

MASSES— 22nd to 29th Sept 2024

Sun	22	9.30am	Paul Fahy (1st Anniv), Stany Mathias (RIP) Immaculate Obi (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Luke & Amani (Spl int), Nishal Preemal Dsouza (Thanksgiving) People of the parish
Mon	23	12.00noon	Pauline Hughes (RIP)
Tues	24	9.30am	Sick of the parish
Wed	25	9.30am	Jim Dunleavy (Anniv)
Thurs	26	9.30am	Helen & Pauline Hughes (RIP)
Fri	27	9.30am	Peace in the world
Sat	28	9.30am	Pauline Hughes (RIP)
Sun	29	9.30am	Ethan Osagie (B'day) People of the parish
		11.30am	Arsher Tobenna Andah (Thanksgiving) Margie Galban (Spl int) Emmanuel & Jacinta Agbo (Anniv)

Lectors

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9.30am	Cath Slatter, Demisha	Emmanuella, Nicholas
11.30am	Rosaline, Leslie	Daberechi, Frank K.

Eucharistic Ministers

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9.30am	Betty O.	Felix
11.30am	Marcel, Frank	Florence K., Beyang

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 : Owen Healy, Delia Mullaney, Betty Reilly, John Mulrone, William Lennon, Christy Benson, James Francis Dunleavy, Francis Corrigan, T. O'Driscoll, Peter Kenneth Kenny, Fredrick R W Quinney, Anne Travers, John Joseph McSweeney.

Clergy Anniv.: Rev. Bernard McAllister, Rev. Peter Loyd Canon Albert Adams, Deacon Michael, Rev. Gordon B., Mgr. Michael, Rev. Paul Orchard, Canon Peter Relly.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it. Ps 118:24

"Thanking is the time to give; a time to love; a time to reflect on the things matter most in life."



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—25th Sunday in Ordinary time- 22nd to 29th Sept 24

OUR PARISH FAMILY DAY

Deo gratias! Thanks be to God! At last, the awaited day has come, and we are here to celebrate our parish family day. I thank you all for the resources of time, money and creativity you have invested in the preparations for this day. I would like to thank all who have donated money to meet specific expenses of the music providers, preparations of the venue and beverages. We acknowledge the role of the preparatory committee led by Mr. Edward Wamala that has invested many hours in meetings and outsourcing all that we need.

The parish sisters, Sr. Leena Mathias and Sr. Leera Lobo, and the parish clergy, Fr. Reginald Tarimo and I, feel very much at the centre of the celebrations. We regret to announce the death of **Staney Mathias**, the brother of Sister Leena, which occurred during on the Friday of this week, we pray for him and his bereaved family.

As in any family, today's celebrations connect us to the past people of this parish: their vision, expressions of faith, their struggles and achievements which laid a firm foundation of what we treasure now. Many things have changed, and we continue to experience tremendous changes in our Church. We want to be part of that change as we build faith structures that will serve as our legacy for future generations. The participation of the eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, catechists, the melodious choir, children and young people, the Monday club, and various devotions to Mother Mary and to the Divine Mercy, is of vital importance. As we celebrate today we consolidate our determination to grow stronger in the communal service.

As a parish community we belong to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church and our community is a microcosm of the universal Church that embraces unity in diversity and seeks to promote practices that enhance unity among us believers. We live that faith by respecting the uniqueness of each other as individuals and nuclear families. I am inviting you to get more involved in all aspects of our community life that help us to uphold and improve our life of faith in Jesus our risen Lord. Sometimes small things reflect treasurable values; let us etch those professional practices that manifest our deep respect and care for the fellow worshippers since we are all members of the one community.

May this day serve as a fresh beginning for a value-filled parish family moving in unity, as Pope Francis is inviting us to build a synodal Church characterised by communion, participation, and mission; listening to one another but above all to the Holy Spirit.
Fr. Aloysius

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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

<https://donate.myдона.com/ss-mary-benedict-church>

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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

15/09/24: Gift Aid :£ 203.00 Dona: £ 200.00 Non-Gift Aid: £340.52 Total: £ 743.52

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

2nd collections 29th Sept.—Father Hudson's Society

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 367

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 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 of this Sunday: Celebrating our parish family in the spirit of service to one another following the words of our Lord who said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all' (Mark 9:35)

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER: This weekend, our Archbishop is communicating to all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, but because of the event in our parish today, I have been given permission to read the letter on Sunday 29th September instead. Nevertheless, copies are available at the back of the Church.

Father Hudson's Care: On Sunday (29th September), we shall have a second collection to support the projects of this society which was established by Father George Vincent Hudson in 1902 as the Birmingham Diocesan Rescue Society for the protection of homeless and friendless Catholic children.

The Refresher Programme on the New Lectionary Start time 3pm, Sunday 29th September, in the Parish Hall. It is a mandatory requirement for all official lectors but it is also open to anyone who is interested to learn about the new lectionary. We have invited participants from the neighbouring parishes in Coventry.

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees – Sunday 29 September

Theme of the Day: *God walks with His People.* "The images of the biblical exodus and of migrants share several similarities. Like the people of Israel in the time of Moses, migrants often flee from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development. Similar to the Jews in the desert, migrants encounter many obstacles in their path: they are tried by thirst and hunger; they are exhausted by toil and disease; they are tempted by despair" (Message of Pope Francis).

Season of Creation 2024 - To hope and act with Creation "Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices. All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings" (Laudato Si, no. 212)

BIBLE LOST AND FOUND:

Could the owner the Bible in the name of **Adoyi Esther Ehigucho**, please contact Fr. Aloysius Bukenya

Dates for your diary:

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

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