, destructive acts of violence, acts of genocide and the threat of nuclear wars which interfere with people's wellbeing and growth.

Without falling into an error of oversimplification of complex issues, as Christians we affirm that we have an answer to all human longings for peace. Humanity needs God, and we must take a personal responsibility to welcome God in our lives. The Word of God which is ever old and yet ever new provides answers to all our questions.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, the message of John the Baptist is most appropriate to address our quest for reconciliation and peace in the world, and in our families. When we integrate acts of repentance and forgiveness in our lifestyles, we set the stage for harmony in the world.

When the prophets invited their people to prepare a way for the Lord, they were giving them a key of hope for a bright future. The message of prophet Baruch to the people of Jerusalem is relevant to us too when he said: 'Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God' (Baruch 5:1). In fact, the ideal identity of humanity will be defined by the new name Peace of Righteousness and Glory of Godliness (5:4).

The season of Advent invites us to prepare for the Lord by repentance from acts of pride, greed, and selfishness, which exclude God in a human heart, lead to disaster and gloom for the many that are downtrodden, and they dehumanise the oppressor! Repentance and a genuine turning to God will reverse the story of humanity and lead to genuine progress. Thanks be to God, Christ who comes to make us ambassadors of his saving actions and true Pilgrims of Hope to the people of our generation. This makes the message of John the Baptist a highly relevant one for us today.

*Fr. Aloysius*

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**Donations to the parish :** [https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online.](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online)

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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**

**24/11/24:** Gift Aid :£176.50 Dona: £ 272.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 362.51 Total: £811.01

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

**2nd collections :** 8th Dec—Poor of the parish

**Bonus Ball :** No. 3 Sean Ward

**Mass Attendance :** 274

**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

**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**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** We join the Cameroon Women's Association to celebrate the Solemnity in a very special way. Let us pray to Mary, conceived without original sin, to help us who have recourse to her maternal care.

**Parish Advent Penitential Service:** 7pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Gratitude for Donations** - The New Lectionary Ambo Edition cost £695.00. We are grateful to the following who have contributed towards that amount: i) Patrick and Patricia Family and ii) Sam and Antonia Family. Likewise, we are grateful to Emmanuel and Betty Osagie who donated to our Church a set of purple vestments. If you would like to make a donation towards a specific item in the church, please contact the fathers or the sisters.

**Sunday Missals portable Edition:** Available at a cost of £13.00 each. Please let me know if you would like to acquire one for your family.

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives** We are recruiting three volunteers from our parish community to minister as safeguarding representatives. If you are interested, please contact your parish priest for further information.

**Politeness in our Worship:** To benefit from our acts of worship, we encourage the following habits of politeness: punctuality, a respectful dress code, phones switched off, silence in the church, charitable consideration of our neighbours, and responses to all parts of the Mass.

**Message from our Superior:** Thirty-five seminarians of the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus have been admitted for the ordination as missionary priests in 2025. This is partly due to your support. We are sure that some of them will be sent to the United Kingdom. Sponsoring a candidate to become a priest, is one great gift that you can offer the Church and the human society since a priest is a servant of all people. You can support a seminarian as an individual, or in partnership with others. You can set up a standing order with your bank for this cause, or it can be a one-off donation to Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK Reg. Charity No. 1205905. For more details, please contact Fr. Jimmy at 07906124756.

***Advent quote: "The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life".***