



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

**Parish Newsletter—23rd Sunday in Ordinary time- 8th to 15th Sept 24**

**Oh, Sacrament Most Holy!**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September is our parish Adoremus Day. It has been scheduled to coincide with the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador and the National Eucharist Congress at Oscott College. It is our day of recollection before the Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We will need to recollect in deep silence to have a one-on-one moment with the Lord.

I invite you, on that day, to intersperse vocal community prayers with long moments of silence of at least 20 minutes in every 30-minute slot to allow a personal conversation with the Lord. Let Jesus see the deep recesses of your heart (feelings), your mind (thoughts, doubts, certainties) and emotions (of joy and contentment or fear and anxiety). Present to him your past, present and future plans, and those areas of your life that you even fear to look at because of embarrassment. Allow him to touch and heal you. Let it be your personal encounter with the Lord.

It is rewarding to simply be present to the Lord who is also present to you in a very personal way and to avail yourself to him. I hope that you can experience the joy of unitive prayer with the Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The moments of silence will reawaken your hunger and thirst for the spiritual nourishment that the Lord reserves for those who seek him. You will long to, 'taste and see that the Lord is good' (Ps. 34:9) and to clearly hear his invitation: 'Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light (Mt. 11:28-30).

The Sacrament is the most holy and divine because in it is the Lord's mysterious presence; the Lord who is risen and who, out of his love for us, keeps close to us to enable us to experience the warmth of his care in the consecrated bread, his body; and the wine his blood.

When properly done, the Lord will effect a lot of good in your personal lives and support your commitment to unreservedly serve him in all areas of our life.

*'Oh Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine'*

*Fr. Aloysius*

**MASSES—8th to 15th Sept 2024**

Sun	08	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy (Anniv remembrance), John Crowley (RIP) Leo family (Thanksgiving) Calistus Obi (B'day)
		11.30am	Margie Galban, Joseph Khartey (Spl int), In honour of the Nativity of Mother Mary (Indian community)
Mon	09	12.00noon	James Hogan (RIP), Mr. & Mrs. Joyce, Mary De Vera (Spl int)
Tues	10	9.30am	Okaro Odinaka (Spl int)
Wed	11	9.30am	Sr. Martha (RIP), Ehimen Michael Agenmonmen (Thanksgiving)
Thurs	12	9.30am	Sr. Teotiste (RIP)
Fri	13	9.30am	William Anderson (Anniv)
Sat	14	9.30am	Uchekukwu Chidiebere (Spl int), Elvita Pereira (Thanksgiving)
Sun	15	9.30am	Shawn Aikhionbare (B'day), Ehimen Michael Agenmonmen (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Rosalynne & Thomas Djoukong (Thanksgiving) Margie Galban (Spl int)

**Lectors**

**08/09/2024**

**15/09/2024**

9.30am Cath Slatter, Cosmos

Filomena, Lesley

11.30am Elvita, Filomena

Chidema, Valerie

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**08/09/2024**

**15/09/2024**

**9.30am** Sophie

Felix

**11.30am** Patricia, Loveness

Marcel, Frank

**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 :** Mark Stein, Kathleen Palmer, Leo Dunnion, Tony Shepherd, John Patrick O'Sullivan, Dorothy Wheeler, Winifred Kathleen Ward, Shirley Jolly, Kevil Foley, Dan O'Driscoll, Dean Harris, Rosemary White, Catherine Bradley, Patrick Joseph Treacy, Teresa Brooks, Theresa Anne Carey, Molly Kelly.

**Prayer Intention for September:**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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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**

**01/09/24: Gift Aid :£ 117.00 Dona: £ 183.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 471.22 Total: £ 771.22**

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** : 286

**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](mailto:sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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 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**

**Theme for this Sunday**: Their admiration was unbounded. "He has done all things well," they said "he makes the deaf hear and the dumb to speak" (Mark 7:37).

**Education Sunday** is an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment. Catholic education in Church schools and universities endeavours to acknowledge Jesus' loving presence in the lives of young people as they work, learn, pray, grow in character and virtue, and discover their vocation. Dioceses rely on the generosity of the Catholic community each Education Sunday to support education in the diocese and the work of the Catholic Education Service. Thank you for your usual generous support.

**Adoremus in our Parish** - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. You are welcome to any of the following time slots for individual or group adoration:

11.30am – 12.00 Altar Servers

12 noon – 12.30: Divine Mercy

12.30 – 1pm: Eucharistic Ministers

1pm – 1.30pm: Lectors and Catechetical Instructors

1.30-pm 2pm: Legion of Mary

2.pm – 2.30pm: Community of Mother Theresa of Calcutta (Mwaki)

2.30pm – 3pm: Parish Finance Committee

3pm – 3.30pm: University Students

3.30pm -4pm: Parish Youth Group

4pm -4.30pm: Catholic Women's Association and Catholic Men's Association

4.30pm – 5pm: Choir

5pm – 6pm: All in adoration, Word of God, reflections, intercessions and Benediction.

**Two weeks to Our Parish Family Day**

Our Parish Family and Thanksgiving Day - a joyful occasion. On that day, we shall celebrate God's favour to us: as individuals, families and the entire parish community. We aspire to celebrate our unity in diversity and to emerge from it determined to be pilgrims of hope and active announcers of the Good News. The leaders' meeting will take place today after the 11.30am Mass.

**Dates for your diary:**

Monday 9th September - 12noon: Monday Club commences.

Sunday 22nd September - 11.30am: Family thanksgiving day

Saturday 5th October - 12noon: St Chad's Altar Servers' Mass with the Archbishop

Saturday 12th October - 11.15am: First Holy Communion classes start

**Full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin**: On display at St Patrick's, Coventry, until Saturday 14 September. Visitors can view Tuesdays to Fridays 5-7pm, Saturdays 12 -5pm and Sundays from 11.30am to 1pm.

**The Vatican has granted a new Feast for Our Lady of Walsingham** to be celebrated in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24 September. "May this yearly celebration be a source of renewed grace and evangelical endeavour for the Church in England and Wales as, imitating Mary, the faithful may ever more become disciples of her Son, receive the message of the Gospel, treasure it in their hearts and reflect on it in their minds."