

MASSES— 29th Sept to 6th Oct 2024

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| Sun | 29 | 9.30am | Arsher Tobenna Andah (Thanksgiving) Ethan Osagie (B'day) Josephine Foghi (Thanksgiving) People of the parish |
| | | 11.30am | Margie Galban (Spl int) Emmanuel & Jacinta Agbo (Anniv) Leonce & Hope Barutwanayo (25th Wed Anniv) Colonel Edwin & Bridget Okpo (39th Wed Anniv) |
| Mon | 30 | 12.00noon | Lucia Drabik (99th B'day) |
| Tues | 01 | 9.30am | Pauline Hughes (RIP), Breda Wall Ryan (Good health) |
| Wed | 02 | 9.30am | Lucia Drabik (Thanksgiving) |
| Thurs | 03 | 9.30am | Stany Mathias (RIP), John Wilson (Good health) |
| Fri | 04 | 9.30am | Gerry Niland (RIP) |
| Sat | 05 | 9.30am | Mathew Stewart (RIP) |
| Sun | 06 | 9.30am | Stany Mathias (RIP) |
| | | 11.30am | Emmanuel & Jacintha Agbo (Anniv) |

Lectors

29/09/2024

06/10/2024

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| 9.30am | Emmanuella, Nicholas | Elizabeth H., Emmanuel |
| 11.30am | Daberechi, Frank K. | Velda, Elena |

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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 : Anne Travers, John Joseph McSweeney , Alan Conlon, Patrick Benson, Mary Shepherd , Mary O'Neill, Catherine Kennedy, Catherine O'Brien, Robert Elliot, Michael Whiting, Mark O'Keane, Colum Byrne, Mary Ann Young, Michael O'Shea, Mary Margaret Murphy, Mary Ann Curtin .

Clergy Anniv.:

Prayer Intention for October

We pray that the Church will continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—26th Sunday in Ordinary time- 29th Sept to 6th Oct 24

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

This is the theme of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, commonly referred to as the Synod on Synodality. The three year synod is entering its second and final step that will take place in Rome on 2nd - 27th October. According to *Instrumentum Laboris 2024*, the theme of the synod is a call to joy and to the renewal of the People of God in following the Lord and in their commitment to serving His mission. It is based on common baptismal identity and rooted in the diversity of the contexts in which the Church is present and finds its unity in the one Father, the one Lord, and the one Spirit.

As a parish community, we need to internalise the teaching of the Synod because it is a guide in our fundamental vocation to a life of holiness in the present-day contexts. Note that for the spirit of the synod to take root it must be adopted in the 'basic ecclesial cells': the families. It is there that listening, participation and mission must start so that they can be extended to the wider community.

We are being tasked to live as a synodal church that spontaneously exercises listening, speaking out, sharing responsibility for our common mission, dialoguing in church and society, engaging in ecumenism, and responsibly exercising authority and participation.

As a synodal church that is participatory and co-responsible, we will display the community spirit in the way we identify our common goals and strategise the way to reach them. Teamwork and co-responsibility serve as a bedrock in the exercise of authority or governance within a local Church that treasures the participation and responsibility of the lay ministries and the lay people.

We would like to experience the spirit of synodality in the functions of the parochial committees, such as the finance committee, pastoral council and others. Our aim is to foster a more synodal approach in our participation and leadership in our parish, deanery and Archdiocese. The coming weeks are introducing us to many opportunities to explore our identity as baptised people who are called to live as a synodal Church here in Coventry. *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

22/09/24: Gift Aid :£ 240.87 Dona: £ 169.00 Non-Gift Aid: £461.55 Total: £ 871.42

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

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

Bonus Ball : No. 2 P. Edwards

Mass Attendance : 342

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: Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us' (Mark 9:38-40).

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter and Father Hudson's Care: Today we are presenting the Archbishop's Pastoral letter that we mentioned last Sunday. We also have a second collection to support the projects of the Father Hudson's Charity related to children and families, and people struggling due to homelessness, migration, and old age.

October the Month of the Holy Rosary: We are starting the month of October which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary in your homes. We shall celebrate Our Lady of the Holy Rosary on 7th October.

Parish Family Day: We thank you for making a wonderful celebration for our parish family day. We have a record of the generous donations of cash we received to support the various provisions. Despite the weather, we reaped a lot of joy from our sharing of food, music, dance and drama. May that spirit continue throughout the coming year. Thanks to the ***Knights of St Columba*** who took charge of the car park on that day.

Knights Of St Columba - Quiz Night: Friday 18th October - 7.30pm start at Christ the King. In the New Year, 2025, it will be our Centennial Celebration Year, and we would like any passed Knights to contact us on these two numbers - Paul 0751 0681457 / Peter 07565 766103.

Welcoming Bishop Richard Walker at Sacred Heart Coventry: Thursday 10th October at 7.00pm with an opportunity to listen to him regarding the future for our parishes in the deanery. I am asking many representatives of groups to attend.

Deanery Meeting in our Parish: Tuesday, 8th October, our parish will host the priests of the Coventry & Nuneaton Deanery for their meeting. I will need volunteers to help me welcome the priests at 11am.

Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, 17th October, 7pm, Venue: Presbytery.

Pastoral Visits: The priests and sisters are always available to pay home visits to families in our parish. Please, let us know in time if you require a visit to the sick or other needs in the family.

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