MASSES— 29th June to 6th July 2025					
Sun	29	9.30am	Francis & Cecilia (RIP)		
		11.30am	Paola Kegni Batupe (B'day)		
Mon	30	12.00noon	Fr. Pontius (Spl int), Emilia Misiuk (RIP)		
Tues	01	9.30am	Fr. Moses (Spl int)		
Wed	02	9.30am	Paddy Connor (RIP)		
Thurs	03	9.30am	Danny Cosey (RIP)		
		6.00pm	Reception—Ada Woods		
Fri	04	10.00am	Requiem Mass - Ada Woods		
Sat	05	9.30am	Sr. Leena Mathias (Spl int)		
Sun	06	9.30am	Francis & Cecilia (RIP)		
		11.30am	Health Professionals and Socia	al Workers	
		<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eu</u>	charistic Ministers	
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9.30am		Anthonia O.	, Demisha	Betty O.	
11.30am		Karen, Julie		Florence, Catherine	
		06/07/2025		<u>06/07/2025</u>	
9.30am		Emmanuella	, Clinton	Felix	
11.30am		Elena, Scarl	et	Frank, Lilian	

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

<u>The sick of the Parish:</u> 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: Michael Joseph Dowd, Thomas Joseph Cosgrove, Joe Byrne, Teresa McPartlain, Annie Dunnion, Joe Byrne, Teresa McPartlain, Annie Dunnion, Patrick Meehan, Phyllis Johnson, John Johnson, Thomas Anthony Gleeson, Martin Kelly, Hugh Devlin, Mary Cannon, Mary Kelly, Patrick Kevin Kelly, Esther Kenny, Peter Hoey, Lisa Kerry Somma, Josephine Murray, Catherine Bridget Logan, Sheila McLeany, Thomas Joseph Mee.

<u>SS Peter and Paul:</u> These two unique pillars of our Church give us a lot to think about. You may ponder on how God may want to use you, though weak and sinful, to continue their mission in this world. The Saints Peter and Paul are among the greatest and most consequential in Christian history, their mission must continue. Will you commit yourself to this mission of zealous evangelization in our times?



Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



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

Parish Newsletter— Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul—29th June to 6th July 2025

The Saints Peter and Paul

Today, June 29th, we celebrate the solemnity of the apostles Peter and Paul. Peter, originally known as Simon Bar Jonah, was given the name Peter by our Lord Jesus to mean the rock on which he built his Church (Matthew 16:18). He became the first Pope. Paul's naming is slightly different. As a Hebrew, he was known as Saul, whose Latin version is Paul, and as he moved farther into Roman territories, he was known more as Paul.

Peter and Paul did not belong to the famous of their times, such as Augustus Caesar, Pilate, or Herod - they were ordinary men. Peter was a fisherman, Paul, an ordinary Jew who zealously defended Mosaic faith and traditions. It was their personal encounter with Jesus that significantly changed and shaped their later lives. He called each one of them to follow him, preach his message to the peoples, and provide pastoral care to his followers.

In humility and obedience, they became his faithful disciples and apostles who used their skills to spread the good news, calling people of various nationalities to the fold of Christ. For the name of our Lord, they endured humiliations, imprisonments, and beatings; but nothing, not even threats of death, could stop them from witnessing by word and example what they had seen and heard from Jesus.

In addition to his missionary journey, Paul wrote letters, 13 of which in the New Testament are attributed to him: Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. There are two letters of Peter. Thus, they continue to communicate with us in their writings. In their preaching and writings, they contribute magnificently to the firm foundation of our Christian faith. They both died a martyr's death in Rome. They serve as our role models, inspiring our practical lives, by their perfect discipleship of Jesus, obedience to his command to go spread the Gospel, and provision of pastoral care to the faithful.

They invite us today to make Jesus's name a priority and spend our lives emulating his example of carrying the cross as we tirelessly carry the message of salvation to the people of our times. This is because Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Encountering him sets a sense of stability in one's life. Everyone ought to know and follow this truth.

(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

22/06/25: Gift Aid : £ 212.00 Dona: £136.00 Non-Gift Aid: £330.29 Total: £ 678.29

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

2nd collection : 29th June- Peter's Pence

Bonus Ball: No. 41 Tony Smith Mass Attendance: 352
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

<u>Bible Study Group</u>: Every Sunday, 1pm – 2pm in the parish hall.

<u>SAFEGUARDING</u>: 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: <u>sq.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk</u> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 <u>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</u> if you have any concern.

<u>CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE:</u> 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 July: for formation in discernment

That we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

<u>To New Parishioners:</u> If you are here for the first time, we welcome you to our parish community. The fathers, sisters, and other Church leaders are here to introduce you to the Church surroundings and make you feel at home.

Gratitude by Fr. Reginald

Dear parishioners and friends, thank you for contributing various resources towards my wonderful ordination Silver Jubilee Day: the thanksgiving Mass and get-together celebrations. I thank all family members, friends, parishioners, and well-wishers - your presence, and the significant presents and gifts, made the day memorable for me. You each, in your own way, played a part in making the 21st of June 2025 a joyous occasion. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and support. (Fr Reginald).

The Calling of Catholic Health Professionals: We can imagine the challenging situations faced by Catholic health professionals working in healthcare facilities that are not predominantly Christian or Catholic. They deserve our prayers and understanding. Could the Church in the United Kingdom seize the recent development in law as an opportunity to establish Catholic health institutions that reject the culture of intentional killing and uphold the sanctity of life to its natural end?

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> This Sunday, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, we continue with our experiment of Children's Liturgy of the Word. It is one great way to introduce our children to an appreciation of the Word of God, and inculcate in them a devotion to the central parts of the Holy Mass: Offertory and the Eucharistic consecration of the bread and the wine.

Upcoming Events:

Silver Jubilee of Fr. Pontious Bandua, AJ: 11.45am at St Osburg's Saturday, 5th July *Finance and Building Committee Meeting:* 7pm, Thursday 10th July.

All newly formed Parish Pastoral Committees: meetings before the end of July.

Legion of Mary Peregrinatio Pro Christi: 9th—16th August

<u>Child Baptism Instructions</u> for parents and Godparents: 11.00am, Saturday 5th July.

Mrs Adah Maria Woods, Funeral Rites

Reception into the Church: 6.00pm, Thursday 3rd July

Requiem Mass: 10.00am, Friday 4th July.