



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter—33rd Sunday in Ordinary time- 17th to 24th Nov 24

Safeguarding: Let us Talk About It!

This Sunday, 17th November, launches us into the Safeguarding week with the theme: 'Let us talk about it'. We join thousands of churches from diverse backgrounds and traditions across the UK to make safeguarding a big issue to help protect vulnerable people. We cannot leave to chance matters of protection for children and vulnerable people, it is important that we are proactive. We must consciously develop practices that positively enhance good practice to respectfully relate with all people without exploiting and abusing their simplicity and goodness.

Defending the rights of vulnerable people is integral to Christian faith and teaching. It is deeply regrettable that in the past the church has been negligent and there have been serious cases of sexual, emotional, physical and psychological abuse. Some crimes related to safeguarding were done by some members of the clergy and other responsible persons such as parents and professional leaders. But we have a chance to change that. We are already seeing many churches take the responsibility to safeguard those in their care seriously.

Thanks to 2024 **Thirtyone:eight** a charity registered in England and Wales No: 1004490, that has provided us with the resources to support our reflections on this important subject. We are celebrating the Safeguarding Sunday on the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Word of God focuses our attention on life after death that has the themes of: death, judgement, heaven and hell (Catechism of the Catholic Church). Faith in everlasting life helps us to align our conduct to what we are meant to be, the members of the human family that have an eternal future with God. In the meantime, we are preparing for that hope by a life of prayer, devotion, and respectful relationships with other people, and care for the vulnerable persons in our society.

Here in our parish, **'Let's talk about it'**. About this our Archbishop writes: 'It is time to have open and honest conversations about what we got wrong and what we're getting right. It is an opportunity to talk about how we can work together to prevent abuse and create a world where every child and adult can feel safe and be safe.'

Sources:

<https://safeguardingsunday.org>
[Safeguarding | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#)

Fr. Aloysius

MASSES— 17th to 24th Nov 2024

Sun	17	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int), John Curristan (4th Anniv) Deceased members of Monday Club
		11.30am	Akohamen Emmanuel (Spl int), Kabwa Leonidas (RIP) Paul Evans (Thanksgiving),
Mon	18	12.00noon	Akohamen Emmanuel (Spl int) Rose Cambridge (Get well)
Tues	19	9.30am	Jane & Emilia Misiwk (RIP), Holy souls
Wed	20	9.30am	Stany Mathias, Rhiannon (RIP)
		11.15am	Eamon Doyle - Requiem Mass
Thurs	21	9.30am	Victoria Frazer (Spl int)
Fri	22	9.30am	Lucy Tanner (Spl int), Emma (Good health) Christine Doyle (RIP)
Sat	23	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy , Rose Hogan (RIP) Catherine Ward (Anniv)
Sun	24	9.30am	Tran family , Emmanuel Malize, Patrick Anderson (Spl int), Mary Dunleavy (B'day) Alister &Eden (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Kabwa Leonidas (RIP) Veronique Mbengu (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

	<u>17/11/2024</u>	<u>24/11/2024</u>
9.30am	Elizabeth H., Elena	Alister, Naomi
11.30am	Oluchukwu, Valerie	Chidima, Angela N

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>17/11/2024</u>	<u>24/11/2024</u>
9.30am	Felix	Cath Slatter
11.30am	Marcel, Serso	Patricia, Loveness

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 : Pat Martin, Marion Glennon, Chris Glennon, Annie Shanley, Margaret & Joseph Hamill, William Greene, Robert Wood, Maria Patricia Murphy, John Ledwidge , Thomas Dalton, Willie Docherty, James Cummings Johnston, John Philip Curristan, Con McFadden, Nikki Cherry, Piety Pinto, Cecilia Agnes Wilkinson, Katherine Ward, Patrick O'Donnell, Ethel Smith, Anne Parsons, John O'Shea, Edith Morley, Edward Benedict Cadwell, Rosemary June Treacy.

One day, we all will Depart

On a journey free of cost.

Don't worry about seat reservation, it is confirmed.

The flight is always on time.

Our good deeds will be our luggage.

Humanity will be our passport. Love will be our visa

Make sure we do our best to travel to Heaven in business class.

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Youtube: [st mary and benedict church coventry](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1)

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

10/11/24: Gift Aid :£ 185.00 Dona: £252.00.00 Non-Gift Aid: £372.39 Total: £809.39

SO (Oct): £ 1718.00 Second collection - Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections : 17th Nov. - Apostles of Jesus; 24th Nov- Catholic Youth Service

Bonus Ball : No.

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

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 children are safe.

CHURCH NOTICES

Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's liturgical year and the beginning of a new one. It is a National Youth Day, we are reminded of the presence of young people among us. Let us support them by encouraging them to take active part in parish building along with us.

Parish Christmas bazaar: will be held on 7th December from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. The stalls that will be put up on the day are 1. Wheel (box of food) 2. Bottle stall. 3. Sweet stall 4. Tombola stall 5. Brick a Brack 5. Games 6. Face painting 7. Irish coffee 8. Food and snacks.

Raffle tickets with attractive prizes are available at the back of the church. Please buy them and win a prize. Kindly return the stubs as soon as possible. Please let your friends and neighbours know about the Christmas bazaar. We are in need of tinned food, bottles and good items for Tombola & Bric a Brac. Your generosity is highly appreciated.

Apostles of Jesus Mission Appeal – As usual I ask you, to support the Apostles of Jesus with donations to help in the formation of our students preparing of missionary priesthood. Every contribution, however small, helps. A donation given with faith attracts blessings. You may use the Dona Machine at any time to give your donation for this cause. I thank you in advance.

Parish Pastoral Council: Your Thoughts?

There are times when a pastor longs to listen to the people under his care. For the past few weeks, I have a longing to read and listen to your opinions about the proposed parish pastoral council. Please, use the suggestion box at the back of the Church to give your opinions. I will open the box on 24th November 2024. I am looking forward to your ideas for a more vibrant parish community and parish pastoral council

Praying for the Faithful Departed: In November we remember and pray for our departed brethren. If you would like to have Holy Mass offered for the souls of your loved one, please place their names in the provided box. You may include a Mass stipend. The Mass requests and stipends will be sent to the missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus to be celebrated in their mission land. Thank you.

Red Boxes : could I ask those with Red Boxes to bring them for counting next week. Remember to collect your Missio Calendar from the piety stall.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 thousands of pilgrims visit the Grotto of Our Blessed Mother at Lourdes. You can register and book your place now for Birmingham Archdiocese Pilgrimage 2025 which is also the jubilee year. The pilgrimage will take place from Saturday 24th—Friday 30th May 2025. To book your place please go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/loudes.

Baptism Class: Parents with children to be baptised, the next session will take place on 23rd Nov at 12.00noon in the Lady's Chapel.

Deanery Young Adults Group: The group (18-35yrs) meet at St. Osburgh's Church every month from 7pm to 9pm, guided by Rev. Fr. Benedict. The meeting dates are : 17th Dec, 28th Jan, 18th Feb, 11th Mar, 8th Apr, 13th May and 17th June.