

MASSES— 28th July to 4th Aug 2024

Sun	28	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Celeste Galban (Thanksgiving), CWA Camerron (Thanksgiving)
Mon	29	9.30am	
Tues	30	9.30am	
Wed	31	9.30am	Sick of the parish
Thurs	01	9.30am	John Costello (Anniv)
Fri	02	9.30am	
Sat	03	9.30am	
Sun	04	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Evania D'Souza (B'day)

Lectors

28/07/2024

04/08/2024

9.30am	Leslie, Cosmos	Anthonia A, Joel
11.30am	Florence Okeke, Cecilia	Vivian, Angela

Eucharistic Ministers

28/07/2024

9.30am	Betty O.	Sophie D
11.30am	Serso, Marcel	Loveness, 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 : Sally McGorman, Christine June Hand, John Walsh, Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe, Francis Felton, Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly, Rose roach, Maura Mulroney, Peggy Connors, James Cannon.

Clergy anniversaries: Rev. Thomas Michael Duffy, Canon Arthur Diamond, Rev. David Ford.

Feasts during the week: 29th July—Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus; 31st July St. Ignatius of Loyola; 1st August—St. Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori;

Pope's prayer Intention for August—For Political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—17th Sunday in Ordinary time- 28th July to 4th Aug 24

THE FOURTH WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Today, we celebrate the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The day was initiated by Pope Francis in 2021 to be held annually on the fourth Sunday of July, which falls near the 26th of July: the feast day of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. We are celebrating this day with the theme: “Do not cast me off in my old age”. Pope Francis calls our attention to the sad fact that “loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly people, so often the victims of the throwaway culture.”

In 2023, the Pope marked the day with an intergenerational Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, and affirmed in his homily that old age is a “blessed time.” This year his message, drawn from Psalm 71, depicts the plea of an elderly person who reflects on the story of their friendship with God. We read: “*Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails. For my enemies speak against me; and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together, saying, “God has forsaken him; pursue and take him, for there is none to deliver him”*” (see Psalm 71: 9-11).

He says, “By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and their contribution to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the different generations and to combat loneliness, in the awareness that – as Scripture states – “It is not good for man to be alone.” (Gen 2:18).”

In the same vein, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity and Family and Life, stated, “Faced with this reality, families and the ecclesial community are called to be at the forefront in promoting a culture of encounter, to create spaces for sharing, listening, to offer support and affection: thus, the love of the Gospel becomes concrete.”

Loneliness, admitted the Cardinal Prefect, is an unavoidable condition of human life, as well as an invitation to turn to God the Father for comfort. As Christians, he said, the World Day dedicated to grandparents and the elderly calls us to put aside our throwaway culture and show “tenderness and affectionate attention” to the most fragile members of our communities.

In our parish community, let us facilitate human flourishing by extending goodness and acts of mercy to everyone in their developmental stages; and particularly the elderly who could easily be isolated and lonely.

Fr. Aloysius

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Donations to the parish : <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 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

21/07/24: Gift Aid :£ 205.00 Dona: £130.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 378.36 Total: £713.36

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

2nd collections

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 374

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 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

Two new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Please pray for Bishop Timothy Menezes and Bishop Richard Walker who were ordained as Bishops in St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 16th July 2024. Bishop Timothy is to serve the north of the Archdiocese: Staffordshire and the Black Country, while Bishop Richard will be based in Oxfordshire, Coventry and Warwickshire. Bishop David Evans will continue to look after the central area of the Archdiocese: Birmingham and Worcestershire areas. Archbishop Bernard retains oversight over the whole Archdiocese with its 220 parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons, universities and links with civic, ecumenical (church unity) and interfaith representatives across our region.

The Catholic Women's Association of Cameroon @ 60

The Association was formed in 1964 as a response to the Church's universal call to holiness. Mrs. Anna Foncha in the Diocese of Buea started it with nine Catholic women and was approved by Rt. Rev. Jules Peters, the then Bishop of Bamenda. It now has a membership of 18,000 Catholic women worldwide. In practical terms, they engage in corporal and spiritual acts of mercy, works of evangelisation, piety, and charity as they provide for the needs of their local church. Guided by the spirit of Canons 298 – 329, their motto is "To Serve and not to be served" (Mt. 20:28). The Association welcomes any Catholic woman aged 18 years and above. They have provided some refreshments in the parish hall, after the 11.30am Mass, to which all are invited.

Adoremus - a national weekend of Eucharistic Adoration – 14th/15th September.

Every parish is asked to focus on the central place of the Eucharist in our life of faith. Please read more about this here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/adoremus-at-oscott/national-eucharistic-congress-2024/>

Weekly Diocesan E-newsletter Please sign up to receive this at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk. It gives you a good sense of what is happening around our Archdiocese and beyond. Make it part of your Catholic life to know what is happening.

Founders' day of the Apostles of Jesus: This is to invite you to the celebrations of the Founders' Day of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries on **Tuesday 30th July, at St Osburg**. Holy Mass will start at 12.00 followed by refreshments.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Weekly instruction will be held at 7pm on Thursdays at St. Osburg's, starting on 12th September. Please inform those who are seeking this programme.

Death and Burial Announcement: We regret to announce the death of Margaret Hughes, formerly resident of Hillfields. She died on Tuesday 16th July. Her funeral Mass will be held at 11.00am on Friday, 16th August at St Mary and St Benedict's Church, followed by cremation at Canley Crematorium, Cannon Hill Chapel, Coventry, at 12.45pm. We pray for her peaceful repose and consolation to and strength to her bereaved daughter and grandchildren.