

MASSES— 12th to 19th Jan 2025

Sun	12	9.30am	Roland Anyafulu , Stephanie Osagie (B'day) Tom Donaghue , May McCrave (RIP) Tran family (Spl int)
		11.30am	Salvator Semuswi (RIP), People of the parish
Mon	13	12.00 noon	Les Brock (RIP)
Tues	14	9.30pm	Maureen McLoughan (RIP), Kay Delaney (4th Anniv) Tony Smith (B'day)
Wed	15	9.30am	Mick Hogan (Good health), Alan Brock (RIP)
Thurs	16	9.30am	NO MASS
Fri	17	9.30am	Sr. Leena (Spl int)
Sat	18	9.30am	Martin Concannon (RIP)
Sun	19	9.30am	Evelyn Macquire (RIP) People of the parish
		11.30am	Salvator Semuswi (RIP)

Lectors

	<u>12/01/2025</u>	<u>19/01/2025</u>
9.30am	Cath Slater, Alister	Elizabeth H., Leslie
11.30am	Altar servers	

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>12/01/2025</u>	
9.30am -	Betty O.	Felix
11.30am	Patricia, Florence	Loveness, Frank

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, Mick Hogan.

Anniversaries during the week : Peter McCabe, Kathleen Kooghan, Isabel Carson, Thomas Shaughnessy, Margaret Cooke, Ethna Veronica Bannon, Isabel Read, Bridget Christine Barnes, Michael Edward Terence Thornburgh Hanbury, Neil Ferry, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Daniel Lanaghan, Linval George Morant, Thomas Michael Murtagh, Florence Maggs, William Williamson Stewart, Robert John Stevenson, Michael Joseph Kenny, Mary Jane Bohan, Angela Dunnion,

Dates for your diary: Lectors Retreat on Saturday 25th January -9.30am to 1.00pm at St Osburg's Church; Eucharistic Ministers retreat 22nd March at St Thomas More Parish from 9.30am to 1pm.

Lord, we thank You for your humble act of baptism by which you opened the heavens to all who are sinners. May we open our hearts to the unfathomable grace of our own baptism each and every day and more fully live with You as children of the Father, filled with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Baptism of the Lord— 12th to 19th Jan 2025

Inaugurating the Jubilee Year in our Parish

Today, we are inaugurating the Jubilee Year 2025 in our parish. The purpose of this simple ritual is to bring more closely to ourselves the reality of the Jubilee Year that has already started. With the inauguration of the Jubilee Year, we want to realise how urgently we need to start working on its programmes which are summed up in the theme: *Pilgrims of Christian Hope*. It is, therefore, a symbolic gesture of welcoming it in our parish on this solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord.

I am inviting every family, liturgical, devotional and service volunteer group to organize activities to mark the Jubilee Year that include local or international pilgrimages. Individuals or a group may organise pilgrimages to the following Jubilee Churches and sites that have been chosen by our Archbishop: St Chad's Cathedral – Shrine of St Chad; St Anne's Church, Caversham – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Michael's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis, The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham, Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, [Bl. Dominic Barberi Church](#) & [St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford](#).

A pilgrim is different from an ordinary tourist; for whereas such tourist is motivated to undertake a journey for satisfying an intellectual curiosity, a pilgrim is motivated by a spiritual and religious conversion to undertake a holy journey as an act of penance, devotion, or deepened self-reflection.

The Jubilee Year serves to reorganise families, individuals, and communities according to God's holy plan; there ought to be visible in actions of mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation, and mutual respect. This means that in the Jubilee Year, as a parish, we would like to see a more cohesive community that reflects our identity as Church, the spirit of Caritas that supports the needy and vulnerable members. It will be a clear mark of the Jubilee conversion if we as pilgrims of hope who worship in this Church will cultivate a deep sense of veneration for the mystery of the Lord's presence and adopt a high discipline of punctuality.

I pray that whatever we do leads to better interactions with one another as pilgrims of Christian hope who will jointly work practically to carry out the work of evangelization to the people of our age.

Fr. Aloysius



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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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

05/01/25: Gift Aid :£.156.00 Dona: £ 416.50 Non-Gift Aid: £ 367.40 Total: £939.90

SO (Dec): £ 1667.00 Second collection - Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections : 26th January—World Lepresy

Bonus Ball : No. 21 Tony Smith **Mass Attendance : 205**

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

Papal Intention for January: For the right to an education Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Intentions to Marry: Stephanie Aisosa Osagie daughter of Emmanuel Osagie and Betty Osagie of Coventry, West Midlands, originally from Benin, Edo State, Nigeria, intends to get married in the Catholic Church to Olaniyi Omokayode Denloye son of Adetukunbo Omokayode Denloye and Elizabeth Nadu Denloye, originally from Ife, Osun State Nigeria. Please, pray for the couple and should you have knowledge of any impediment to their marriage, kindly, notify the parish priest.

Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting: The First Meeting of the Council will take place at 7pm on Thursday, 30th January in the meeting room of the Parish Hall. **Points of the Agenda will include:** Parish Catechetical and Liturgical life and Planning activities for the Jubilee Year.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting: 7pm, Thursday, 13th February in the Presbytery. Points of the Agenda will include: Evaluation of the Parish Family Day and the Christmas Bazar and further planning for our property and financial administration and management.

Appeal in support of Lepra for World Leprosy Sunday 26th January 2025: For a Second Collection, any financial contribution you can make will be appreciated by the Charity Directors. meeting in June. For more information see [With your help, we can beat leprosy - YouTube](#)

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity 18 -25 January 2025 Daily Zoom meditations 18, 20 – 25 January at 6.00pm Zoom link: <https://marriagecare-org-uk.zoom.us/j/83706391464?pwd=xCdIQ7WEpsvGX4H8EtpIQfTanapRI.1> Zoom Meeting ID: 837 0639 1464 Passcode: 538534 UNITED SERVICE in the Chapel of Unity Sunday 19 January at 2.00pm

Charis Evening, Friday 24h January , 6-8pm, *at Corpus Christi* to include: Holy Rosary, Mass, Talk, Benediction, Confessions and Spiritual direction, followed by light refreshments, all at no expenses.

Praise and Worship with Transform Renewal Convention: Saturday, 18th January, 12 noon to 3pm, for details please, pick brochures at the back of the Church.

Confirmation Preparation - Children in non-Catholic schools will start their lessons on the first Saturday of February. Registrations are on-going.

Infant Baptisms: Registrations are on-going.