		<u>N</u>	MASSES— 22nd	d to 29th Dec 2024	
Sun	22	9.30am	Tran family (Sp	ol int), Emmanuel & Betty (Wed Anniv)	
			Theresa Parker	(Spl int)	
		11.30am	Salvator Semus	wi (RIP) Mary & Stephen (RIP)	
Mon	23	9.30am	Ward, Fagan, N	McEntee, McCafferty, Shaw,	
Tues	24	6.00pm	Children of the	parish	
		8.30pm	People of the pa	arish	
Wed	25	9.30am	People of the pa	arish, Sr. Emmanuella Anatuanya (B'day)	
		11.30am	People of the pa	arish	
Thurs	26	9.30am	Thomas Travers (Anniv), Maureen Boyo (RIP)		
Fri	27	9.30am	Mary Griffith (Ge	et well), Keeney family (Spl int)	
			Theresa Anauany	va (Anniv)	
Sat	28	9.30am	Franklin family (Spl int)	
Sun	29	9.30am	Tran family, Falkner family (Spl int),		
		11.30am	Salvator Semus	wi (RIP), People of the parish	
			<u>Le</u>	<u>ctors</u>	
		22/12/2024	<u>4</u>	<u>25/12/2024</u>	
9. 30am Clir		Clinton, Je	ean P.,	Cath Slater, Elena	
11.30am H		Evania,		Mary, Emmanuel E	
			ors for Christmas		
24/12/24— 6.00pm- Mo		6.00pm- N	Ionica, Louis	8.30pm - Leslie, Karen	
31/12/2	24—	11.00pm S	haron, Kenneth		
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Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>22/12/2024</u>	<u>24/12/2024</u>
9.30am	Felix	6.00pm -
11.30am	Loveness, Frank	8.30pm - Serso

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.

Anniversaries during the week: Rose & Jim Hogan, Mary McCullough, Hughie Gill, James McDonald, Gerald McGoran, James McEnery, Len McCoy, Joe Dunleavy, Patrick Flynn, John Allen, Paul Allen, Thomas Travers, Teresa Mawn, Denis McGrath, Pat Kinsella, Mary McClean, Patrick Joseph Wright, Bridget Margaret Theresa Sloan, John Ferry, Patrick McLaughlin, Margaret Moore, D. Stafford, Michael Murphy, Eddie Branfield, Myra Scott.

Merry Christmas!

May the Timeless Message of Christmas, fill your hearts and homes with Joy, Peace & Love now and throughout the coming New Year 2025.





Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Fourth Sunday of Advent—22nd to 29th Dec 24

A Merry Christmas to You

Dear brothers, sisters and friends,

I take this opportunity to wish you a blessed and a happy Christmas Day. May this greeting speak personally to your heart, because it is carrying with it the good news that we echo with the angels who appeared to the shepherds, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2:10-11).

The good news that we celebrate finds us ready to receive it with a joyful hope as we conclude the holy season of Advent. It is the news that attracts us to the simplicity of Bethlehem: the baby in the manger, Mary contemplating her miraculous Son, Joseph his foster father awe-struck by God's marvellous deeds and faithfulness, and the shepherds who responded to the message of the angels.

We receive this good news with thanksgiving and praise as we contemplate the deep mystery of the incarnation of the second person of the blessed Trinity, the unbegotten Son of the Father, that is the baby in the manger. This is an incomprehensible mystery that is best approached with the power of the heart, intelligence of love, and a desire to follow him, love him, know him and make him known.

We receive the good news with a determination to experience its effects on our lives and to present to our world the righteousness he brings in works of reconciliation, justice, and peace among peoples. All this is because the baby Jesus in the manger is Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, who saves all peoples from their sins, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

May the good news that we celebrate on this Christmas day find a home in our hearts and lead us to the transformation it represents.

We wish you a Merry Christmas!





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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

15/12/24: Gift Aid :£.197.00 Dona: £00 Non-Gift Aid: £251.21 Total: £ 448.21 SO (Nov): £ 2042 Second collection - Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections :

Bonus Ball : No. Mass Attendance : 274

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



<u>SAFEGUARDING</u>: 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: <u>sq.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk</u> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 <u>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</u> if you have any concern.

<u>CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE:</u> 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

Christmas Programme

24th Dec Vigil Mass for children 6pm followed by Carol singing at 8.00pm

24th Dec Vigil Mass for adults 8.30pm

25th Dec Christmas Day Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am

Christmas Message from Fr. Reginald Dear Brothers and Sisters, parishioners of St Mary and Benedict Coventry, I thank you for making me part of this parish community, as your assistant parish priest. I appreciate all the support you provide to make me feel at home and able to carry out my ministry. As we celebrate Christmas this year 2024, we are also starting the Jubilee Year that Pope Francis has named the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope. Let us all experience the joy that the Lord gives us in the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and accept the challenge of growing daily into active Pilgrims of Hope that will inspire our world. I wish you a Happy Christmas.

Parish Pastoral Council (Fr. Aloysius): I thank all who proposed names of persons to serve as members of our Parish Pastoral Council which will serve its first term of three years. I thank the following who have positively responded to play that role: Mary Dunleavey, Perpetua Sam, Tony Okeke, Edward Wamala, Pauline MacDonald, Damian Carristan, Catherine Slater, Veronica Carroll, Patria Kabue, Florence Kasibante, and Alister Gleason Dsouza. Consultations for more members are ongoing.

<u>Altar Servers' Prayer Day:</u> Saturday, 11th January 2025, starting with Mass at 9.30am ending at 3pm: a spiritual reflection, Bible quiz, meal and games; Sunday 12th January renewal of their commitment.

<u>Christmas Offerings For Your Parish Clergy</u>: At each of the four Christmas Masses, there will be only one collection which is for your parish clergy. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose. You may also use the Dona Contact machine at the back of the Church. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

<u>The Jubilee Year 2025</u> - The Jubilee Year will run from the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 to the Feast of Epiphany 2026. Archbishop Bernard will celebrate the Holy Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year, at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 29 December 2024.

<u>Prayers are requested for</u> — Chimereze Chukwemeka Ihionu, who is to be baptized at 1.15pm on Sunday 22nd December, 2024, he is the son of Mr and Mrs Osita and Scholastica Okpara Ihionu.

Retreat Day for Readers - The Readers' Retreat will take place from 9.30am to 1.00pm on Saturday 25th January (Word of God Sunday), at St Osburg's Church.

Retreat Day for Eucharistic Ministers - The Ministers' Retreat will take place on 22nd March at St Thomas More Parish from 9.30am to 1pm.