

MASSES— 18th to 25th May 2025

Sun	18	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	19	12.00noon	Liam Edwards (RIP), Vera Dunnion (Spl int)
Tues	20	9.30am	Eileen Ward ((RIP)
Wed	21	9.30am	Fr. Aloysius, Bukenya, Phil Kenney (B'day) Mathew Tanner (B'day remembrance)
Thurs	22	9.30am	Vera Dunnion (Spl int)
Fri	23	9.30am	Ashika Thomas (Spl int)
Sat	24	9.30am	Eileen Monaghan (RIP)
Sun	25	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

18/05/2025

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

25/05/2025

9.30am Emmanuella, Leslie
11.30am Chidma, Ann Marie

Eucharistic Ministers

18/05/2025

Betty O.
Loveness, Lilian

25/05/2025

Sophie
Florence K.,

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: Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Bridget Theresa Ludid, William Morrissey, Michael McDermott, Mary Devlin, Edmond Patrick Flynn, James Anthony Domican, James Mullarkey, Agnes Ethna Tolan, Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh, Thomas Duiggnan.

Clergy Anniversaries: Canon Wilfred Smith, Rev. Joseph Griffin, Rev. Ernest Cook, Rev. William Lyons, Mgr. John Humphreys, Rev. Anthonny Davies, Rev. Thomas Foynes.

Trails of Life: Life doesn't test us to break us—it invites us to grow. Every trial conceals a turning point, wrapped in pain. Storms don't last forever, but they shape us forever. Jesus never promised ease, but He promised His presence. His cross didn't eliminate suffering; it redeemed it. Even when we're crushed, we are carried—never alone.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Fifth Sunday of Easter - 18th to 25th May 2025

PUNCTUALITY AND A NEW COMMANDMENT

The Lord means many things when he says, 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another' (John13:34-35). There are as many ways of living this commandment in our situations at home, in the workplace and in this Church. One clear way to observe this commandment is by giving the respect we owe one another by arriving early in the Church and settling down before the Holy Mass starts!! It may require some sacrifice on your part, but that is necessary!!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 7th June is a special day for those children who are preparing to receive their first Holy Communion. Let us encourage them to explore the depth of the Sacrament of the Lord's real presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As a Sacrament of initiation, it marks a new beginning in their lives - it means that they are old enough to sustain their unique relationship with the Lord in prayer, preparation and thanksgiving, and by living a holy life, receiving Jesus many times thereafter. I am grateful to those who are preparing them: their parents at home, Mrs MacDonald, the teachers in the school and our sisters and catechists in the parish.

EXAMINATIONS SEASON IS ON

This is a busy season for our young people - some altar servers, and choir members in the primary and secondary schools - as they sit their Statutory Assessment Tests, GCSEs, and Advanced Level Qualifications. A message to our students: Those examinations mark an important step in your academic progress as you prepare for admissions to colleges and universities. They are the gateways to your professional and vocational careers. We wish you success in those examinations. As a community we are interested in what you are doing.

FATHER REGINALD A. TARIMO, AJ SILVER JUBILEE

As a parish community, we will join Fr. Reginald to thank God for the gift of the sacred priesthood and his ministry in the past 25 years. For this I ask that you diarise Saturday 21st June, starting with Holy Mass at 11.30am, and then celebrating throughout the rest of the day. Preparations have started and we need everyone's support.

Fr. Aloysius

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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Youtube: [st mary and benedict church coventry](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1)

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

<https://donate.myдона.com/ss-mary-benedict-church>

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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

11/05/25: Gift Aid :£138.00 Dona: £ 365.50 Non-Gift Aid: £ 293.70 Total: £797.20

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

2nd collection : 25th May– Apostles of Jesus ; 1st June– Catholic Communications; 15th June–Day for Life; 29th June– Peter's Pence

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 361

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

Apostles of Jesus Mission Appeal

We shall have a second collection next Sunday 25th May, to support the seminary formation of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries. This is in agreement with His Grace the Archbishop, and we are always grateful for this form of support from you, dear parishioners and friends of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries.

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.

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

Grandparents of the parish: **27th July, 11.30am**

Parish Family Day: **14th September, 11.30am**

Youth Group: **Saturday 4th October**

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

Catholic University Students -

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). All parishioners are invited to attend and especially those children (and their parents) who have recently received their First Holy Communion – you are encouraged to wear your special clothes once more to help lead the procession.

Prayer Request for the late Michael Byrne

We regret to announce the death of Mr Michael Patrick Byrne of Carnegie Close, Coventry who died in Warwick Myton Hospice on Tuesday 13th May 2025 aged 60 years. His reception into St. Mary and St Benedict's RC Church will take place on Thursday 29th May at 6.00pm and his Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 30th at 10.00am, followed by his committal at the Charter Chapel, Canley Crematorium at 11.30am.

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

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

RCIA On-Going Formation: First meeting to take place on Thursday, 22nd May, 7pm— 8pm in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in current discussions about the Catholic faith is welcome.