

MASSES— 25th May to 1st June 2025

Sun	25	9.30am	Josie McElroy (RIP), Jimmy Haffernan (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	26	12.00noon	Kathleen Ryan (RIP)
Tues	27	9.30am	Sheila Monaghan (RIP)
Wed	28	9.30am	Tommy Crowley (RIP)
Thurs	29	9.30am	Bridie Kener (RIP)
		6.00pm	Reception - Michael Patrick Byrne
Fri	30	10.00am	Requiem Mass - Michael Patrick Byrne
Sat	31	9.30am	Sr. Ubalda D'Souza (RIP)
Sun	01	9.30am	Tom Crowley (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

25/05/2025

9.30am	Emmanuella, Leslie
11.30am	Chidma, Ann Marie

01/06/2025

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

Eucharistic Ministers

25/05/2025

Sophie D.
Florence K., Patricia

01/06/2025

Felix
Catherine, Beyang

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: Thomas Duignan, Gerald Doyle, Michael McMillan, Margaret Murphy, Antony Nicholl, Ann Bridget Kavanagh, Mary O'Sullivan, Eugene Heavy, Sarah Furey, Ellen Heavey, Brenda Moles, Charles Russell, Brigid M Domican, John Brennan, Thomas Malone, Veronica Bridget Byrne, Bridget Bernadette Murphy, John Peter Dunnion, Danny Dorrian, Alec John Garner, John Paul Ward.

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— Sixth Sunday of Easter - 25th May to 1st June 2025

MARY MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES

The month of May presents an opportunity to renew our devotion in and increase our reflection on the identity of Mary the Mother of God. Let us reflect on her title: Mediatrix of all graces. This title, though not yet a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church, is widely accepted in Catholic traditional teaching. This means that she is the go-between for all the supernatural gifts from God that help us to grow in holiness and attain salvation.

In the sacred scriptures, Our Lord is the primary mediator as Saint Paul in 1 Timothy 2:5 explains, *'For there is one God, and one mediator of God and of men, the man Christ Jesus.'* Mary's title of mediatrix arises from her cooperation in the incarnation and in the redemption of mankind. Through her "yes" (Lk 1:38), she became the *Theotokos* (God-bearer), and, as the "New Eve," she is "the Mother of all living." God permitted the redemption of mankind to depend on the free-will decision of a human being. Whether or not we would have a mediator was dependent on Mary's "yes." Had there been no "yes" from Mary, there would have been no mediator. Thus the graces that come through Jesus may be said to come to us, in a secondary way, via Mary—not as the origin of the graces, but as a channel. The Catholic Church has always taught that Jesus Christ alone redeemed mankind (neither Mary nor any other creature had the power to do so), and ultimately only through him are salvation and grace obtained.

The word *mediator* means someone who is a go-between, in that sense we too, by virtue of our baptism, are mediators in a lesser sense. We fulfil this role when we pray for one another. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we all share in Christ's role as mediator, but our efforts at being go-betweens "work" only because of what he has done.

Our mediating glorifies the Father, because it is through Jesus that we can approach with confidence the throne of grace (Heb 4:14-16). How much more does Jesus give his mother Mary the privilege to be a participant in the distribution of grace! (Reference: www.catholic.com)

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

18/05/25: Gift Aid :£ 197.00 Dona: £ 168.50 Non-Gift Aid: £ 354.39 Total: £719.89

SO (May): £ 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. 2 Fr. Aloysius

Mass Attendance : 374

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

The Ascension of the Lord

We shall celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday May 29th - Holy Mass will start at 9.30am. On that day, we shall also start the Pentecost novena as we pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

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.

Apostles of Jesus Mission Appeal

Today, we have a second collection to support the seminary formation of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries. As Apostles of Jesus working in this Archdiocese, we are always grateful for the financial support that you give to assist the formation of our young brothers. Citing Charles Dicken's *Oliver Twist* we appeal "Please, sir, I want some more". Please, do not be fatigued.

Funeral Arrangements for the late Michael Byrne

We shall have the reception and vigil of the late Mr Michael Patrick Byrne into this Church 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.

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 your special clothes once more to help lead the procession.

Bible Study Group at 1pm in the Lady Chapel

Catholic University Students: meeting and birth celebrations on Sunday, 1st June at 1pm

Upcoming Jubilee Year Celebrations in our Parish

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