

MASSES— 8th to 15th June 2025

Sun	08	9.30am	Solemnity of Pentecost— People of the parish
		11.30am	Florence Ekobe (B'day)
Mon	09	12.00noon	Evelyn Russell (RIP), Robert Skelly (RIP)
Tues	10	9.30am	NO MASS
Wed	11	9.30am	Patrick Travers (RIP)
Thurs	12	9.30am	Michael Byrne (RIP), Mapuranga family (Spl int)
Fri	13	9.30am	Margaret Ward (Spl int)
Sat	14	9.30am	Sr. Stephanina (RIP)
Sun	15	9.30am	Ada Woods (RIP)
		11.30am	Esteban Galban (Anniv)

Lectors

08/06/2025

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

15/06/2025

9.30am Cosmos, Desma
11.30am

Eucharistic Ministers

08/06/2025

Cath S.
Beyang, Marcel

15/06/2025

Sophie

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: Margaret Crawford, Michael Woods, Joe Heavey, Experito Lutwama, Catherine Theresa Ward, Edward Devlin, Mary Elizabeth Hand, Maureen Jones, Jack Dunne, Michael John Skelly, Michael Joseph Connors, John Tolan.

Clergy Anniversaries: Bp James Day, Rev. John Arthur, Rev. John Lane, Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Rev. Timothy Gronin, Deacon Peter Phelan, Rev. William Quinn, Rev. Gerard McArdle, Rev. Cyril Adams, Rev Joseph Lanny,



Come Holy Spirit

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. 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— Pentecost Sunday - 8th to 15th June 2025

The Miracle of Pentecost Alive Today



Deo gratias! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Today, 50 days after Easter, we are celebrating the solemnity of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. We celebrate the first, and a continuous, outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples and apostles that marked the first proclamation of the gospel in many languages. It manifested God's power that transformed the fainthearted disciples to become bold proclaimers of the Gospel. They called for faith in the long-awaited Messiah through whom God fulfilled all his promises. He was to be proclaimed throughout the ages to all the corners of the earth.

Pentecost fire set into momentum a new era of God's elect, that are brothers and sisters to each other because "they are born of water and the Holy Spirit" (John 3:5). Love (caritas) is one of the resounding characteristics of the Holy Spirit. Thus, we use the colour red, that celebrates the ultimate love (agape) that uniquely distinguishes God's people and crowns the grace of martyrdom in some.

To preach the Gospel, the first disciples were moved by their love for the risen Jesus, who is always living with his Church on earth until the end of the age (Matthew 28:20). They announced the gospel focusing on the power of love, and the glory of God. The Pentecost fire gave the apostles power to go to the ends of the earth proclaiming the gospel.

Today, amidst the current trials, we, as pilgrims of hope, acknowledge that we are essentially defined by the first Pentecost. Truly, each Christian believer experiences their own share of Pentecost in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The miracle of the first Pentecost continues in the world with great power in the weak people that we are, and in the multiplicity of gifts that the Spirit gives to each person. St Paul teaches us: 'The particular manifestation of the Spirit granted to each is to be used for the general good' (1 Corinthians 12:7).

I pray that the Lord will renew in each of us the grace to accept the working of the Holy Spirit. May we be teachable to accept the directions of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to bring to our Church our gifts of the Spirit, to build up our parish and the universal Church. Amen. *(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

01/06/25: Gift Aid :£ 168.50 Dona: £ 1250.15 Non-Gift Aid: £ 417.68 Total: £ 1836.33

SO (May): £ Second collection - £ 170.00 Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collection : 15th June-Day for Life; 29th June- Peter's Pence

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 381

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 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.

APPEAL FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

To thrive and attain its goals, our parish community relies on you to generously volunteer your knowledge, gifts, practical skills and professional skills. I thank all who are responding in the various ministries. I am appealing for more. We still need parishioners to serve on the committees of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Kindly discern and let me know your availability; and when contacted by a PPC member, kindly respond and help. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR THE APPEAL FOR THE APOSTLES OF JESUS

On behalf of my religious missionary institute, I thank you, dear parishioners, for your generous support in the recent appeal which raised a total of £510.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers for our seminarians.

THE AJ FATHERS PIUS MMANDA AND ROBERT MUGABE

On Tuesday, 3rd June, two AJ missionaries from Nairobi arrived in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. I travelled to Nuneaton to welcome them upon their arrival. We look forward to seeing them in our parish in the coming days.

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).

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Next Sundays collection is for Day for life.

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