



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—28th Sunday in Ordinary time- 13th to 20th Oct 24

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 seemingly 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 7th 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

MASSES— 13th to 20th Oct 2024

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Lectors

Table with columns for Date, Time, and Lector names (e.g., 13/10/2024 9.30am School Children)

Eucharistic Ministers

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LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

The sick of the Parish: Norah Griffith, Gerard Griffith, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crawford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : 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 .

Blessing of the Graves : 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.

