

### MASSES— 22nd to 29th June 2025

Sun	22	9.30am	Emmanuel Osagie (B'day), Luke & Amani (Spl int)
		11.30am	Children of the parish, Renee Ndungu (18th B'day)
Mon	23	11.15am	Requiem Mass— <b>Martin Joseph Edgar</b>
Tues	24	9.30am	Terrie Arthur (RIP)
Wed	25	9.30am	Bobby Arthur (RIP), T
Thurs	26	9.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Rice (RIP) Fr. Reginald (Safe journey)
			Fr. Paul Ward (B'day)
		6.00pm	Divine Mercy prayers
Fri	27	9.30am	Rosalynne Djoutang (B'day)
Sat	28	9.30am	Annabel Nash (Spl int)
Sun	29	9.30am	Francis & Cecilia (RIP)
		11.30am	Health Professionals and Social Workers

#### Lectors

22/06/2025

9.30am	Nicholas, Elena
11.30am	Preethi, Roselyn

29/06/2025

9.30am	Anthonia O., Demisha
11.30am	Karen, Julie

#### Eucharistic Ministers

22/06/2025

Felix
Serso, Beyang

29/06/2025

Betty O.
Florence, Catherine

#### 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:** Minnie Byrne, Timothy O'Driscoll, Baby Cara Whelan, Patrick Francis Hallinan, Maura Donnelly, Teresa McManus, Anthony Hegarty, Patrick Mullaney, Joseph O'Neill, Kathleen Leslie, Patrick Joseph Moore, Margaret Brophy, Doreen Davies, Patrick Michael Boyle, Desmond Michael Whelan, Elizabeth Keegan, John Anthony Doyle, Michael Joseph Dowd, Thomas Joseph Cosgrove.

**Solemnity of Corpus Christi:** May the great gift of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish us, deepen our communion with Him, and unite us more closely with one another on our pilgrimage to heaven. May God increase within us faith, love, and fervour for the Most Holy Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Amen.



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

### **Parish Newsletter— Corpus Christi Sunday - 22nd to 29th June 2025**

## **CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI**

*“Lord, teach us to pray the Holy Mass”*

I find Luke 11:1 an inspirational challenge and an invitation to examine my approach to prayer. I am inviting you, my dear readers, to meditate with me. As Luke narrates, the disciples saw Jesus praying and one of them asked, “Lord, teach us how to pray.” Our Lord taught them how to pray, and hopefully they learnt. They asked for lessons in prayer because they realised that their ways of prayer were deficient. Our Lord had a superior method and approach to prayer.

Today, as we celebrate the solemnity of **Corpus and Sanguis Christi**, I ask a question: How do you celebrate the Holy Mass? It is okay to acknowledge that your approaches and methods of prayer at the Holy Mass are deficient. Should you therefore not ask the Lord to teach you how to pray the Holy Mass?

Let us together ask the Lord to teach us how to pray in the Holy Mass—to recognize Him in the ordained priest, the minister of the Eucharist. Let us ask the Lord to help us discern His presence in the Word proclaimed during the Mass, and above all, to recognize Him in the most majestic Sacrament of His real presence in the Consecrated Host and Wine—His Sacred Body and Blood.

It is important to prepare for the Holy Mass while at home, along the way and when you enter the church, and to be filled with reverence in the Lord's presence in this holy place. Lord, teach us how to pray.

One important lesson that the Lord teaches us is our common priesthood, through the Sacrament of Baptism. You are invited to be aware of, and to exercise, that priesthood in the Holy Mass. By your active participation and a sense of co-responsibility in the Mass by your responses, singing, offering prayers of thanksgiving and petition being aware that it is our Holy Mass. In the Holy Mass we draw new life and energy for our mission in the world.

At the commission, ‘Go the Mass is ended,’ you are sent to go out to witness to what you receive in the Holy Mass. Lord teach us to pray the Holy Mass; Lord, teach me how to pray the Holy Mass. 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**

**15/06/25:** Gift Aid :£ 161.00 Dona: £ 35000 Non-Gift Aid: £ 510.34 Total: £ 1021.34

**SO (June):** £ Second collection - £ 175.45 Thank you and may God bless you all.

**2nd collection** : 29th June— Peter's Pence

**Bonus Ball** : No.

**Mass Attendance** : 401

**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](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**

**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.

**Thank You for Your Offering and the Gift Aid**— In this short line, I am expressing my gratitude to you, dear parishioners, for your continued support in the offertory. Your offering goes a long way in keeping our parish financially healthy. I am thankful to those anonymous donors on the Gift Aid Scheme who recently boosted us magnificently. May God keep blessing you.

**Appeal for More Volunteers**

We still need parishioners to serve on the committees of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Thanks to those who have already approached me with an offer to help.

**Peregrinatio Pro Christo (Legion of Mary from Ireland)**

From 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August, we are looking for eight families to host members of the Legion of Mary from the Republic of Ireland.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** This Sunday, the solemnity of Corpus Christi, **we are experimenting with Children's Liturgy of the Word.** It is one great way to introduce our children to the central parts of the Holy Mass and to inculcate in them a love for the Word of God and the devotion to other central parts of the Holy Mass. This part of the discernment is to see how this arrangement might work in our parish.

**Mrs Adah Woods, burial on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Our parish community has a long history that goes back to 1889. In those 136 years, this has been a spiritual home for many people who have died. This June, Mrs. Adah Woods departed this world having contributed greatly to your parish community. In addition to bringing up her family, she spent many hours volunteering at this Church - cleaning the Church and decorating the sanctuary, as well as visiting the sickly members of our community. May her legacy continue to inspire our zeal for service. Her funeral is scheduled for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am.

**The Jubilee Mass for Health Professionals** – As a parish, we are blessed with diversities of spiritual and professional gifts, talents and skills, and we shall celebrate everyone. Next Sunday is for our health professionals and social workers - medical doctors, nurses, carers, phlebotomists, those working in nursing homes, ambulance staff, hospital chaplains, etc. We thank God who extends his healing power through the hands of those he chooses. .

**Upcoming Jubilee Year Celebrations in our Parish**

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

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