

MASSES— 1st to 8th June 2025

Sun	01	9.30am	Tom Crowley (RIP), Ada Woods (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	02	12.00noon	Josie McElroy (RIP), Phil Kenney
Tues	03	9.30am	Francis McClelland (Get well)
Wed	04	9.30am	Maureen & James Stewart (Wed Anniv) Charles Russell Senior (RIP)
Thurs	05	9.30am	Keelin Treharne (RIP), Chukwudi Malize & family (Spl int)
Fri	06	9.30am	Anand John (Spl int))
Sat	07	9.30am	Vera Dunnion (Spl int)
Sun	08	9.30am	Solemnity of Pentecost— People of the parish
		11.30am	Florence Ekobe (B'day)

Lectors

01/06/2025

9.30am Alister, Anthonia A.
11.30am Sharon, Florence K.

08/06/2025

9.30am Jean P., Marcy
11.30am Preethi, Florence E.

Eucharistic Ministers

01/06/2025

Felix
Catherine, Serso

08/06/2025

Cath S.
Beyang, Marcel

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: John Peter Dunnion, Danny Dorrian, Alec John Garner, John Paul Ward, John Crone, John Flanagan, Andrew Mooney, Theresa & Andrew Meehan, Doreen Meehan, Mary Moron, John Herbert, Margaret Crawford, Michael Woods.

Clergy Anniversaris: Rev. William O'Brien, Rev. John Lane, Rev. Benedict Tarbuck, Rev. John Crean, Canon Harry Bouchier,

RAY OF HOPE- Grass— looks soft...but survives sun, storms and steps. Even when unnoticed, grass quietly greens the world. It bends low, yet rises again. Setbacks are to be stepping stones! Every life 'step' has a purpose! Let God trim you, you'll flourish more. When scorched by trials, grace rains...and we rise green again. God robes grass with beauty; much more are you adorned and loved!

Be soft, be strong. Bend, never break. Rise above harsh steps; be rooted!



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Seventh Sunday of Easter - 1st to 8th June 2025

Praying with our Lord: That We May All Be One

We are in the period of the 9 days after the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord into heaven. It is the Pentecost Novena when, like the apostles and disciples in the upper room, we pray in preparation for the Solemnity of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the renewal that he brings. In his farewell messages, our Lord assured his disciples that he was not leaving them as orphans, they were to live in divine company with the Holy Spirit the Helper, Consoler, Teacher, Advocate, Paraclete, Defender and Friend. They were to wait in Jerusalem for the unique miracle of his appearing which was to transform a group of fainthearted disciples into heroic witnesses of the gloried Lord. They were to be empowered by the Holy Spirit in their work of evangelization.

In this Pentecost Novena, we present to God the very prayer that flows from the Heart of Christ, namely, that his disciples, all those who profess his name as Christians: *'that they may all be one, just as you, Father are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me'* (John 17:21). Our prayer for the unity of believers will be strengthened by the movement of the will to work for unity and peace among people. A little effort to promote the intentions of the ecumenical movements among Christians are willed by God and serve as a practical support to the petition for unity that is urgently willed by our Lord.

The celebrations of the First Holy Communion, and preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation, are direct indicators of the life of the Holy Spirit in our parish community. I pray that this First Holy Communion will serve as an impetus for renewal in fervour for sacramental life among the members of their families: parents, siblings and friends. The desire for the celebrations and receiving of the sacraments contributes to the zealous response to the special vocations to serve the Lord at the altar.

Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, we shall celebrate the Birthday of the Church and the Holy Spirit who defines the unique character of the people of God. We continue to pray: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and renew the face of the earth (104:30)

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

25/05/25: Gift Aid :£ 194.50 Dona: £ 222.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 299.21 Total: £715.71

SO (May): £ Second collection - £ 360.00 (Apostles of Jesus appeal) Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collection : 1st June– Catholic Communications; 15th June–Day for Life; 29th June– Peter's Pence

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 380

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

Bible Study Group: Every Sunday, 1pm – 2pm in the parish hall.

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

Blessed Carlo Acutis

'The Eucharist is the highway to heaven'.

The Pope's Intention for June: That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

First Holy Communion - Saturday 7th June at 10.30am: We welcome the children who have prepared to receive their First Holy Communion and wish them the unique delight of hosting our Lord in their hearts in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I ask our entire parish family to support their faith journey as they seek closer union with Jesus.

Prayer for Vocations

June (the Month of the Sacred Heart) is a time of prayer for vocations in our deanery. As a parish, we shall dedicate Friday 6th June to pray for vocations in our parish. On that day, we shall have adoration from 10am – 1pm.

Peregrinatio Pro Christo (Legion of Mary from Ireland)

From 9th to 16th August, eight pilgrims from the Republic of Ireland will be here for a mission with the intention of spreading the Gospel and calling for the renewal of the Faith. We are looking for host families for them. Each host family will receive a small token of £100.00 for bed and breakfast.

Corpus Christi Procession

On Sunday 22nd June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Coventry Corpus Christi procession will take place at 3pm, starting at St Anne's (CV3 3AG) and processing to Corpus Christi Church (approximately a 40 minute walk). Children who recently received their First Holy Communion are encouraged to wear their special clothes once more to help lead the procession.

Catholic University Students: meeting and birthday celebrations on Sunday 1st June at 1.45pm, after Bible Study

Upcoming Jubilee Year Celebrations in our Parish

Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination - Saturday 21st June at 11.30am

Transform Worship: Healing and Holy Mass : Saturday, 28th June, 3pm

Health Professionals and Social Workers - 29th June at 11.30am