Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church,

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

Parish Newsletter- 27th Sunday in ordinary time- 4th to 11th Oct 2026 (Year A)

Thank You - And Please Keep Giving.

We have entered the final quarter of 2026. A lot has happened in our parish community, for which I am saying a hearty thank you. Looking back over the last 9 months, I notice how, as a parish community, we are thriving on the generosity of everyone.

Our liturgies are spiritually uplifting because of the creativity by all who are involved which includes: our religious Sisters Leena and Leera, the choir members, the lectors, and eucharistic ministers. Thanks also to the church cleaners and floral decorators who make our church ever fitting for worship, and our devotional groups - the Legion of Mary, in their acts of prayer and charity around the city, the Bible study group that explores the meaning of the Word of God in daily life, and the Catholic University Students Association that meet every Tuesday to offer fraternal support.

I thank parish catechists and leaders of children's liturgy for the roles they play as instructors. Thanks to the members of the parish committees and the parish pastoral council for giving direction to our parish life. Thanks to the health professionals and carers for turning up last Sunday for the meeting that was very constructive. Thanks to you all for giving financially at the offertory each Sunday and for supporting the charitable causes in the home and international appeals. I cannot exhaust the list of contributions that keep our parish alive and well.

Please keep giving of your goodness to sustain the life of our parish community. We have a lot to do in the final quarter of the year which includes: welcoming Bishop Richard Walker in November as he comes to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Fundraising of the Christmas bazaar at the start of Advent, preparing to celebrate Christmas and the ending of the year, 2026.

Likewise, I appeal for continued mutual collaboration and generosity, and as we do so, let the senior parish members keep welcoming the newcomers to help our parish community grow in unity and strength

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 was 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

27/09/2026: **Gift Aid**: £183.00 **Non-Gift Aid**: £407.54 **Total**: £590.54
Dona: (27/09/26) £ 297.50 2nd Collection : £170.00 Thank you and God bless you all.

2nd collection for October: 4th – CAFOD; 11th – AJ Mission; 18th – Mission Sunday

Bonus Ball: No. **54 Sue Darroch** **Mass Attendance**: 378

Choir practice : Fri– 7.30pm and Sat: 5.30pm

Church cleaning: Saturday 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 Representative is Perpetua Sam. She 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

Holy Father's prayer intention for October: That mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Feasts during the week:
Wednesday 7th October: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Friday 9th October: Saint John Henry Newman

St Francis of Assisi, pray for us: We commemorate St Francis of Assisi who sought holiness by attempting to literally live as Jesus taught. He serves as our role model in the radical following of Jesus Christ in prayer, brotherhood, simplicity, preaching and care for creation.

Fr. Reginald for Spiritual Retreat: Please, pray for Fr. Reginald, AJ, our assistant parish priest, who is in Germany for his annual spiritual retreat. He will also make a pilgrimage to Rome and other holy sites in Italy.

October - the Month of the Holy Rosary: We encourage families to set aside time for the Holy Rosary during this month of October. In that prayer, we reflect on the life of Christ in the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries, as we pray to Mother Mary who was closest to him during his life on earth.

St Osburg's Induction of the New Parish Priest: This is to invite you all to the induction of Rev. Fr. Moses David Pitya, AJ, as the new parish priest of St Osburg's Coventry in the Sunday Mass at 6pm, on Sunday 4th October.

Quiz Night at St Osburg's: 7.30pm on Friday 16th October, 2026. Could our parish organise two teams of 5 persons each? Fee Entry is £10 per team; the parish priest, Fr. Aloysius, is sponsoring the two teams from St Mary and St Benedict.

Red Misso boxes are due in for counting during this month of September. Please bring them in and thank you for your generosity.

The 2026 Blessing of the graves of our loved ones:

St Paul's - Sunday 4th October at 3pm
London Road - Sunday 11th October at 3pm
Lenton's Lane - Sunday 18th October at 3pm

Our Parish History: This Sunday by Elizabeth Hancock (9.30 Mass), Patrick Tanner (11.30 Mass).

Dates for your Diary:
Thursday 8th October: 6.30pm, the Parish Family Life Initiative Group, parish hall
Monday 12th October: 6.30pm, the Parish Pastoral Council, in the parish hall.
Thursday 12 November: 6pm, Confirmation Mass with Rt Rev. Richard Walker, Auxilliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

MASSES—4th to 11th Oct 2026

Sun	04	9.30am	Lucia Drabik (B'day Thanksgiving) Nora Healy (Anniv)
		11.30am	People of the parish, Kabwa Leonidas (RIP)
			Mama Helen Ngenche Forbi (Anniv)
Mon	05	12.00noon	Tony Smith, Oliver Conmy (RIP) , Lucia Drabik (B'day)
Tues	06	9.30am	Stephne Green (RIP), Jacinta Colgan (Healing)
Wed	07	9.30am	Phil Dunleavy (Anniv), Rose Hogan (Anniv)
Thurs	08	9.30am	Frank Brannigan (RIP
Fri	09	9.30am	Mathias & Lobo family (Spl int), Kathleen Ward (RIP)
Sat	10	9.30am	Eileen Brannigan (RIP)
Sun	11	9.30am	Lucy Osagie, Alden D'Souza (B'day),
			Roque Xavier & Esperanca Costa (RIP)
			Deceased members of Conceicao family
		11.30am	Daryl F. Shanley (RIP)
			Mama Helen Ngenche Forbi (Anniv)

		LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
04/10/2026	9.30am	Mercy, Martin	Felix
	11.30am	Daluchi, Attracta	Patricia, Marcel
11/10/2026	9.30am	Nicholas, MaryAnn	Cath S.
	11.30am	Ivan, Preethi	Cathrine, Cecilia

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

The sick of the Parish: Patsy Sproul, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, Mr. Tran Van Khu, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik, Mick Hogan, William Edwards.

Anniversaries during the Week : Robert Elliot, Michael Whiting, Mark O'Keane, Colum Byrne, Mary Ann Young, Michael O'Shea, Mary Margaret Murphy, Mary Ann Curtin, Tim Boylan, Dan Dunnion, Margaret Gill, Nellie Gilroy, Nora Healy, Philomena Dunleavy, Margret Christina Hyland (Peggy), Rose Hogan, Bridget Noonan, Gerard James Dewhurst, Kathleen Ward, Eddie martin, Margaret Hamill, Seamus Gannon, Susan Skarwinko, Maureen Bridget Delargy, Margaret Flek.

Clergy Anniversaries : Fr. John Bullen, Canon Anthony, Rev. Philip Casey, Rev. John Fitzpatrick, Rev. Thomas Power, Deacon Patrick.

Lord Jesus, You remind us that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who come with the humility and trust of a child. You call us to faithfulness in our relationships and to a love that reflects Your own. Open our hearts to simplicity, honesty, and grace. Strengthen our families, heal what is wounded, and deepen our commitment to one another. May Your gentle presence guide us today and always. **Amen.**