



**OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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 'We have found the Messiah'. John 1:35-42 Psalter Week 3

**Pope's intention for January: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church;** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**Peace Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Second Collection for Pax Christi		5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon.
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Peace Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Second Collection for Pax Christi		10.00 am Mass + online via Zoom John Lawton RIP
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Feast of St Wulstan Bishop	9.30 am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		5.30 pm Mass: For the intentions of Bernie and Shirley McDonagh
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		10.00 am Mass + online via Zoom Jim Jennings RIP Divine healing for Stella Jennings

**Message from Fr Damian:** The readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invite us to hear God's calling and to respond. In the first reading, God calls to Samuel and he replies. The psalm speaks of waiting for the Lord and answering. *In our Gospel* reading this week, Jesus Calls his first two disciples. They follow Jesus, but he challenges them with the question 'What do you want?' They counter this question with another, 'Where do you live?' Jesus invites them: 'Come and see!'

The time they spend with Jesus makes a deep impression on them. Andrew cannot contain his enthusiasm. He is convinced that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. He calls his brother Simon Peter. When Jesus meets Simon Peter, he does not hesitate to enlist him among the disciples and immediately gives him the new name, Cephas, which means Rock.

These verses are marked by the enthusiastic response of the first disciples to Jesus and their eagerness to spread the news about him. This eagerness is an echo of the first reading, in which Samuel is called as a boy to be a prophet. When the good news of salvation comes, when the encounter with the word of God arrives, it cannot be contained or suppressed. It is imperative to let others know!

**Fr Damian's Silver Jubilee Year and Holidays:** Fr Damian has left for Nigeria. Later this month, he will celebrate the start of his Silver Jubilee of Ordination year with his fellow seminarian class and his diocesan Bishop. He will take his holidays with his family while away. He will return in mid-February. Please pray for him as he starts his Jubilee Year. Cover has been arranged for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. This week we are joined by Fr Bernie McDermott from the Columbans and Fr Sunday Evaristus, from the Apostles of Jesus in Coventry.

We will have a Celebration of the Word & Communion on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9.30 am. For any urgent pastoral issues please contact Fr Patrick Mileham at St Mary Immaculate, Warwick 01926 492913 Or email the parish email

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**Prayer Intentions:** We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them, May Christ be near them to bless them and keep them. We pray for our recently departed, Helena Astle, and Joy Gough, and for our parish anniversaries, James Leon, Arthur McAnulty, Edward Ward, John Lawton, Karen Hughes, Michael Kerrigan, Joe Fitzgerald, Jerry Fogarty and Robert Bullivant may we all be reunited in the Kingdom of God.

**Second Collection 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January Pax Christi:** *Pax Christi – the Peace of Christ* – This international movement for Peace is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. It is the vision of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. Pax Christi is rooted in Catholic Christianity but is open to all who share its values and work for Peace, Reconciliation and Non-violence.

**Stratford Foodbank:** The food bank has just calculated its end-of-year stats for 2023. They have given out 36% more parcels than in 2022 with 1894 of these going to feed children. This is a 47% increase in the parcel numbers allocated to children in 2022! January is one of the hardest months and many people struggle to get through. Last January, they gave out parcels which fed 415 adults and children. With your help, they can make life a little easier for many families in our community and make sure they have something to eat. I will be dropping our Christmas Collection off this week—any donations you can give help.

**The “100 Club”:** The 3 lucky winners in our December draw shared £237 prize money. We still have more numbers available. The available numbers are listed next to the 100 Club box at the back of the church. Please sign against a number and complete the forms with bank details or a cheque and pop it in the 100 Club Box. Once again, thank you for your continuing support and encouragement. For any queries, please contact Annette Howell at 07771847214 or email [netandsteve@gmail.com](mailto:netandsteve@gmail.com).

**Missio Red Boxes.** Can you please return your box as soon as possible? If you would like a box to collect for the Holy Father’s Missionary Society, please contact Mary Clarke at 01564 795396.

**Pat Fyfe RIP:** Pat who passed away in December after a short illness, was a big supporter of the Parish in her work for Missio and as part of the prayer and rosary group. Her interment will be at Robin Hood Crematorium on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 1.00 pm. It would be great to see some of our parishioners along to support and pray for Pat and her family at the service.

**Safeguarding Information From The Archdiocese Office:** Our Lady and St. Benedict’s parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Catherine Treacy. She can be contacted at: [sg.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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