



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—29th Sunday in Ordinary time- 20th to 27th Oct 24

Mission Sunday and Our Christian Witness Today

We are celebrating this mission Sunday at the time when we are forming what we may define as our missionary parish council, that has work to do in our local and global communities. At the local level we are to reach out to those sections of our communities that need our love and services, and globally through our donations by supporting missionary agencies, and by volunteering to go and participate in those missions.

We are highly privileged to experience that sense of mission in our parish community today, and indeed in our deanery and archdiocese. The various activities taking place in our Church have a sense of mission: our liturgical services that are centred around the Holy Eucharist, the education and catechetical ministry in preparations for receiving the various sacraments, and the ministry of family life. The ongoing process of the formation of our parish council requires that we organise our parish programmes around the missionary perspective to better address the needs of our times.

For today’s Mission Sunday, Pope Francis has provided the theme drawn from the words our Lord told his disciples: “Go therefore to the thorough fares and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find” (Matthew 22:9). Our Missionary work must address the needs of our times as Pope Francis teaches, ‘in a world torn apart by divisions and conflicts, Christ’s Gospel remains the gentle yet firm voice of the Gospel. Synodality is essentially missionary and, vice versa, mission is always synodal. Consequently, close missionary cooperation is today all the more urgent and necessary, both in the universal Church and in the particular Churches’.

Today, as we celebrate this Year’s Mission Sunday, we acknowledge the heroism of all Christians who, in a variety of ways, embraced the mandate to be witnesses, followed into the footsteps and words of our Lord and bore their witness to the Lord by their words and deeds. It is because someone committed themselves to announce the gospel that we received the good news and became Christians. Thanks to the many who embraced this challenge as married couples, teachers, monks, friars, religious nuns and priests and bishops. We want to play our part today by actively engaging in the fields of evangelization as Christ’s witnesses.

Fr. Aloysius

MASSES— 20th to 27th Oct 2024

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| Sun | 20 | 9.30am | James Fitzgerald (RIP), Tran family (Spl int) Norah Curristan (7th Anniv) |
| | | 11.30am | Stany Mathias (RIP) , Igweh Ozioma (Spl int) |
| Mon | 21 | 12.00noon | Lucia Drabik (Thanksgiving), Rose Hogan (RIP) |
| Tues | 22 | 9.30am | Anne Travers (RIP) |
| Wed | 23 | 9.30am | Con Brezlin (RIP) |
| Thurs | 24 | 9.30am | Alan Smith (RIP) |
| Fri | 25 | 9.30am | Robert & Anne Marie family (Spl int) |
| Sat | 26 | 9.30am | David Parnel (RIP) |
| Sun | 27 | 9.30am | Tran family (Spl int) |
| | | 11.30am | Veronique (Get well), Igweh Ozioma (Spl int) |

Lectors

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| | <u>20/10/2024</u> | <u>27/10/2024</u> |
| 9. 30am | Jean P., Naomi | Cath Slatter, Cosmos, |
| 11.30am | Oluchukwu, Mary | Edmond, Florence K. |

Eucharistic Ministers

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| | <u>20/10/2024</u> | <u>27/10/2024</u> |
| 9.30am | Cath Slatter | Felix M. |
| 11.30am | Florence K., Patricia | Marcel, Frank K. |

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 Crowford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Matthew Murray, Margaret McDonagh, Catherine Mulvaney, Thomas Burke, Michael Jerome Walsh , Mary Higgins, John Ferry, Patrick Flynn, Raymond Anthony Day, Dorothy Rixon, Brian Kenney, Eugene Devlin, Michael McHugh, Josephine Maher, Norah Curristan, Vivian Texeira, Vivian Texeira.

Blessing of the Graves : 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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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

13/10/24: Gift Aid :£150.00 Dona: £215.54 Non-Gift Aid: £425.25 Total: £790.79

SO (Sept): £ 1699.00 Second collection - Thank you and may God bless you all.

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

Bonus Ball : No. 43— Tony Byrne

Mass Attendance : 339

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.covtv@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

The World Mission Day Its's theme is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (Matthew 14:9). 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.

Funeral Arrangements for Rose Hogan: Reception followed by the Requiem Mass at 12.30pm on Friday 8th November, followed by a private interment at St. Paul's Cemetery at 2.30pm.

Multicultural Mass for World Mission Sunday: 10.30am, Sunday 20th October, St Patrick's Coventry. The Mass will feature readings, songs in different languages, and a devotional dance performance by the Indian community.

Take Action: Oppose Assisted Suicide The Catholic Bishops' Conference is calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday 16th October, the House of Commons heard the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater.

Finance Committee Meeting: I am grateful to the members of the Parish Finance Committee for a well-attended meeting on Thursday, 17th October. We evaluated the Parish Finance and Administration Audit Report by the Archdiocese of Birmingham and resolved to undertake several actions to maintain the acceptable standards, as a parish, and improve where there is need.

Process for Parish Pastoral Council: The consultations are ongoing for various ministries in our parish to identify and nominate candidates to serve as members of our parish pastoral council. I ask you to offer prayers for a successful nomination and appointment of the members and, when contacted by your committee, to readily avail yourself to serve on the council in the spirit of co-responsibility, collaboration and synodality.

Christmas Bazar: Our first meeting in preparation for the Parish Christmas Bazar will be on 2nd November at 4.30pm in the parish hall. The event 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, items for Tombola etc. Raffle tickets are available at the piety stall. Please buy them to support the Church. Thanks for your co-operation.