



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured".
Mark" 1:40-45 Psalter Week 3

Pope's intention for February, For The Terminally Ill: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, may receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 10th – 11th February 2024

Sat 10 th February+	Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.		5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Sun 11 th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for the unemployed. World Day of Prayer for the Sick		10.00 am Mass + online via Zoom Charlie Mander RIP (18 th Birthday)
Tue 13 th February	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am	Celebration of the Word & Communion
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting and Abstinence: Start of lent	7.00 pm	Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Fri 16 th February	Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Communion. Stations of the Cross
Sat 17 th February	Vigil for the First Sunday in Lent.		5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 18 th February	First Sunday in Lent		10.00 am Mass + online via Zoom Marion Fletcher RIP

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 all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again, for our parish anniversaries, Charlie Mander whose 18th birthday would have been coming up, George Hodge, Bill Jones, Helen Clarke, Martin Cairney, Roy McCall and Joan McAvoy. Eternal rest grant to them O lord, may they rest in eternal peace.

Ash Wednesday 14th February Mass at 7.00 pm. We start the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is a day when the church asks us to fast and abstain from meat. Fr Bernie will be celebrating mass with us on Ash Wednesday at 7.00 pm.

Lent Walk with Me books: Please do, pick up a booklet to follow the Diocese journey of faith through Lent. They are at the back of the church.

Stations of the Cross: We will have Stations of the Cross this week at 6.30 pm on Friday Evening and look forward to Parishioners joining us to follow Fr Pat's **"We Walk with the Lord on the Way of the Cross"** for our Lenten observances in this Year of Prayer. If you have a booklet, please bring it along?

Our Lenten Study and Prayer group will start on Friday 23rd February. More details to follow.

Soup and a Sandwich lunch group; We hope to run this on the 21st of February and then each third Wednesday of the month from 12.30 am to 2.30 pm. It will be a chance to come along and share, have a natter and meet parishioners and neighbours. To cover the cost there will be a charge of £3.50. for homemade soup, rolls, tea and biscuits. For more information, please contact Lesley on WhatsApp at +44 7912 623990 or email, lesleyharvey@yahoo.co.uk

Warwick Deanery Website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/

Follow the Readings at Mass: www.universalis.com/mass.htm or www.alivepublishing.co.uk/

Annual Pro-Life collection: This Weekend 10th -11th February. Please support this Locally based and important charity working nationally as a pregnancy support charity, creating a world where no one faces pregnancy or pregnancy loss alone.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Family Fast Day is on Friday 23 February. "James told us that when his family had no food, he faced a terrible choice: stay home and stay hungry or put everything on the line to go out onto the water in his small canoe. Your support for CAFOD this Fast Day helps hardworking people like James to return home safely and feed their families for good. Thank you for all your support

Readers at Our Lady and St Benedict's: We would like to increase the number of readers at Mass. We welcome anyone but young people especially. (Some of them read so well in school masses.) If you would like to read and join the teams either for 5.30 pm or 10.00 am masses, Please sign up by emailing the parish email, or speak to John Burke after Mass.

Greeters / Stewards: We would also like to increase the number of Volunteers as stewards/greeters at mass, to welcome parishioners and visitors to our services at Our Lady and St Benedict's. If you can help, please contact John or any of the stewards

Children Liturgy: We are still looking for volunteers to run our children's liturgy, please do get in touch if you think you can help.

Fr Damian's Holidays: Fr. Damian is still away with his family in Nigeria. He will return the week after next. 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 John Collins from the Columban's. For any urgent pastoral issues please contact Fr Patrick Mileham at St Mary Immaculate, Warwick 01926 492913 Or email the parish email

olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk. We will have a Celebration of the Word & Communion on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9.30 am.

Holy Year 2025: Year of Prayer 2024: During this Year of Prayer in preparation for the Holy Year in 2025, Pope Francis asks us to meditate on the words of the Lord's prayer. Each day we pray with Jesus, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil" New from the Archdiocese for 2024: Pause for Prayer, a reflective, monthly, video resource of teaching, testimony and intentions. To learn more and to watch, visit: www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024

Stratford Foodbank: Their most needed items this month are, tinned chilli, minced beef, meat pies, children's toothpaste, hot dogs, UHT milk, long life fruit juice, shave foam/ gel, shower gel and loo rolls. Any help you can give will make life a little easier for families in our area.

The "100" Club February Draw: It is not too late to sign up @ £10 a month as we still have some numbers the available numbers are listed next to the 100 Club box at the back of the church. For any queries, don't hesitate to get in touch with Annette Howell at 07771847214 or email netandsteve@gmail.com.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Vision: *"Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour".*

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 - 27th May to 1st June. Each May half Term, the Archdiocese of Birmingham organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes, in France, for a week of prayer and service at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. 2024 will be the 82nd Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

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 or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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