MASSES—13th to 20th Oct 2024					
Sun	13	9.30am	Stany Mathias (RIP), Tr	an family (Spl int)	
			Leena Lobo, Michael (B	'day)	
		11.30am	People of the parish, Faith	Tobuyei (RIP)	
Mon	14	12.00noon	Lucia Drabik (Thanksgiving), Rose Hogan (RIP)		
Tues	15	9.30am	Mathias family (Spl int)		
Wed	16	9.30am	Stany Mathias (RIP)		
Thurs	17	9.30am	Philomena Winters (RIP	)	
Fri	18	9.30am	Roque & Esperance Almeida (RIP)		
Sat	19	9.30am	Felix & Ida Menezes (21	lst Wedd Anniv)	
Sun	20	9.30am	People of the parish, Tran family (Spl int)		
		11.30am	Veronique (Get well)		
Lectors					
		<u>13/10/2024</u>		<u>20/10/2024</u>	
9. 30am		School Chil	dren	Jean P., Naomi	
11.30am		Nisha, Florence E.		Oluchukwu, Florence K.	
Eucharistic Ministers					
		<u>13/10/2024</u>		<u>20/10/2024</u>	
9.30am		Cath Slatter		Felix M.	
11.30am		Florence K.	, Patricia	Marcel, Frank K.	
LET US PRAY TO THE LORD					

<u>The sick of the Parish:</u> 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>: Catherine McKeon, Michael McKeon, Roger Kockelberg, Christopher Doyle, Victor Pickett, James Delaney, Jim Hogan, Patrick Benson, Nicki Cherry, Hanorah Royal, John Doyle, Eileen Teynan, James Crawford, Dolly Rixon, James Flynn, Agnes Kathleen Molloy, Royalty Innih, Eve Jones, Gerard Bannon, Ellen O'Brien, Martin King, Matthew Murray, Margaret McDonagh, Catherine Mulvaney, Thomas Burke, Michael Jerome Walsh.

<u>Blessing of the Graves :</u> St Paul's, 13th October, London Road 20th October and Lenton's Lane, Sunday 27th October. All at 3.00pm

## **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.





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# THE GIFT OF WISDOM

Wisdom is named among the gifts of the Holy Spirit alongside understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God (Catechism no. 1831). It is also a treasured human quality often associated with advanced age, but one that distinguishes the youth that manifest it in the choices of life they make. As in the case of the two mothers we need the Solomonic wisdom (1Kgs 3:16-28) to resolve seeming-ly intractable tensions and conflicts of our current times in families, between tribes and nations in the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine and forgotten wars in Africa.

As we prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, our 21 candidates will receive the Holy Spirit and the gifts that he gives to those that are disposed to receive him. Receiving the Holy Spirit with his gifts is not automatic. It is earned by the proper disposition of the soul, at least by the simple faith in the miracle of Pentecost in which the disciples received the outpouring of the Holy spirit and the gifts that enabled them to fearlessly go everywhere preaching the Good News.

Amidst the many doctrines, values and choices about ones present and future, it is only the wise that will make worthwhile choices for the values that are truly human and sanctifying, aware that wise choices must lead to a holy life. This too is possible in our rapidly changing times.

True wisdom will inspire us to give up transitory values in preference for the lasting ones. This quest could be part of our prayer as we ask: 'Lord, what must I do to earn eternal life?' (Mark 10:17). And the Lord looking at our contexts will provide precise responses to guide the choices that will move us to sell and give up all that we cling to and follow the crucified and risen Lord.

As a priceless gift, wisdom is closely associated with sacrificial love that leads one to leave everything and follow Jesus (God's eternal Word). Jesus' response to the man to keep the commandments connects wisdom to the golden rule, "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12). The vision of that call will be clearer if one's heart has no greed for goods that do not endure.

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**

06/10/24: Gift Aid :£163.00 Dona: £355.00 Non-Gift Aid: £336.88 Total: £854.88

SO (Sept): £ Second collection - 169.88 Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections : 20th Oct.— W. Mission Sunday

Bonus Ball: No.

Mass Attendance :

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.stmarystbenedict.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**

Rite of Confirmation : Today, we have the Rite of Commitment at the 9.30am Mass. Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are proclaiming the Word of God and leading the bidding prayers at that Mass.

**Death announcement:** We are saddened by the death of Rose Hogan, the dear wife of Mick Hogan, who was called to the Lord on Monday 7th October. She was a very dedicated parishioner who offered her prayers, time and support for St. Mary & St Benedict Church. We extend our condolences to Mick & his family and eternal peace to Rose Hogan. Her funeral will be announced in the near future.

Sunday, 20th October: The World Mission Day, its's theme is "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Pope Francis reminds us that, "every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ". I ask those who have Red Boxes to bring them for counting next week. I thank you for your generosity.

Christmas bazar: Our Parish Christmas Bazar will take place on Saturday 7th December at 1.00pm in the parish hall. I kindly request that you support this event as you usually do by bringing items for Bric a Brac, food hampers, the bottle stall etc. Raffle tickets will be available at the piety stall from next Sunday. Please buy them to support the Church. Thanks for your co-operation.

Vocations - Do you know someone who would like to explore the vocation to sacred priesthood, diaconate and religious life? Please, contact Fr. Alovsius, for vocational direction. You may also search www.vocations.org.uk

## Formation of the Pastoral Council of St Mary and St Benedict Coventry

Following the Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (16/17 March 2024) there have been a series of consultations in various areas of the Archdiocese and our parish, and we now have clear guidelines to follow in order to form our parish pastoral council.

Membership on this council shall be open to Catholics who are in full communion with the Church and shall comprise ordinary and ex-officio members. According to the Constitutions, membership evolves, and there shall be members who serve a certain period as will be agreed and then relinquish their position to be taken by others.

Potentially, the parish council involves every baptised Christian in the life and mission of the Church, as we participate in its life and mission in a spirit of collaboration and co -responsibility.

Way Forward: Tentatively, for the start, I am proposing that our parish council comprises 13 persons whose membership shall be based on the various ministries that exist within the parish.

For practical reasons, I am proposing the following dates:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - finalising a complete list of the members of the Council, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November - the first meeting of the Council.