

MASSES— 16th to 23rd Mar 2025

Sun	16	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Rosary Osegbo (RIP)
Mon	17	12.00noon	Jean Hoey (B'day) Rosary Osegbo (RIP)
Tues	18	9.30am	Chukwudi Malize & family (Spl int)
Wed	19	9.30am	Tony Smith (Good health), Thi Tran (Anniv)
Thurs	20	10.30am	Requiem Mass—Walter Burke
Fri	21	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	Caolan Concannon (B'day)
Sat	22	9.30am	Cicilia & Francis Mathias (Anniv), Josephine McCrave (Thanksgiving)
Sun	23	9.30am	Maria Drabik (Anniv), Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
		11.30am	Rosary Osegbo (RIP) Sr. Cicily Mathew (Spl int)

Lectors

	<u>16/03/2025</u>	<u>23/03/2025</u>
9.30am	James M., Desma	Emmanuel, Cath S.
11.30am	Karen, Rosayn	Elvita, Nisha

Eucharistic Ministers

	<u>16/03/2025</u>	<u>23/03/2025</u>
9.30am -	Sophie	Felix
11.30am	Florence K., Beyang	Patricia, Serso

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 : Margaret Ward, Micki Kijko, Patrick Flahive, Peter Doyle, Terry Fielding, Ludovic Carl Wysoeki, John J Burke, Thi Tran, Marie Murtagh, Maureen Doyle, Janie Patalong, John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney, OFM. Cap, Frank Keobhan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Maria Drabik

Clergy Anniversaries: Rev. William Madden, Rev. Andrew Brennan, Deacon Thomas Ashcroft, Arch Bp. Bernard Ullathorne, Arch Bp. Francis Joseph, Rev. Laurence Crowe, Deacon John Higgins



My Transfigured Lord, the glory that shone forth from Your divine face in radiance was beyond human description. Your true glory in Heaven is something that I hope to behold one day. My Lord and God, instil in me a desire to more fully understand Your glory and to work tirelessly to be an instrument of that glory to all I meet.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— 2nd Sunday of Lent 16th to 23rd Mar 2025

GO FORTH, THE MASS IS ENDED.

There is a close connection between the Transfiguration of the Lord and the commissioning that takes place at the end of every Mass. This is because our encounter with the Lord in prayer and in the sacraments transfigures us so that we have many spiritual treasures to take into our daily lives, and to people who are not as close to the Lord as we are. Today, I am inviting you to reflect on that commissioning, 'Go forth, the Mass is ended' and when the faithful respond 'Thanks be to God', they acknowledge the joy of being sent out as Christ's ambassadors.

On this second Sunday of Lent (C), the Gospel of Luke presents Jesus Christ at the mountain. We read: *'Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lighting. Suddenly there were two men talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory ... (Luke 9: 28-29).*

Placing the transfiguration of the Lord at this time of our Lenten journey is significant, just as it was for the three disciples. The experience revealed to the disciples the transcendence of their master and so it was to be a source of strength for them in the moments of his passion that awaited him in Jerusalem. Perhaps, the disciples were not transformed because all they saw remained external to them. This is unlike us, who go to the high mountain of our worship and pray in the Holy Mass, we receive the transfigured, risen and transforming Lord Jesus in us.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican Council II states the truth of our faith as it affirms Christ who is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations and all sacraments. He is really present in the Holy Mass: in the person of his minister, in his word and particularly in the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. It is after receiving this transforming Lord that we are told to go out to the world; the Lord that we have received goes with us.

This implies that when in the Holy Mass, we allow the Lord Jesus to transfigure us, he empowers our witness; we become his active ambassadors in the real world that needs his light and thus we become active pilgrims of hope.

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

09/03/25: Gift Aid :£ 114.00 Dona: £297.50 Non-Gift Aid: £221.7 Total: £ 633.21

SO (Feb): £ 1222.00 Second collection - Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections 16th Mar– CAFOD; 18th April– Holy places

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 388

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 to ensure that all the time children are safe.

CHURCH NOTICES

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.

Welcome to the Provincial Superior – We are happy to host **Sr. Cicily Mathew**, the Provincial Superior of the Sisters of St Anne of the Central India Province, the Province to which our two Sisters Leena Mathias and Leera Lobo belong. Sr. Cicily will be with us next Sunday.

Red Box Appeal Missio & Mill Hill Missionaries

Fr. Gerry Hastie of the Mill Hill Missionaries expressed his gratitude to you for £260.35 collected through the second collection. Thanks also to the 21 new members that have signed up for the Red Boxes and the people who took forms to join online and by direct Debit. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

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 20th March. His son Rev. Fr. David Burke will be the main celebrant. All are welcome.

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

24 Hours for the Lord - Friday 28 March 2025: As part of this Year's Lenten observance, please plan for an extended time of Eucharistic Adoration in our parish Church alongside an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our day will start as usual with Holy Rosary, followed by Mass and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 6pm. Please, plan to spend some moments of prayer before our Lord. Priests will be available to attend to your spiritual needs.

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 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**.

Dates for your diary:

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

Friday 28th March - Extended Time of Eucharistic Adoration.

Thursday 3rd April, 7pm: Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting