



			<b><u>MASSES— 2nd to 9th June 2024</u></b>
Sun	02	9.30am	People of the parish, Jolly & family (Spl int) Maria Luciana Coelho (RIP), Terry Bennett (B'day remembrance) Calistus Obi & family (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Nzanda Cecile, Charles Ekobe & Michael Hendom (RIP)
Mon	03	12.00noon	Mylene & Francisco (Wed Anniv)
Tues	04	9.30am	Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Wed	05	9.30am	Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Thur	06	9.30am	Emmanuel Malize (Spl int), Mr & Mrs. Akohamen Agenmonmen (Wed Anniv)
Fri	07	9.30am	Thanksgiving for the blessings received from Mother Mary
<b>Sat</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b> 
Sun	09	9.30am	Phil Kenney (Spl int)
		11.30am	People of the parish, Florence Ekobe (Thanksgiving)
<b><u>Lectors</u></b>			
		<b><u>02/06/2024</u></b>	<b><u>09/06/2024</u></b>
9.30am—	Marcy, Nicholas O. (R)		Filomena, Alister (R)
11.30am	Vivian, Sharon (R)		FHC
<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>			
		<b><u>02/06/2024</u></b>	<b><u>09/06/2024</u></b>
<b>9.30am</b>	—		<b>Betty O.</b>
<b>11.30am</b>	Serso N., Marcel		Patricia K., Frank K. (E)
<b><u>LET US PRAY TO THE LORD</u></b>			
<b><u>The sick of the Parish:</u></b> Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Gerard Griffith, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crawford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.			
<b><u>Anniversaries during the week :</u></b> John Crone , John Flanagan, Andrew Mooney, Theresa & Andrew Meehan, Doreen Meehan, Mary Moron, John Herbert, Margaret Crawford, Michael Woods, Joe Heavey, Experito Lutwama , Catherine Theresa Ward.			
<b><u>Departed Clergy :</u></b> Rev. John Avery Lane, Rev. Benedict Tarbuck, Rev. John Crean, Canon Harry Bouchier, Rev. Peter Gallagher, Bp. James Dey, Bp. Of the Forces Rev. John Arthur Melder, Rev. John P. Lane, Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Rev. Timothy Cronin, Deacon Peter Phelan.			
 <p><i>Today as we celebrate the feast of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us pray for the grace to devotedly love the Eucharistic Lord. Jesus, meek and humble of heart make my heart like yours.</i></p>			



**Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry**



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

**Parish Newsletter— Corpus Christi Sunday—2nd to 9th June 2024**

### **EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS**

Today, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ provides us with the unique opportunity to meditate on how God, in our Lord Jesus Christ, manifests his love for us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is necessary that we make processions and praise our Lord and God in the miraculous Sacrament.

It is important to exalt this Sacrament because it is the source and summit of Christian spirituality and life. This statement in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 1324) calls for deep reflection and challenges us to examine how we approach it. Some key questions to ask revolve around how we prepare: 1) to participate in the celebration of weekday or Sunday Holy Mass; and, 2) to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Holy Communion.

Because we recognise the Lord's real presence in the tabernacle, we express our devotions to Him in the Eucharist. Traditionally, genuflection is recommended as a sign of faith and adoration of the Lord that is with us sacramentally. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament are moments that a Christian spends in conversation with the Lord in the Eucharist, which is a return of the love that the Lord generously showers on believers.

In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the Lord reveals to us his love and mercy. Faith and adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is the best way to express the devotions to his Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy. This means that, filled with faith and trust, we are to approach with love the Lord who is present in the Holy Sacrament. It is not therefore with fear and trembling that we receive him, but with awesome wonder and heartfelt humility. This is because, we are never worthy to receive him in our hearts (under our roof), because we are sinners who always need his word of mercy and healing.

Our Church that hosts the Eucharistic presence is a treasure. It is furnished with an atmosphere of warm hospitality and silence and welcomes all who seek a spiritual encounter with the Lord in personal prayers. Thanks to all who spend time manifesting their devotion to the Eucharistic Lord by cleaning the Church, washing the Church linens, donating flowers and decorating the sanctuary, serving at Holy Mass, proclaiming the Word of God, singing and ministering as an extraordinary minister of the eucharist.

This means that throughout the year, and in various ways, we have many opportunities to focus our attention and express our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord who is powerfully moving hearts that seek union with him. This day uniquely renews our love of the Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and moves us to resolutely commit ourselves to him and his teachings.

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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 thirteen parish priests since 1889. Our Parish welcomes you to promote initiatives that build up and sustain our faith community.

**Parish Development**

**26/05/24: Gift Aid :£ 245.00 Dona: £141.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 246.08 Total: 632.08**

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

**2nd collections** 16th June-Day for life; 30th June-Peter's Pence

**Bonus Ball** : No.

**Mass Attendance** : 313

**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 round 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**

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE**: For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries - Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

**A WORD BY FR. REGINALD, AJ**: Dear Parishioners of St Mary and St Benedict Coventry. Thank you for welcoming me to this parish community. I am looking forward to closely working with you in building up the kingdom of God.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY 8TH JUNE**: Solemn Mass at 10am in which our children will receive their First Holy Communion. The children of our parish will play special roles in the Holy Masses of Tenth Sunday (9th June). Let us rejoice with them.

**THE UGANDA MARTYRS ARE CELEBRATED!**

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June will mark the 138th anniversary of the death of 45 Christians, 22 of whom were Roman Catholics. In 1886, they were killed at the orders of Kabaka Mwanga the then king of Buganda. The young men had just received the true teaching through the preaching of the first Christian Missionaries from France and England. They knew Jesus and his Gospel and were not ready to compromise its truth. At the orders of Mwanga they submitted themselves to being burnt to death at Namugongo in Uganda. We join the many pilgrims who are at the Shrines of the Uganda Martyrs at Namugongo, near Kampala. We pray for a renewal of our faith as we try to emulate the saintly heroism of the Christian Martyrs.

**Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK, Charity Number: 1205905**. We welcome donations to support the goals of the Charity. The second collections of **Sunday 7th July** and **17th November** will be in support of the Charity's goals.

**GENERAL ELECTION ISSUES**: to be an informed voter on 4th July, please, take time to study important issues to Catholics by visiting this webpage: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

**DAY FOR LIFE 2024** : The celebration of Day for Life will take place over the weekend of 15/16 June. Here are resources for your reflection: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

**COME AND SEE! VOCATIONS WEEKEND**. Friday 21st - 23rd June, Selly Park, Birmingham. If you feel called to be a priest or a religious, the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers are inviting you to the weekend. Please, see Fr. Aloysius if you wish to go.

**DAIRY DATES**

June 8th, 10am: Mass for First Holy Communion.

June 11th - 13th: Synod of Priest of the Archdiocese at Leamington Spa.

Thursday, 13th June, 7pm: Meeting of the Parish Property and Finance Committee.

15th June, 12.30pm: Baptism classes

16th June, 1.00pm - Meeting of group-representatives on parish pastoral council.