

**MASSES— 24th Nov to 1st Dec 2024**

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)
Mon	25	12.00noon	Rose Hogan (RIP)
Tues	26	9.30am	Marina Walsh (RIP)
Wed	27	9.30am	Departed souls of Arcangela Almeida family
Thurs	28	9.30am	Ursula Skelly, Harry Baker (RIP), Terry Bennett (Anniv)
		10.30am	Funeral Mass of the late James Duddy
		6.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers
Fri	29	9.30am	Rose Hogan (RIP) Plyoth & family members (RIP)
Sat	30	9.30am	Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Sun	01	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int), Esperance & Xavier Almeida (RIP) Osagie family (Thanksgiving), Fr. Patrick Osagie (Anniv)
		11.30am	Kabwa Leonidas (RIP)

**Lectors**

	<b><u>24/11/2024</u></b>	<b><u>01/12/2024</u></b>
9. 30am	Alister, Naomi	Emmanuel, Desma
11.30am	Chidima, Angela N	Michelle, Sharon

**Eucharistic Ministers**

	<b><u>24/11/2024</u></b>	<b><u>01/12/2024</u></b>
<b>9.30am</b>	Felix	Cath Slatter
<b>11.30am</b>	Patricia, Loveness	Lilian Serso

**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 :** Anthony Crawford, Patrick Plunkett, Celeste Childs, William Doran, Mary Montgomery, Thomas Patrick McBrien, Michael McSheffrey, Mary Copland, Jane Walsh, Kevin Patrick Devaney, John Hughes, Nancy Shanley, John Anthony McAloon , Sean Heavey, John Coyne, Paul Allen, James Williams, Faye Townley, Nora Stacy, Madeline Carey, Ellen Caldwell, Edith Gardner, Gerry Seary, Denis Doran, Rosaleen McAndrew, Thomas Howe, Nora Lucid, Paul Michael May, Elizabeth Reid, Mary O'Brien, John Heavey, Ellen Duffy, Rose Donagher, John Sheridan, Joseph Reid, Theresa Hickey, Francis Molone.

Our Lord Jesus is the King and Lord of all creation, the master of our minds and hearts; he is the Way, the Truth and Life (John 14:6). When we listen and follow him then we are truly his subjects, his disciples. He empowers us to let go of our attachments even of life itself in the struggle for truth, justice and love, but we have to accept his kingship.



**Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry**



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

**Parish Newsletter—Solemnity of Christ the King—24th Nov to 1st Dec 24**

**JESUS CHRIST - THE KING OF TRUTH**

Today we join the universal Church to celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ the Universal King. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year cycle B which means that next Sunday we shall start the holy Season of Advent of the liturgical year cycle C. Today is also World Youth Sunday when we recognise and celebrate the contribution being made to our Church by young people. As a parish, we join in thanksgiving to God for the graduates of Coventry University who recently completed their studies.

Let us reflect on Jesus the universal king. As king, our Lord has many attributes; he is the divine and universal king of love, justice, mercy, peace and truth. Today, we focus on him as the king of truth. Because of Jesus' supreme moral authority that is founded on his testimony to the truth, we acknowledge him as our king and owe our obedience to him. He testified to the truth by his words and his very life. He himself said, 'for this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice' (John, 18:37). A seeker after the truth makes a conscious effort to live a life of integrity and order according to the law of God in creation. When we seek the truth, we confidently listen to the voice of our master and king and consequently follow his voice in obedience.

It matters what we believe to be true, because truth impacts individual and communal choices. There is no wonder, therefore, that in some cases some journalists and community leaders communicate misinformation, disinformation, or self-promoting information to make-believe among their listeners. A Christian must make room for Jesus the King of truth and live according to his kingdom.

There are teachers of falsehood who attract audiences to themselves on issues such as the human dignity, equality of persons, culture, gender and sexuality, prenatal life and maturation of human embryos, and questions about gerontology, suffering and natural death, justice, reconciliation and war and peace. May Christ the king of truth possess our hearts and reign over all peoples and cultures of our day. Amen.

*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**

**17/11/24: Gift Aid :£ 202.00 Dona: £359.50 Non-Gift Aid: 324.24 £ Total: £885.74**

**SO ( Oct): £ Second collection - 424.92 Thank you and may God bless you all.**

**2nd collections : 24th Nov– Catholic Youth Service; 8th Dec—Poor of the parish**

**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](mailto:sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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**

**Bishop Timothy Menezes' Message to the Youth**: “The voices of young people in the Church have been heard as part of the [Synod Process](#). The participation of young people and families in the Church's Mission is central to our [Diocesan Vision](#). May the prophetic voices of our young people never be ignored and even when they challenge what we have always done, be open to what God is saying to the Church through the energy and aspiration of young people. On this [World Youth Sunday](#), please be generous in supporting the important work of the [Kenelm Youth Trust](#) across the Archdiocese of Birmingham through the Second Collection at this weekend's Mass. If you have young people who are active in your parish, thank them and encourage them.”

**Blessing of the Christmas Crib** at 4.00pm on 1st December, 1st Sunday of Advent, in Broadgate Square, Coventry City. All are welcome.

**Parish Pastoral Council On-going Consultations**: The parish priest asks you to give your proposals for the establishment of a parish pastoral council. The suggestion box will close on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, but the consultation will continue.

**Apostles of Jesus Mission Appeal**: Thank you for your generous contribution towards the appeal which raised £529.92 We appreciate your further support to the formation of our missionary seminarians.

**Thanks to the late Bob Haddock**: As a parish we acknowledge the donation of £3,000.00 that we received from the pecuniary legacy bequeathed to the Church by the late Robert W. Haddock. The Hammock Solicitors executed the legacy, and we received the cheque to that effect. May Bob Haddock rest in eternal peace. Amen.

**Oppose Assisted Suicide**: We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to use prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. A new bill on assisted suicide has been tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater and will be debated in the House of Commons on **Friday 29 November**.

**Advent edition of the Walk With Me** booklets are available at the back of the church. Please take them and use them to prepare for Christmas. Please pay at least £1.00 for a copy.

**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.

**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.