

MASSES 6th to 13th Dec 2020

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| Sun | 06 | 9.30am | Ewaen Osagie (Spl int), Patsie Leslie (Thanksgiving) People of the parish |
| Mon | 07 | 9.30am | Angela Cook (RIP), Marino & Elena Bertossi (Spl int) |
| Tues | 08 | 9.30am | Joseph Clear (RIP), Elias Godfrey Marime (Thanksgiving) |
| Wed | 09 | 9.30am | Tony Mulrooney , John Curristan (RIP) |
| Thurs | 10 | 9.30am | Geraldine Clarkson (Spl int)) |
| Fri | 11 | 9.30am | Susan Skarwinko (Thanksgving) |
| Sat | 12 | 9.30am | Marino & Elena Bertossi (Spl int) |
| Sun | 13 | 9.30am | John Dunleavy (Thanksgiving) |
| | | 11.30am | Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP) |

Lectors

06/12/2020

9.30am Creshel, Nicholas (R)
11.30am Perpetua, Maame (R)

13/12/2020

Neetha, Desma (R)
Mary, Florence E. (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Norah Griffith Laetitia Matemadumbo Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek , Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley .

Anniversaries during the week : Tony Mulrone, Bridie Collins, Michael Kapusta, Breda Byrne, Jean Cartwright, Christine Fitzgibbons, Edward McGinn, Patrick Noonan, Annie Corrigan, Dennis James McCann, Albert Shorthose, Anne Plunkett, Norah Bernadette Hanbury, Margaret Kinsella,.

The four traditional Advent themes for the four advent Sunday's are:

- 1. God's people—candle of Hope : As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.*
- 2. The Old Testament prophets—Candle of Peace : As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus.*
- 3. John the Baptist—Candle of Love : As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Jesus.*
- 4. Mary Mother of Jesus—candle of Joy : As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.*

The fifth candle represents the birth of Christ. The flame of this candle remind us that He is the light of the world and that if we follow Him, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

Stewards Meeting: Stewards are called for a meeting in preparation for Christmas to take place on 12th December.

**Time 3:00-4:00pm
Venue Parish Hall.**



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—2nd Sunday of Advent - 6th to 13th Dec 2020

A LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC CLERGY OF COVENTRY:

“Dear Parishioners

This year has been very difficult because of the impact of Covid-19. Some of you will have unfortunately lost loved ones, leaving many grieving families, some of you will have had the illness yourselves, and then there has been the terrible economic impact too.

Despite these challenges we keep living our lives as best as we can, and rely on the hope that the light of Christ brings to each of us. We look forward to welcoming you to church over Christmas. Please remember that Christmas Masses will also be livestreamed, so if you feel it is safer to follow Holy Mass over the parish webcam, this can be a sensible option for you and one approved by the church depending on your circumstances.

We are sure you will appreciate that things will be different this year and we have to keep people safe and follow the Government guidelines. It is important that you make yourself aware of the Mass times over Christmas at your local church and we ask that you attend Mass over Christmas. Each Church in Coventry will have some form of booking system and it is important that you are aware of what to do. We are not allowed just to have people turning up over Christmas as we have to have accurate numbers to make sure the churches are not over-crowded. If you come to church you will need to wear a mask and will have to adhere to track and trace requirements. Our volunteer stewards and ushers will guide you and explain to you the arrangements in place.

This Christmas there will not be any communal singing of carols and your church may use soloist or recorded music and singing. There will be clear instructions about receiving communion and leaving and returning to your seats. At St. Marys Parish there will be FOUR Masses on Christmas: there will be two vigil Masses on Thursday 24th at 6:00pm and at 8:30pm. On Christmas day itself there will be Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am It is important that you let us know which Mass you intend to attend so as to secure a place for you. To book a place please call Tel. 02476258901 everyday from 11:00am. Upon calling you will be informed of the seat number.

As we have begun our Advent preparations for Christmas, let us pray for each other that we can celebrate it with great joy and mindful of each other's safety. All of us are aware that Covid19 has claimed the lives of many of our people. We know that you are aware of the precautions we have to take to keep safe and to keep our loved ones safe. Please use the sanitizer provided upon entry into the church, put on your mask properly covering your mouth and nose. Keep social distance. For your safety, do not mix up with other people except those you live with. Community singing is not permitted at the moment, selected choir members will take the singing, just listen to it but do not join in.

We wish you the best Christmas offers us. We keep you in our prayers, thank you for your support and fidelity to Christ, to the Church and to your family.

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 taken by everyone for the building up and sustenance of our faith community.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk

Web cam: **www. mcnmedia.tv**

Parish Priest. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama, AJ

E-mail lutwajim@yahoo.com

Parish Sisters: Srs. of St. Anne of Providence

Leena, and Leera 02477045457

Safeguarding Rep: Veronica Carroll—Tel no. 07980506620

Parish School: St Mary & St Benedict's, Leigh Street CV1 5HG

Tel: 02476 229486 Head teacher Mrs McDonald

The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid : £ SO : £ Non-Gift Aid: £ Total :£

Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.

Hall Hire: Bonus Ball : No.

Counters :

Mass Attendance for the week :

2nd Collection :

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

RCIA Sessions:

Catechism for FHC :

Church Cleaning:

Dates for your diary:

Confessions:

St. Francis of Assisi:

'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is sadness, joy... Divine Master; Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, place it in the box provided with minimum £5 for each Mass or request by calling Tel. 07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Applications for St. Mary and Benedict School: the closing date for Reception Class Applications for September 2021 is 15th January 2021. To have the best chance of securing a place at your child's preferred school, it is essential that you submit your application before these dates, including giving a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate to the school if applicable. Any forms received after this date will be a late application. For any information and advice regarding your application go to [www.coventry.gov.uk/school admissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions) or speak to the School Office. Even if your child is in our Nursery, you have to apply for Reception Class.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents who have attended the baptism classes or those who desire to baptise their children can approach the parish priest or the Sisters to finalise the date for baptism.

Death announcement of John Philip Curristan who died on 20th November aged 93 of Abbey Park Care Home who died there on Friday 20th November 2020. The requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 15th December at 10.00am, followed by interment at Canley Garden Cemetery at 11.30am. John was a very faithful to his Christian duties and he passed this faith to his family. I commend him for that. The parish is grateful for all the help he has given for the upliftment of the parish. Our sincere condolences to his family.

Coventry Pioneer Association: announce the Memorial Mass for Fr McKiernan which will take place on Friday 11th December at Christ the King at 7.00pm. This will be his 50th Anniversary Mass. If you wish to attend, please contact Deacon Gerry O'Reilly on 024 76 333881. For those unable to attend you can join us on the webcam.

Job Vacancy Digital Evangelist required: The Lay Community of St. Benedict (LCSB), is a community of Lay Benedictines which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021, (www.laybenedictines.org) plans to recruit a skilled faith-filled person who will be part of the community on a short-term vocational placement. This person will attend community prayer on a regular basis and this placement will be part of his/her own spiritual development. The LCSB will ensure that this evangelist is welcomed and formed in our Benedictine charism.

Job title: Digital Evangelist, **Reporting into:** Assistant Leader, **Status:** Employee, contract of up to one year, renewable at the end of year 1, **Hours:** 30 hours per week, flexible hours, will include weekend working. **Salary:** £18,900 FTE, **Workplace:** Working from home. **Travel:** Post-covid some travel expected, all expenses reimbursed. **Safeguarding:** DBS clearance The mission of the digital evangelist, working with Colour and Shape (outreach to young families), will be to build programmes for the entire LCSB. Are you interested,? Contact Leader of the Lay Community of St Benedict. Tel: +44 (0)1932 856864, Mob: +44 (0) 7748 903817, Email: abcej.simon@gmail.com

Pope's December prayer intention: For a life of prayer

In a video message for his December prayer intention, Pope Francis speaks about the power of prayer to change reality and our hearts, and prays that, through a life of prayer, we may nourish our relationship with Jesus Christ. Through a life of prayer, it is possible to have a personal and profound relationship with Jesus Christ and to change our hearts. Prayer—listening to Jesus, contemplating Jesus, speaking with Him as with a friend—transforms our lives. It is the path to drawing closer to the Father. We can do many things, but without prayer, it does not work. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.