



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—10th Sunday in ordinary time—9th to 16th June 2024

MASSES— 9th to 16th June 2024

Sun	09	9.30am	Phil Kenney (Spl int), Robert Skelly (B'day remembrance)
		11.30am	People of the parish, Florence Ekobe (Thanksgiving)
Mon	10	12.00noon	Nick Leslie (94th B'day), Ursula Skelly (Get well)
Tues	11	9.30am	Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Wed	12	9.30am	No Mass
Thur	13	9.30am	No Mass
Fri	14	9.30am	Preethi Rodrigues (Thanksgiving), Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Sat	15	9.30am	Sr. Francis Marie (RIP)
Sun	16	9.30am	Alister D'Souza (Thanksgiving), Ify Ogoegbunam (B'day)
			People of the parish
		11.30am	Elroy Rayan Pereira (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

	<u>09/06/2024</u>	<u>16/06/2024</u>
9.30am	Children	Alister, Filomena (R)
11.30am	FHC	Ann M., Maame (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>09/06/2024</u>	<u>16/06/2024</u>
9.30am	Betty O.	Felix
11.30am	Patricia K., Frank K. (E)	Lilian, Marcel (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 : Joe Heavey, Experito Lutwama , Catherine Theresa Ward, Edward Devlin, Mary Elizabeth Hand, Maureen Jones, Jack Dunne, Michael John Skelly, Michael Joseph Connors, John Tolan.

Departed Clergy : Rev. John Arthur McIver, Rev. John P. Lane, Mgr Bernard Robinson, Rev Timothy Cronin, Deacon Peter Phelan, Rev William Quinn, Rev Cyril Adams, Rev Joseph Lanny, Rev Joseph Davenport, Rev on Basil Harrington.

“Love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we’ll change the world.”

WHY A PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE (PPC)?

The main reason to consult about establishing a parish pastoral committee is to start implementing the vision of his Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley from his pastoral published on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (17th March). He stated, ‘pastoral councils are a way of moving from collaboration to co-responsibility; they focus and motivate the Body of Christ for mission, with the Diocesan Vision as our guide. They will act as consultative bodies, informing and guiding the decisions that need to be taken as we look to the future’. This vision is based on the principle of leadership in the Church whose goal is to provide care for the people of God and is expressed in three key ministries: teaching (prophesying), sanctifying (priesthood) and governance (kingship).

In fulfilling these ministries, we share in the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ whose public ministry comprised of teaching about the kingdom of God (Jesus the teacher); forgiving sins and healing, as he lifted up his heart in prayer to his Father (sanctifying) and presented himself as the good shepherd who gently governed his disciples (governance, shepherd-kingship). Our Lord handed over those ministries to his disciples and he commissioned them to go and make disciples of all nations, teaching and baptising in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt28:18-20).

The Church in its diverse manifestations is the Body of Christ so that each member through Baptism shares in the life and ministry of our Lord, the priest, prophet and king. To continue Christ’s ministry each Christian must be aware of their identity and responsibility that is achieved in each person’s state of life: but also volunteer to commit time to develop Christ’s body the Church at the levels of the nuclear family, Small Christian Community, Parish, Diocese and Universal Church.

These efforts need to be coordinated and organised hence by coming together has a parish we need an organisation that serves to coordinate the various pastoral needs of our people of God to properly fulfil Christ’s mission.

Parish-wide Consultation Meeting: This is to take place on Sunday, 16th June, at 1pm. The major task of the participants be to become aware of their mission as the people of God that have roles to play in the body of Christ, to give their ideas about a PPC that will address the following questions:

- Needs of the parish that require our attention as a parish community.
- How to implement the Vision of the Archdiocese in our Parish.
- Methods and approaches to apply to achieve our goals.
- Making use of the gifts, skills and talents in our community to achieve our goals.

STRUCTURE & MEMBERSHIP OF THE PPC: The representatives will advise the parish priest about how the PPC should be organised, and who the potential members will be. The meeting is only the first one and another one will be organised in the next 90 days to decide on further detailed requirements and suggest names of persons to represent specific ministries and needs in the parish.

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Youtube: [st mary and benedict church coventry](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstmaryandbenedictchurchcoventry)

Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

<https://donate.mydona.com/ss-mary-benedict-church>

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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

02/06/24: Gift Aid :£ 186.50 Dona: £ 209.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 423.72 Total: 819.22

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 : 327

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 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 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

CONGRATULATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We are blessed to have thirty-three children in our parish school who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. I am thankful to all who prepared them both at the school and here at the Church. May God reward you abundantly. Please, support our fresh communicants their journey of the faith.

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTORS: We ask you to pray for the Archbishop and all the priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham who will, on 11th to 13th June, be in a three-day retreat, *the Synod of Priests*, in Leamington Spa; for their renewal, wisdom and zeal in responding to the spiritual needs of the people entrusted to their care.

Altar Servers Retreat day at Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton will take place on Saturday, 29th June from 9.30am to 4.00pm. All Altar servers and families welcome to this one day retreat. For more information please contact Sr. Leena.

My Day by Day and Bible Alive June editions are now available, £1 at the piety stall.

Day for Life 2024 : The celebration of Day for Life will take place over the weekend of 15/16 June, we shall have a second collection. Here are resources for your reflection: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

Come and See! Vocations Weekend: Friday 21st to Sunday 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.

Bishop Ullathorne School: Saturday 29th June, a reunion morning to include a tour of the school. All past pupils are welcome.

Fr Stephen Fawcett's 25th Anniversary Mass: 11am, Wed 19th June, at Corpus Christi. You are all invited to the celebrations.

Sacred Heart 100th Anniversary: The Mass is at 2.00pm today, Sunday 9th June, with Archbishop Bernard Longley. After Mass: Victorian Fairground, bouncy castles, live music, and Tombola! At 9.45pm the day will end with a firework display.

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/>

DAIRY DATES

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.