		M	ASSES— 27th Apr to 11th May 2025
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
Mon	28	9.30am	Annie Travers (RIP)
Tues	29	9.30am	Jan Misiuk (RIP)
Wed	30	9.30am	Sr. Gemma Braganza (RIP)
Thurs	01	9.30am	Tony Smith (Spl int)
Fri	02	9.30am	Fr. Reginald Tarimo (Spl. Int)
Sat	03	9.30am	Marian Retreat
Sun	04	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	05	9.30am	Josephine McCrave (Spl int)
Tues	06	9.30am	
Wed	07	9.30am	Kath Muldoon (B'day anniv)
Thurs	08	9.30am	Mathew Tanner (Anniv)
Fri	09	9.30am	
Sat	10	9.30am	
Sun	11	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
		<b>Lectors</b>	Eucharistic Ministers
		27/04/202	<u>5 27/04/2025</u>
9.30am		Elena, Anth	nonia A. Felix
11.30am		Evania, Dal	berechi Serso, Frank
		<u>04/05/2025</u>	<u>04/05/2025</u>
9.30am		Clinton, Co	osmos Anne M.
11.30am		Perpetua, A	ngela Beyang, Lilian
		<u>11/05/2025</u>	<u>11/05/2025</u>
9.30am		Emmanuel,	Filomena Cath Slater
11.30am		Attracta, Yota Sophie	

#### LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

<u>The sick of the Parish:</u> Norah Griffith, Gerard Griffith, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik, Mick Hogan.

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God." — St. John Paul I





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Parish Newsletter— Divine Mercy Sunday —27th April to 11th May 2025

# **The Divine Mercy**

On Saturday April 26th, the Church bid farewell to the late Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, Vatican City. He was a pastor who promoted the mercy of God. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we recall with devotion the Extraordinary Year of Mercy that the Pope initiated starting on **December 8th**, 2015, and ending on **November 20th**, 2016 - the solemnity of Christ the King. Let us integrate mercy in all our actions.

Today, we are celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday which is founded on the revelations of the Lord to St Faustina Kowalska (1905 -1938). In 2000, when St Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina, he officially established Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast day for the universal Church. <u>Tom Ward, MC</u>, the promoter of the Divine Mercy in our deanery, has the following to say:

The treasures of today's celebrations are found in the Diary of St Faustina which details the Lord's revelations to her. Jesus said to her "My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (on the Second Sunday of Easter) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates, through which graces flow, are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (Diary, 699).

In this Church of St Mary and St Benedict, we have a first-class relic of St Faustina, the Secretary to Jesus the Divine Mercy, and the Chapel of Divine Mercy in the Deanery of Coventry and Nuneaton. To obtain the graces available to us today, we are asked to prepare by praying a novena of chaplets from Good Friday. It is also important to: receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Octave of Easter, perform an act of mercy depending upon your own personal circumstances, listen to the priest preaching the mercy of the Lord and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. A plenary indulgence is now available to those who celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. *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**

<u>20/04/25</u>: Gift Aid : £ 82.00 Dona: £ Non-Gift Aid: £ Total: £ 82.00

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

2nd collection ; 11th May- Clergy training fund

Bonus Ball : No. Mass Attendance :

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

**<u>SAFEGUARDING</u>** : 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: <u>sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk</u> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 <u>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</u> if you have any concern.

**<u>CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE:</u>** 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**

### Pope Francis died on Easter Monday aged 88

On Easter Monday, April 21st 2025, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, announced the death of Pope Francis from the Casa Santa Marta with these words:

"Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church..... May Pope Francis rest in eternal peace. Amen."

**Invitation to St Stanislaus Kostka Church CV1 4GR** on Monday 5th May at 6pm to watch a musical entitled *The Choice*. The event is enriched by the presence of the relics of the Blessed Ulma Family, who were killed during the Second World War in Germany. The theme of the concert, *The Choice*, embodies the profound truth expressed by Viktor Frankl: "Everything can be taken from a man except the freedom to choose one's attitude in any given situation."

### 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 yet done so, to select a date and start planning.

Marian Retreat (Legion of Mary): Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 9.00am

Altar Servers and all children: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30am

Health Professionals and Social Workers -

Grandparents of the parish: 27th July, 11.30am

Parish Family Day: 14<sup>th</sup> September, 11.30am

Youth Group: Saturday 4th October

Catholic Men and Catholic Women - 19th Oct, 11.30am

Catholic University Students -

<u>Monday club resumes</u> on 12th May with the Eucharistic celebration at 12.00 noon.

<u>Child Baptismal Instructions</u> for Parents and Godparents will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, at 11:00am in the Church.

<u>Anniversaries during the week:</u> Mario Giampaglia , Minnie Noonan, Mary McCarron, Nada Stojanovic, Mary Margaret McGlynn, Eric Maurice Goulden, Roseleen Killen, Brendon Noel Gilroy, Mary Greene, Jistus St John, Frank Seaman, P. Caroleen, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan, Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly, John Montague Austin Regnald O'Driscoll, Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly, John Montague Austin Regnald O'Driscoll.