



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Easter Sunday —20th to 27th April 2025

Happy Easter! Alleluia, Alleluia! He is Risen!

Happy Easter Sunday! Today, we are celebrating with joy the resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have started the 50-day Easter Season of interacting with our Lord, and Saviour, who is alive. He accompanies us on our journey of life. We do not exaggerate when we profess that only in the risen Lord Jesus is the fullness of life; he is the only one that gives meaning to all human experience, because in him is the fullness of God's complete revelation and so the human response to God in Jesus finds its most fulfilling existence. Our faith in Jesus is founded on seeing him with our eyes of faith just as the apostles did.

We welcome to our family of faith Vincent Mwangi, Precious Odochukwu, and Archa Sreedevi through Baptism. About her new life as a Christian, Archa Sreedevi says:

'Receiving the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation is a deeply meaningful experience for me. Through Baptism, I have started a new life with Jesus Christ in his holy body, the Church. I realise how much God loves me unconditionally and has called me by name. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, I have received the fulness of the Holy Spirit who fills me with his strength and gifts including wisdom and the courage to live as a true follower of Christ. I am aware that it will not always be easy, but I trust that with God's graces, I will be guided and supported. I am happy to start this journey of faith, especially on this Easter day, when we celebrate new life and hope.'

We also rejoice with Christabel Uchenna, Bianca Zuk, Zuzanna Libera, Maxwell Kanyiri and Sandi Yesudas, who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. As a family of faith, let us support them so that they will persevere and grow in their encounter with the risen Lord.

Fr. Aloysius

MASSES— 20th to 27th Apr 2025

Sun	20	9.30am	Easter Sunday– People of the parish
		11.30am	Perpetua Sam, Marijane Chiamaka (B'day)
Mon	21	9.30am	NO MASS—St. Mary & Benedict Church
		10.00am	St. Osburgs Church
Tues	22	9.30am	Chukwudi Malize family (Spl int) Jeanette Smith (Anni)
Wed	23	9.30am	Frank McGonigal (RIP)
Thurs	24	9.30am	Kevin Michael Gibson (Get well)
Fri	25	9.30am	Della Russell (RIP)
Sat	26	9.30am	Cecilie Nzanda (Anniv)
Sun	27	9.30am	Michael (Spl int), Bill Flynn, Peter Miranda (Anniv)
			Peter Harte & Annie Laffey (Anniv)
		11.30am	People of the parish
		2.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers
		3.45pm	Eucharistic Celebration

Lectors

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

20/04/2025

9.30am Elizabeth H., Cath Slatter

11.30am Anne, Stacy

27/04/2025

9.30am Elena, Anthonia A.

11.30am Children

Eucharistic Ministers

17/04/2025

Patricia K.

18/04/2025

Marcel, Frank

Patricia, Florence K.

20/04/2025

Sophie

Sr. Leena

Felix

Byang, Lilian

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 : Jeanette Smith, Terence Peter Harte, Maria Scott, Elizabeth Patricia Gamble, Sheila Byrne, Elizita Cabral, Meta Stretton, Michael Kavanagh, Bridie Durkan, John Patrick Kerins, Mario Giampaglia.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous Easter .

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Leena and Leera

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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

13/04/25: Gift Aid :£ 188.00 Dona: £ 401.00 Non-Gift Aid: £416.73 Total: £ 1005.73

SO (Mar): £ 1675.00 Second collection - £ Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections ; 18th April– Holy places

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 395

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

A Blessed Easter to You All

Fr. Reginald, Sisters Leena and Leera, and I, would like to wish each of you a Blessed and Joyful Easter. We are truly grateful to you dear parishioners for your expressions of faith during the past Season of Lent. From your daily and weekly acts of devotion, participation in the Catechetical and RCIA programmes, to caring for our Church by keeping it tidy and beautifully decorated—your contributions have been invaluable.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to those who have enriched our liturgical moments as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Choristers, Musicians, and technical administrators of various sectors. You make our ministry both rewarding and enjoyable in this parish.

As we look ahead to the year 2025, designated as the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope, we are excited about the prospect of more fulfilling days together. May this Easter season be filled with blessings and joy for you all.

Plans to Celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Parish

We have parish groups that have planned activities for the Jubilee Year. We ask those who have not done so select a date and start planning.

Marian Retreat (Legion of Mary): Saturday 3rd May, 9.00am

Altar Servers and all children: Sunday 11th May, 11.30am

Youth Group: Saturday 4th October

Catholic University Students

Health Professionals and Social Workers

Catholic Men and Catholic Women

Grandparents of the parish: 27th July, 11.30am

Parish Family Day: 14th September, 11.30am

Apostles of Jesus Missionaries

Appeal to Support the Ordination of New Priests

We, the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries, humbly seek your support in equipping our 32 members who will be ordained as priests during this Jubilee year of 2025. We are appealing for contributions towards the following:

32 Chasubles at a cost of £61.00 each

32 Albs at a cost of £50.00 each

Cheques: Please make payable to "*Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK*". Registered Charity Number 1205905.

Dona Machine: Located at the back of the Church. Kindly select "*Help Train a Missionary Priest*". We appreciate your usual generosity.

Monday club resumes on 12th May with Eucharistic celebration at 12.00noon.