

### **MASSES— 11th to 18th May 2025**

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|-------|----|-----------|---|
| Sun   | 11 | 9.30am    | Margaret Okobi (B'day), Betty Osagie (B'day)  |
|       |    | 11.30am   | People of the parish                          |
| Mon   | 12 | 12.00noon | Mapuranga family (Thanksgiving)               |
| Tues  | 13 | 9.30am    | Emmanuel Malize (B'day)                       |
| Wed   | 14 | 9.30am    | Liam Patterson (Spl int)                      |
| Thurs | 15 | 9.30am    | Freda Johnson (RIP)                           |
| Fri   | 16 | 9.30am    | Olive Dawson (Spl int)                        |
| Sat   | 17 | 9.30am    | Sr. Rosanna D'Souza (RIP), Peace in the world |
| Sun   | 18 | 9.30am    | People of the parish                          |
|       |    | 11.30am   | People of the parish                          |

#### **Lectors**

**11/05/2025**

9.30am Cath Slater, Filomena  
11.30am Alar servers

**18/05/2025**

9.30am Noami, Anthonia O.  
11.30am Ogo, Karen

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**11/05/2025**

Anne  
Patricia, Marcel

**18/05/2025**

Betty O.  
Loveness, Lillian

#### **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:** Danny Rodgers, Thomas Sweeney, Elizabeth Morgan, Leo Pinto, Christina Doyle, Ellen Hull, Moira Davis, Thomas McDonagh, Christy Benson, Mary Ellen Healy, Francis John O'Toole, Mary Dunnion, Violet Daphne Bibby, Sean Anthony Logan.

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg you to bless our Diocese and our world with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church, especially the poor and the needy.

Bless our families and our children, and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. Teach them to respond generously and keep them ever faithful in following your Son Jesus Christ, that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the inspiration of Saint Damien and Saint Marianne the Good News of redemption may be brought to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry**



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

### **Parish Newsletter— Good Shepherd Sunday- 11th to 18th May 2025**

## **CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

What a coincidence! On this fourth Sunday of Easter, the Good Shepherd Sunday, we have a new pope. The Most Eminent and Most Reverend Lord Robert Prevost, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, who has taken the name Leo XIV. He is the supreme spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church whose office involves guiding the doctrine, faith, and discipline of the faithful. The Pope's authority is rooted in Christ's appointment of Saint Peter.

The election of Pope Leo XIV provides us with an assurance in the papacy as a living institution that is guided by the Lord upon whom it is founded when he said to Peter: *'You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall release on earth shall be released, even in heaven'* (Matthew 16:18-19). John the evangelist gives another touch to the role of Peter. At the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus entrusted to Peter the care of his people after proving his love for him, as we read in John: *Then when they had dined, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'* Again, he said to him: *'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'* He said to him a third time, *'Simon, son of John, do you love me'* Peter was grieved that he had asked him a third time, *'Do you love me?' And so, he said to him: "Lord you know everything, you know that I love you." He said to him, 'Feed my sheep'* (John 21:15-17).

Christ the Good Shepherd, who entrusts to Peter his universal sheepfold, the Church, likewise entrusts to every Christian the role of shepherding his people at every level of Church and community. We are all invited to emulate Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd in roles of leadership at whatever scale of leadership as we keep our live connection with the divine shepherd in prayer.

*Fr. Aloysius*

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**Donations to the parish :** <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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**

**04/05/25:** Gift Aid :£ 206.61 Dona: £1191.70 Non-Gift Aid: £ 420.48 Total: £ 1818.79

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

**2nd collection ; 11th May– Clergy training fund**

**Bonus Ball :** No. 20 Fr. Aloysius B.

**Mass Attendance : 404**

**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](mailto:sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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**

**Message of Bishop Bernard on the New Pope**

“It will be a great joy to serve the Church’s mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate”.

**News From Fr. Jimmy our Superior**

Two **Missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus** will arrive in the Archdiocese to start their missionary work. For the first time in so many years Our Lady of the Angels Parish and St. Elizabeth Parish will have Assistant Parish priests. We would like to thank you for your determination to support the training of a missionary priest, which, as you can see is bearing fruit to benefit the church. The new priests are Fr. Pius Mmanda Junior and Fr. Robert Mugabe. I thank the Trustees of the Charity of the ‘Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK’ who approved the sponsorship of the Visa process which cost about £10,000 for both priests.

**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.

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

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

Grandparents of the parish: **27<sup>th</sup> July, 11.30am**

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

Youth Group: **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

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

Catholic University Students -

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

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

**Weekly Bonus Ball Lotto** - Dear Parishioners, I warmly invite you to take part in our **Bonus Ball Lotto!** Simply choose any number from **1 to 59** and contribute **£1 per number** you select. The more numbers you choose, the greater your chances of winning **£30 each week**. Join the fun while supporting our **Church funds**—your participation makes a meaningful difference.

**Bible Study Group** The next meeting is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1pm – 2pm in the parish hall.

**Catholic Students Meeting (Do not miss Birthday Celebrations)** - 1.30pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the parish hall.