



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.
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 "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it"
 John 2:13-25 Psalter Week 3.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: For the new martyrs – We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Third Sunday of Lent 2nd -3rd March 2024

Sat 2 nd March	Vigil for the Third Sunday in Lent. Parish Maintenance Fund		5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Sun 3 rd March	Third Sunday in Lent Parish Maintenance Fund		10.00 am Mass + online via Zoom Kate Hawkins RIP
Mon 4 th March	Lent Feria	9.30 am	Mass.
Tue 5 th March	Lent Feria	9.30 am	Mass.
Wed 6 th March	Lent Feria	6.30 pm 6.50 pm	Stations of the Cross Mass.
Thurs 7 th March	Lent Feria	No Mass	
Fri 8 th March	Lent Feria	9.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mass. Lenten Prayer and Study Group Stations of the Cross
Sat 10 th March	Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Cathedral Maintenance Fund Mother's Day		5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 11 th March	Fourth Sunday in Lent Cathedral Maintenance Fund Mother's Day.		10.00 am Mass + online via Zoom

From Fr Damian, Third Sunday of Lent: The readings this weekend, help us understand that we must follow God's commandments and truly live them in our hearts to find life. The first reading gives us the Ten Commandments. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is not like human wisdom. The Gospel this weekend tells of Jesus cleansing the temple at Passover. Jesus went to find the temple commercialized, with the money changers who put their desires above serving the Father. He cleared it, rebuking those who made it a marketplace, fulfilling a prophecy of zeal for God's house. Challenged by Jewish leaders, Jesus spoke of destroying and raising the temple in three days, signifying his resurrection. Many believed in him, but Jesus remained cautious of human nature.

Lent Preparation: We continue our Stations of the Cross on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6.30 pm. We look forward to Parishioners joining us as we follow Fr Pat's "We Walk with the Lord on the Way of the Cross" for our Lenten observances in this Year of Prayer.

Confessions during Lent: Please feel free to approach Fr Damian after any of our masses if you would like a confession.

Our Lenten Study and Prayer group; meets on Friday mornings at 10.30 am. Please come along and join this lively discussion group.

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.

Parish Maintenance Collection this weekend: Your support for this collection greatly helps our parish meet its bills. We did not have a February collection, please help with what you can.

St Chad's Cathedral Maintenance fund: Next weekend will be our Diocesan collection for the upkeep of our cathedral in Birmingham.

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, especially for Kate Hawkins, who passed away this week, and our parish anniversaries, Cecylia Pawinska, Sidney John Smith, John Gamble, Dorothy Bartholomew, Michael Coleman, and Margaret Possart. Eternal rest grant to them O lord, may they rest in eternal peace.

Remember Our Lady and St Benedict's Parish in your Will: As a parishioner or as a visitor to our beautiful Church and Parish, a community and building of prayer and history going back nearly 120 years, we ask you to consider leaving a legacy to Our Lady and St Benedict's Church when you are making your will. We are grateful for all generous donations at any time. This is a particular way of investing in the future of our Parish for the next 120 years. Thank you.

Our Lady and St Benedict's Parish, Easter Lilies; If you would like to donate to the floral displays in our Church at Easter in memory of a loved one or as a celebration, please complete the form/ envelopes in church. All those who are to be remembered will be placed on a Prayer Board. Payments can also be made by bacs, please mark your payment 'Easter Lilies.' For more information, please get in touch with Lesley on WhatsApp at +44 7912 623990 or email, lesleyharvey@yahoo.co.uk

The "100" Club February Draw: In our February Draw, Mary Mayo no 50 won our first prize of £118.50, Louise Sandford no 16 took the second prize of £79.00 and Lyn Goodfellow number 30 won the third prize of £39.50 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.

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.

Holy Week Services at Our Lady and St Benedict's.

Sun 24 th March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord	10.00 am: Mass
Wed 27 th March	Wednesday of Holy week	7.00 pm: Ecumenical Station of The Cross
Thurs 28 th March	Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper. Renewal of Commission for Eucharistic Ministers Watching until midnight.
Fri 29 th March	Good Friday	3.00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion. 7.00 pm Station of the Cross
Sat 30 th March	Holy Saturday	8.00 pm: The Pascal Fire Mass & Service of Light
Sun 31 st March	Easter Sunday Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	8.30 am Solemn Mass 10.00 am Solemn Mass

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