MASSES—1st to 8th Sept 2024			
Sun	01	9.30am	Phil Dunleavy (B'day remembrance)
			Tosh Aikhionbare (B'day) Sanny Pereira (RIP)
		11.30am	Maggie Mkondowe, Evangelist Chukwu ebuka (Spl int)
Mon	02	9.30am	Mathew Stewart (Good health), Munya
Tues	03	9.30am	Okaro Odinaka (Spl int)
Wed	04	9.30am	Pat Harage (B'day)
Thurs	05	9.30am	Maggie Mkondowe (Spl int)
Fri	06	9.15am	Mass in the School: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
		11.30am	Requiem Mass—Catherine Boylan
Sat	07	9.30am	Uchechukwu Chidiebere (Spl int)
Sun	08	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy (Anniv remembrance),
			John Crowly (RIP, Leo family (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	In honour of the Nativity of Mother Mary (Indian community)
<u>Lectors</u>			
		01/09/2024	08/09/2024
9. 30am		Fremlyn, M	farcy Cath Slatter, Cosmos
11.30am		Mary Ann,	Kenneth Elvita, Alister
Eucharistic Ministers			
		01/09/2024	08/09/2024
9.30ar	n	Felix	Sophie
11.30am P		Patricia, Lo	veness Marcel, Frank

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

<u>The sick of the Parish:</u> Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Gerard Griffith, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

<u>Anniversaries during the week</u>: <u>Feasts during the week</u>: Michael Flahive, Eileen Nora Clarke, Margaret rose Mullins, Roy Darlison, Nora Bernadette Hanbury, Marion Glennon, Evelyn Russell, James Crone, Mark Stein, Kathleen Palmer.

<u>Clergy Anniversaries:</u> Mgr James Dunlop Crichton, Rev. Bernard Salt, Rev. Thomas Doherty, Rev. James J. Holland, Deacon Francis Andrews, Rev Paul Devaney,

Novena prayer for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord God, the day of our salvation dawned when the Blessed Virgin gave birth to your Son. As we celebrate her nativity grant us your grace and your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—22nd Sunday in Ordinary time- 1st to 8th Sept 24

To Hope and Act with Creation: The 2024 Season of Creation

(1st September – 4th October)

Today, we are starting the month-long prayerful observance of the 2024 Season of Creation whose theme is '*To hope and act with creation*'. This stems from St Paul's letter to the Romans (8.22). St Paul noted that as humans long for salvation, so also is the rest of creation, and he equated the earth to the mother who experiences the pain of giving birth and that we groan with the creation as we wait in hope for our bodies to be redeemed. We can visualise mother earth and all she holds looking pitifully to us humans who are cruelly destroying her beauty and order.

During this time, we reflect on our relationship with the environment and how our lifestyles and decisions as individuals and communities significantly impact on the natural world and its inhabitants. It reminds us that as humans, we are part and parcel of the earth's ecosystem. That is to say, we form one biological community with all living organisms, and that we are designed to coexist and mutually sustain each other's flourishing. An objective examination of conscience reveals that humans are to blame for the new imbalances in creation, and so we need to reform and take positive actions that will sustain the balance in the environment, the biodiversity and the ecosystem.

Biblical wisdom reveals the close relationship that exists between us humans and the other creatures. We all come from one source: God the creator of everything in the heavens and everything on the earth (Gen. 1 &2). Many Biblical texts personify creatures and demonstrate how they are bonded with us humans. For example, the canticle of the three young men in Daniel who sang, glorifying God from the heart of the fire, invited all things that the Lord made to give glory and eternal praise to God. They recognised the hand of the creative God in the heavens, sun, moon, stars, water, dews, cold and snow, nights and days, mountains and hills and invited them all to bless God (Dan. 3:57-90).

Saint Francis of Assisi in his canticle of creatures, referred to the planet earth as our sister and our mother. This has serious implications; it means that if we expect Mother Earth to look after us, we must look after her. This year's theme is inviting us to consider that there is hope, and the expectation of a better future, but that hope can only be realised if we are proactive in prayer and actions, by making choices that favour biodiversity and the ecosystem. **Fr. Aloysius**

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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

25/08/24: Gift Aid :£ 192.97 Dona: £186.30 Non-Gift Aid: £360.79 Total: £ 740.06

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

2nd collections 8th -Sept Catholic Edu Service; 15th Sept- CASE

Bonus Ball: No. Mass Attendance: 300

<u>Choir practice</u>: Fri– 7.30pm_ <u>Church cleaning</u>: 7.30am

Confessions: Saturday– 10.10–11.00am (& by appointment)

<u>Pious Devotions</u>: 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.

<u>SAFEGUARDING</u>: 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: <u>sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk</u> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 <u>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</u> if you have any concern.

<u>CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE:</u> 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 accidents do not happen. Thanks you for your help in keeping our children safe.

CHURCH NOTICES

<u>Theme for this Sunday</u>: Keep the commandments, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. ... They will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation" (Dt. 4: -8)

Adoremus in our Parish: Saturday 14th September 2024 - the programme for the day is at the back of the Church

March4Life in London on Saturday 7th September Departure from All Souls, at 9.45am (preceded by Mass at 9am for those who can). There is a new offer of free travel for children who will travel with their parents. We encourage families to book; the return trip is £20 per person. If you would like to go but cannot afford it, please contact Fr. Aloysius.

Three weeks to 22nd September: the Parish Family Day

The countdown to our Parish Family and Thanksgiving Day is on. Let each association organise a meeting to put together their planned activities. The general community meetings will take place on Sundays on the 1st, 8th and 15th September, after the 11.30am Mass.

<u>Refresher Programme on the New Lectionary</u> by Rev. Fr Allen Morris, Sunday 29th September at 3pm, in the parish hall. This is mandatory for all lectors. We have invited lectors in our deanery.

Monday club will commence on 9th September with Eucharistic celebration at 12.00noon.

<u>Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)</u> Weekly instruction will be held at 7pm on Thursdays at St. St Mary and St Benedict's Church, starting on 12th September. Please inform those who are seeking this programme.

<u>Childrens' Sunday Liturgy</u> begins on 8th September in the Lady's Chapel.

Blessing of the Graves will be as follows: Canley on 6th October, St Paul's on 13th October, London Road, on 20th October and Lenton's Lane on Sunday 27th October. All at 3.00pm.

Dates for your diary:

Confirmation class: 7th Sept at 11.15am

Baptism Session—7th Sept. 12.00 noon, RCIA sessions—12th Sept at 7.00pm First Holy Communion classes—12th October

<u>Next Sunday 8th September</u>, we Celebrate Education Sunday, it is an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment.

<u>Annual Mass of Thanksgiving</u> for Altar Servers: Saturday 5 October at 12noon, St Chad's Cathedral.