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Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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Parish Newsletter— Feast of the Holy Family- 29th Dec 24 to 12th Jan 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

Fr. Aloysius

The Year 2024, once a future, is soon past, Such is the flow of time moving fast, 2025 yet a future to start in style, Hosts our dreams but for a while.

The reality of facts will soon unravel, The days of optimism to prosper us: End wars, remove fear, celebrate and marvel The healed humanity that is prosperous.

Utopia?

Oh, no! I trust human creativity to make peace: And pray to God, the mighty Father To remove social ills, stop wars, heal all disease, And have a year like no other.

Trust God the Master of the past, present and future To guide our feet into ways of peace (Luke, 1:79)! As we study, pray and work for earthly bliss: Happy New Year 2025.

THANK YOU

Fr. Reginald and I take this opportunity to thank you for your generous Christmas greetings, Christmas Cards, a variety of presents, and for the Christmas Offerings that you gave during the celebrations of the Christmas Masses. Thank you very much. We feel very much indebted to you and pledge our full availability to minister to your spiritual and pastoral needs. May God bless you. Fr. Alousius

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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

22/12/24: Gift Aid: £.185.12 Dona: £301.00 Non-Gift Aid: £348.70 Total: £834.82

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

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Bonus Ball: No. Mass Attendance: 274

<u>Choir practice</u>: Fri– 7.30pm_ <u>Church cleaning</u>: 7.30am

<u>Confessions:</u> Saturday– 10.10–11.00am (& by appointment)

<u>Pious Devotions</u>: Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6pm

<u>Legion of Mary</u>: 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

New year Programme

31st Dec <u>9.30am</u>

31st Dec Adoration at 10pm followed by Thanksgiving Mass at 11pm

1st Jan 2025 Mass will be at 10am

Sunday, 5th January: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our the Lord

Closely associated to the solemnity of Christmas, is the Epiphany of our Lord. A derivative of the Greek ἐπἴφἄνειἄ *epipháneia* which means "manifestation" or "appearance" refers to the manifestation of Christ as the Saviour of all peoples. The wisemen from the East who were led by the star that arrived at Bethlehem with gifts represented all peoples. Let us resolve to daily worship the Lord, this Jubilee year, offer him a special gift and serve as a star to lead others to him. Remember: 'When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, the offered him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh' (Matthew 2: 10-11).

The Jubilee Year 2025 in Our Parish - The Jubilee Year 2025 is an invitation for spiritual renewal. Let Jubilee year be a spiritual experience and a time to remember for every individual, family and community. It has its origins in the Old Testament. "A Jubilee shall that fiftieth year be to you; in it you shall neither sow, not reap what grows of itself, nor gather the grapes from the undressed vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat what it yields out of the field" (Leviticus 25, 11-12). Jubilee year occurring after every seventh Sabbath year, thus every 50 years is an economic, cultural, environmental and communal reorganization, when the land and people reset and all those who are in slavery are set free to return to their communities.

<u>Pastoral Council (Fr. Aloysius):</u> 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.

Altar Servers' Prayer Day: 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.

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.