

### **MASSES— 9th to 16th Mar 2025**

Sun	09	9.30am	Mary & Toney Mulrooney (Anniv) Alwyn Roodrigues (RIP)
		11.30am	Rosary Osegbo (RIP) Osezele David (B'day)
Mon	10	12.00noon	Patrick Tanner (Spl int), Rosary Osegbo (RIP)
Tues	11	9.30am	Martha Glrnnon, Rosary Osegbo (RIP) Emmanuel Malize & family (Spl int)
Wed	12	9.30am	Fr. Connel Harkin, Nora Woods (RIP) David Brooks (Good health)
Thurs	13	9.30am	Pope Francis, David Brooks (Good health)
Fri	14	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	David Brooks (Good health), Anne Malize & family (Int)
Sat	15	9.30am	Rosary Osego (RIP), Deceased members of Pioneer Society
Sun	16	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Rosary Osegbo (RIP)

#### **Lectors**

	<b><u>09/03/2025</u></b>	<b><u>16/03/2025</u></b>
9.30am	Anthonia O., Demisha	Elizabeth H., Desma
11.30am	Kenneth, Patricia	Karen, Rosayn

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

	<b><u>09/03/2025</u></b>	<b><u>16/03/2025</u></b>
9.30am -	—	Sophie
11.30am	Lilian	Florence K., Beyang

#### **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** : Joe Clark, Anthony Nicholl, John Murphy, Margaret Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Lena Fitzgerald, Edward Brennan, Fr. Harkin, Nora Woods, Margaret Dunne, Ivy Elsie Lucas, Jim Crean, Rosalyn Muffitt, Margaret Ward,

**Clergy Anniversaries:** Rev. Francis Johnson, Deacon James Rowe, Rev. Joseph Purcell, Rev. Ralph Greene, Rev. Christopher Thornton, Rev. Connell Harkin, Cannon Gerard, Deacon Patrick Duffy, Canon Raymond Walsh, Rev. Vaughan Lloyd, Rev. Anthony Sims, Bp. David Cashman, Rev. Michael Crumpton.



*Embrace the opposite of the sins you are most tempted with this Lent.*

My tempted Lord, You resisted all temptations by choosing all virtues and living them to perfection. Please help me to see the virtues I need the most right now and give me the strength to strive to obtain them with all my heart.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

### **Parish Newsletter— 1st Sunday of Lent 9th to 16th Mar 2025**

#### **PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES**

On this first Sunday of Lent, I have the joy of presenting to you our catechumens and candidates who are in their final phase of 40 days in preparation for the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. The climax of their preparation will be in the celebration of this year's Easter Vigil. We thank God who speaks to each soul and moves people to come to his fold.

Today, at 3pm, in the episcopal Mass in St Chad's Cathedral Birmingham, His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley will perform the Rite of Election by which they will be officially enrolled for the Sacraments of Initiation. They will be in the company of others from parishes across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Here in our Church, on certain Sundays of Lent, we shall perform rites of scrutiny which are steps leading to the celebrations of the Easter Vigil when they will, in a unique way, be filled with the new life of the risen Lord and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for them and support them as they prepare to start a life-long journey of discipleship of Christ in our ecclesial family: the Church. They are the following:

Archa Sreedevi, Vincent Mwangi, Lina Rogo, Precious Udochukwu, Bianca Zuk, Zuzanna Libera, Sandi Yesudas Panackel Sebastian, Maxwell Kanyeri, Christabel Uche.

As we welcome our candidates, we too reflect on our journey of faith which we embrace together as the people of God in Christ. As Christians, we strive to emulate Jesus, our role model. As we read in today's Gospel reading, he was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin, because he surrendered completely to the will of his Father in heaven. In his life, he always gave appropriate responses to the tempter; this way he did not sin.

Our life, founded on the risen Lord, helps us to manage temptations against Christian unity and peace, and to dissolve distinctions among peoples. It also helps us to build the one family of God, where there are no distinctions between Jew or Greek, African, Indian or European: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough (Romans 10:13).

May this faith be a meaningful experience to all who are embracing it and are seeking to grow in its embrace. Amen.

*Fr. Aloysius*

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**Youtube:** [st mary and benedict church coventry](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq3F0j0d0j0d0j0d0j0d0j0)

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

<https://donate.mydona.com/ss-mary-benedict-church>

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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**

**02/03/25: Gift Aid :£ 206.00 Dona: £317.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 364.10 Total: £ 887.10**

**SO (Feb): £ Second collection - 144.30 Thank you and may God bless you all.**

**2nd collections 9th Mar.- Mill Hill Missionaries; 16th Mar- CAFOD**

**Bonus Ball :** No. 58. Fr. Aloysius **Mass Attendance :** 329

**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 to ensure that all the time children are safe.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Prayers for the Holy Father:** As the Holy Father remains in hospital we keep him close in prayer. Almighty and Eternal God, you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you. Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer intention for March:** *For families in crisis*- Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**A PIONEER MASS IN HONOUR OF ST PATRICK** will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm in Christ the King Church and afterwards in the Parish Library. All are welcome.

**Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)** is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey which will close on 25th March. It is accessible at [csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey](http://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey)

**Walter Burke RIP.** The Requiem Mass of Walter Burke, previously of Wellan Road, will be celebrated here at St Mary and St Benedict Coventry at 10.30am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. His son Rev. Fr. David Burke will be the main celebrant. All are welcome.

**Red Box Appeal Missio & Mill Hill Missionaries**

Today, we will welcome Fr. Gerry Hastie, MHM, to give a Red Box Appeal. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box they support the Church around the World where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit.

**Vocations** - Is God calling you? A vocation to priesthood, diaconate or religious life in the Church often begins by somebody suggesting it to you. So, what about you? [www.vocations.org.uk](http://www.vocations.org.uk)

**The Jubilee Year Lenten sessions** - Pilgrim of Hope on the Synodal Pathway (see Pope Francis) which will take place over four Monday evenings, 7pm – 8.30pm, at **St Osburg's Parish Hall on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March 2025**. Please register your interest in these sessions, by contacting one of the following: **Barbara McGowan – 07528644617, Paschal Somers – 07403625292**. The deadline for registration is **Monday 24th February 2025**.

**Gift Aid Scheme :** If you are a tax payer and you want to donate your Sunday collection through GIFT AID please contact Sr. Leera. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

**Dates for your diary:**

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