MASSES—25th Aug to 1st Sept 2024			
Sun	25	9.30am	Caithan Joacquim Menezes (RIP), Tran (Spl int)
			Sean Osagie (B'day), Damian Curristan (Spl int)
		11.30am	Henry & Vivian Ofordile (Thanksgiving)
			Maggie Mkondowe (Spl int), Strokes family (Good health)
Mon	26	9.30am	Maggie Mkondowe (Spl int), Strokes family (Good health)
Tues	27	9.30am	Jisha (Spl int), Mary Casserdy (RIP)
Wed	28	9.30am	Sr. Lisangela (RIP)
Thurs	29	9.30am	Janet (Spl int), Santina Ferreira De Deus (RIP)
		6.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers
Fri	30	9.30am	Sr. Ermanna (RIP)
Sat	31	9.30am	Patricia Swain (RIP)
Sun	01	9.30am	Phil Dunleavy (B'day remembrance)
			Tosh Aikhionbare (B'day)
		11.30am	Maggie Mkondowe (Spl int)
<u>Lectors</u>			
		<u>25/08/2024</u>	01/09/2024
9. 30am		Naomi, Cr	reshel Fremlyn, Marcy
11.30am		Vivian, Att	racta Mary Ann, Kenneth
Eucharistic Ministers			
		<u>25/08/2024</u>	·
9.30am		Betty O.	Felix
11.30	am	Patricia, Se	rso FlorenceK., Loveness
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<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>: Michael Joseph Gamble, Catherine Elliott, Michael Richards, Frances Smyth, Maria Carlotta Zenobia Fernadez, John Sheehan, Brendon Noel Gilroy, Bridget Mulrooney, Janey Walsh, P.J.McGrath, Michael Flahive, Eileen Nora Clarke.

<u>Feasts during the week:</u> 26th Aug- Feast of Bl. Dominic Barberi; 27th Aug. St. Monica; 28th Aug. St. Augustine, Bp, Doctor of the church; Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr.

Blessed Dominic Barberi (Feast: Monday, 26th August) Born near Viterbo, Italy. He entered the Passionists and was ordained a priest in 1818. He taught in Rome and served as a Provincial Superior. He had long believed that he had been called to be an instrument for the conversion of England and in his final years he was given an opportunity of labouring tirelessly in this country, despite facing opposition. On 8th October 1845 he received Saint John Henry Newman into the Church at Littlemore.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—21st Sunday in Ordinary time- 25th Aug to 1st Sept 24

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

While our Christian faith is an experience that we live communally in the Church, it is founded on personal decisions and commitments. It is individuals who with Joshua say, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord' (Joshua, 24:15) that comprise the faith community. As an individual, you need to examine the recesses of your mind and gauge how you stand in your personal relationship with God, the Church, and the world.

As an individual, you must give a personal response to the question that Jesus asked the Twelve: 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' We are encouraged by Peter's confession of faith: 'Lord, to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and we know that you are the Holy one of God' (John, 6:69). This confession, in which our Christian faith is modelled, concludes chapter six of John's Gospel that starts with the miracle of the multiplication of bread.

The confession explains what drew Peter and the other apostles to Jesus for their entire lives, namely, their understanding of Jesus as the only one that matters in their lives, because he was the incarnate Son of God, their Lord and God, the living bread that comes down to give life to all, the way, the truth and the life, in brief, the savior of the world and their saviour. They understood the necessity to knowing, loving, listening to and obeying him, serving him and making him known.

It also reveals a personal relationship that each disciple is supposed to have with Jesus: to the extent that they are prepared to give up everything to follow him, and this includes dying for his name and so giving up their very lives. The best testimony of the apostles' faith was their leaving everything in order to go everywhere spreading the Gospel about Jesus to the known world of their time. 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' (John, 6:67). This question that Jesus asked the Twelve can be rephrased to ask if you are prepared to stand with Jesus in all temptations and trials. In moments when you must make serious decisions to stand alone as a Christian in a world that glamourises instant pleasures; and times when you may be isolated and mocked because you abstain from sensual excitements and deceitful ways of acquiring wealth and power. The good news is that the rewards of your commitment to Jesus are summed up in the life of integrity and the deep joy of knowing that you have made the best decision to embrace the Lord who guarantees eternal life. In this way you will taste and see the goodness of the Lord that comes close to those who take refuge in him (Psalm, 33:8).

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

18/08/24: Gift Aid : £ 118.40 Dona: £175.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 351.31 Total: £ 644.71

SO (Jul): £ 1721.00 Second collection - Thank you and may God bless you all.

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

Bonus Ball: No. 58 Tony Smith Mass Attendance: 302
Choir practice: Fri– 7.30pm Church cleaning: 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

Novena for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lady: Friday 30th August to Saturday 7th September at 7pm in the main Church / grotto of our Lady.

Adoremus in our Parish: Saturday 14th September 2024

A day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist: part of our witness as Church and preparation for the Jubilee Year that we will celebrate globally in 2025. The programme of the day will start with Holy Mass at 9.30am and end with the Benediction at 6pm. Personal and group adoration will start at 12noon and end at 6pm.

Four 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.

Refresher Programme on the New Lectionary 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.

Child Baptism Instruction: 7th September at 12.00 noon in the Lady Chapel

Confirmation classes will resume from 7th September at 11.15am.

<u>First Holy Communion</u> classes will commence from 12th October. Parents are requested to register the child's name with Sr. Leena.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

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>The Shroud of Turin Exhibition</u> 1st – 15th September 2024 - A full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin will be at St Patrick's Deedmore Road, from 1st to 15th September. Visitors are welcome to see the full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin.

Death and Burial Announcement: We regret to announce the death of Catherine Boylan, formerly resident of 16 Botoner Road, Gosford Green, up to 2007. She died on Friday 9th August. Her funeral Mass will be held at 11.30am on Friday 6th September at St Mary and St Benedict's Church, followed by committal at London Road Cemetery, Coventry at 12:45pm. We pray for her peaceful repose and consolation and strength to her bereaved son Nial, her daughter Cindy, and her family and friends.

<u>Blessing of the Graves will be as follows:</u> 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.