

## MASSES— 25th Aug to 1st Sept 2024

Sun	25	9.30am	Caithan Joacquir 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), Santana 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)

### Lectors

	<u>25/08/2024</u>	<u>01/09/2024</u>
9.30am	Naomi, Creshel	Fremlyn, Marcy
11.30am	Vivian, Attracta	Mary Ann, Kenneth

### Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>25/08/2024</u>	<u>01/09/2024</u>
9.30am	Betty O.	Felix
11.30am	Patricia, Serso	FlorenceK., Loveness

### 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** : 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.

**Feasts during the week:** 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, 26<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

