

MASSES— 6th to 13th Apr 2025

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| Sun | 06 | 9.30am | Mapuranga family (Thanksgiving) Maria Theresa Najjemba(RIP) |
| | | 11.30am | Oluchukwu Osanebi (B'day) People of the parish |
| Mon | 07 | 12.00noon | Members of Monday (Spl int) |
| Tues | 08 | 9.30am | Justina Texiera (RIP) |
| Wed | 09 | 9.30am | Tony Smith (Good health) |
| Thurs | 10 | 9.30am | |
| Fri | 11 | 6.30pm 7.00pm | Stations of the cross |
| Sat | 12 | 9.30am | |
| Sun | 13 | 9.30am | People of the parish |
| | | 11.30am | People of the parish |

Lectors

06/04/2025

9.30am Filomena, Jean P.
11.30am Karen, Preethi

13/04/2025

9.30am Jean P., James M.
11.30am Nishal, Emmanuel A.

17/04/2025

7.00pm Attracta, Nicholas

18/04/2025

3.00pm Patricia K., Alister

19/04/2025

8.30pm 1. Angela 2. Frank 3. Sharon 4. Cosmos 5. Naomi 6. Mary

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 : Joseph Macken, Thomas O'Maller, Patrick O'Neill, Ellen Cox, Cath Molloy, Janet Cassidy, Patrick Bernard Ward, Kitty Howel, Annie Lyons, Mary Clark, Mr & Mrs Shaughnessy, Mr & Mrs Strevens, Winifred Mooney, John Anthony Whiting, Anne Crawley, Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McEleney, C. Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Masterson.

Let my life be absorbed in you Lord; let my little cross be entwined with your great cross, so that I may purchase the joys of everlasting happiness in union with you. Amen.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— 5th Sunday of Lent—6th to 13th April 2025

EASTER SUNDAY IN A FORTNIGHT

I am inviting you to place yourselves in the context of where we are. Today is the 5th Sunday of Lent and next Sunday is Palm Sunday which will launch us into Holy Week leading to Easter Sunday on 20th April. We shall soon celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, the central mystery of our faith. Remember: if Jesus Christ had not risen from the dead, there would be no Christian faith; there would be no Church and all that it stands for.

The resurrection of Jesus is the reason for the new life we celebrate in all the sacraments, starting with Baptism. All the other sacraments sustain the new life we have in Baptism, the Holy Eucharist that we celebrate every week being the source and summit of our faith in the risen Jesus, who is present to accompany us along our life's pilgrimage in this world.

The holy season of Lent, a period of fasting and prayer, is a preparation to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Above all, the resurrection of Jesus is the reason for our hope in the fulness of life that starts here on earth when we genuinely love God and our neighbours. It is the reason for the revolutionary life that we witness as Christians.

It is therefore necessary that we listen to and obey our risen Lord, to fully gain from what he is offering us as individuals and communities. He presents himself to us as our way, truth and life (John 14:6) and therefore serves as our role model in every sense of the word. When we follow his ways, we will relevantly live our faith and serve as active witnesses, and to use the current Jubilee theme, we shall be active pilgrims of hope.

In practical terms, we must embrace ***the call for renewal*** at individual and corporate levels. Individual confessions are occasions to experience God's mercy and compassion, and the personal resolve to embrace a new life in Jesus Christ. The ecclesial reforms stem from recognising the existence of corporate sins that we may be actively trapped into. Saint John Paul II used the term "structures of sin" to describe social systems that perpetuate injustice, inequality, or harm. It means that the communities we belong to need to communally repent so as to live the light of the risen Lord in the world.

Fr. Aloysius

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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

30/03/25: Gift Aid :£ 235.00 Dona: £201.00 Non-Gift Aid: £478.38 Total: £ 914.38

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

2nd collections ; 18th April– Holy places

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 351

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

Apostleship of Prayer for April: We pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Gift Aid New Subscriptions for Our Parish: Gift Aid Envelopes: will be available to collect before and after Masses at the piety stall. If you are a tax payer please join the Gift aid scheme to support the Parish. For further details or assistance, please contact Sr. Leena Lobo. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Palm Sunday Order of Service: The ceremonies for Palm Sunday will start in the Church Gardens at exactly 9.30am for the first Mass and 11.30am for the second Mass. Please, be at the venue 5 minutes before the time. Let us give the Lord our best during Holy Week - let us give the Lord our punctuality.

With Mary, We are Pilgrims of Hope Retreat: Saturday 3rd May 2025, is a day of prayer and reflection as we listen to Mary in this Jubilee year 2025. I am inviting as many parishioners as possible to participate in that day of prayer. It is being organised by the members of the Legion of Mary. We shall have our friends from Dublin who will give testimonies of her messages to our world today. Please, diarize the whole day: 3rd of May.

Coventry Catholic Young Adults Group Meetings at St Osburg Parish Hall – Age 18 -35? Join us on Tuesday evenings to eat and pray together and discuss our faith, as we listen to inspirational guest speakers. The next gathering is on Tuesday 8th April, 7.00 - 8.30pm.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAMME - April 2025

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| Palm Sun | 13th | 9.30am/11.30am | Blessing of Palms followed by procession |
| Mon | 14th | 9.30am | Mass |
| Tue | 15th | 9.30am | Mass |
| Wed | 16th | 9.00am | Mass |
| Holy Thurs | 17th | 7.00pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper/Washing of the feet, Recommissioning of Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Adoration until 10.00pm at the Altar of Repose |
| Good Friday | 18th | 2.30pm | Stations of the Cross |
| | | 3.00pm | Celebration of the Passion of our Lord. |
| Sat | 19th | 8.30pm | Easter Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 20th | 9.30am | Easter Sunday Mass |

10.00am

Easter Sunday Mass (at St Osburg)

Sunday 27th Devotional Prayers of the Divine Mercy will begin at 2.00pm followed by Mass at 3.45pm.