

MASSES— 26th Jan to 2nd Feb 2025

Sun	26	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int), Mable & Anthony Braganza (RIP) Neil McHugh (Anniv)
		11.30am	Salvator Semuswi (RIP),
Mon	27	12.00 noon	Fr. Brendan Byrne (RIP)
Tues	28	9.30pm	Geraldine Clarkson (Good health)
Wed	29	9.30am	Kath & Martin Muldoon (RIP)
Thurs	30	9.30am	Olivia Murphy, Mary Annesley (RIP)
		6.00pm	Divine mercy prayers
Fri	31	9.30am	Sr. Ann Varky (RIP)
Sat	01	9.30am	Sean McCrave (RIP)
Sun	02	9.30am	Tran family (Spl int), Ada Woods (Good health)
		11.30am	Salvator Semuswi (RIP), People of the parish

Lectors

	<u>26/01/2025</u>	<u>02/02/2025</u>
9.30am	Nicholas, Noami	Marcy, Cath Slater
11.30am	Daberechi, Karen	Yota, Scarlet

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>26/01/2025</u>	<u>02/02/2025</u>
9.30am -	Cath Slater	Felix
11.30am	Frank, Beyang	Lilian, Florence

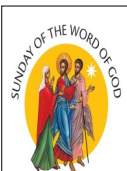
LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

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 : Terrence Reily, Fame (Mabel) Braganza, Neil McHugh, John Ferry, Bridget Teresa Chapman , William Molloy, Marie Macken, Teresa McSharry.

Clergy Anniversaries: Canon Giles Goward, Rev. Charles Smith, Canon Kevin James Good, Rev. Mortimer Loftus, Rev. John Berry, Rev. David Patrick Condron, Mgr. Michael Williams.

Saints of the week: 28th Jan-St. Thomas Aquinas; 31st Jan– St. John Bosco



God's Word is steadfast and powerful, accomplishing all its promises (Isaiah 55:11). In Jesus, the living Word of God (John 1:14), we find our ultimate hope (1 Tim 1:1).

Therefore, without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry

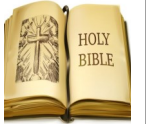


The Parish is in the Care of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries

Parish Newsletter— Word of God Sunday- 26th Jan to 2nd Feb 2025

LISTENING WITH A HEART

This Sunday, the scripture readings reiterate that constant invitation to attentively listen to the Word of God. This is founded on the fundamental teaching of our faith, namely that, out of love, God the creator, of all things visible and invisible, reveals himself in various ways (Hebrews 1:1).



God also reveals his loving face in the inspired words of the sacred Scriptures – the Bible. This explains why the Bible has a prominent place in our doctrines, acts of worship and moral life as Christians. The proclamation of the Word of God is a privileged moment that calls for listening with the heart and entails thorough preparation to receive God's message and the fulfilment of his plans in one's life. The Word of God has power and we have a witness of this in the Bible itself which states: "the Word of God is living and active... it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

Pope Francis explains, *'In this way, it speaks to us of the heart as a core that lies hidden beneath all outward appearances, even beneath the superficial thoughts that can lead us astray. The disciples of Emmaus, on their mysterious journey in the company of the risen Christ, experienced a moment of anguish, confusion, despair and disappointment. Yet beyond and in spite of this, something was happening deep within them: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?" (Lk 24:32, see Delixit Nos no.4)*

Listening with the heart means being in touch with all that concerns one as a person who is mind, soul and body. An attentive listening to the Word of God could easily lead to the spontaneous response we see in Nehemiah 8: 'For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law'. This is because it highlighted their weaknesses and failures in the face of God's covenantal faithfulness. That is the enriching attitude we need when we prayerfully listen to or read the Word of God, it does not leave one indifferent. 'Oh, that today you will listen to his voice, harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert (Psalm 95).

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

16/01/25: Gift Aid :£.144.00 Dona: £242.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 315.34 Total: £701.34

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

2nd collections : 26th January—World Leprosy

Bonus Ball : No. Mass Attendance : 334

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

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 Denloyie, 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.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage – Saturday 3rd May, 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral - main Celebrant Bishop Richard Walker; in thanksgiving for your marriage, and ask for God's ongoing blessings. Those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this year of the Jubilee are invited to submit their names to the parish priest before 20th March 2025 (to submit by 6th April).

Lourdes 2025 pilgrimage -Saturday 24 May to Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". Pilgrimage bookings are now open. Official Diocesan Pilgrims. To travel with the pilgrimage from start to finish, you can book your flight or coach, plus preferred hotel via the tour operator Tangney Tours. Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage by Air 6 nights from £1,027per person including flights, accommodation and meals. Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

Youth Notice: Special Mass for young people aged 15 – 35 years will be at 2pm on Sunday, 16th February. **Come with a friend.**

Chaplaincy for Catholic University Students: This is to welcome our new graduate and undergraduate Catholic students at Coventry University. Plans are underway to organise a Meet and Greet Moment with the old students. Look out for notices in our parish newsletter.

Father Hudson's Caritas: Parish volunteers' meeting scheduled at 7 pm on Monday, 17th February 2025, in the parish hall (side room).

Dates for your diary:

Thursday, 30th January: 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting - Parish Hall.

Thursday, 13th February: 7pm, Parish Finance Committee Meeting.

Saturday, 22nd March: 9.30am to 1pm.; Retreat for Eucharistic Ministers, at St Thomas More Parish.

Holy Spirit, make us pilgrims of hope

and support us on our journey.

