



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "He must rise from the dead". John 20:1-9 **Psalter Week 3.**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April: For the dignity of women.

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Sat 30 th March	Holy Saturday Second Collection: your Easter Clergy offering	8.00 pm: The Pascal Fire Mass & Service of Light; Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Sun 31 st March	Easter Sunday Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Second Collection: your Easter Clergy offering	8.30 am Solemn Mass; People of the Parish 10.00 am Solemn Mass + Via Zoom Paul Judge RIP
Mon 1 st April	Easter Monday	10.00 am Mass
Tues 2 nd April	Easter Tuesday	6.30 pm mass
Wed 3 rd April	Easter Wednesday	9.30 am mass
Thurs 4 th April	Easter Thursday	11.00 am Funeral Service Peter Bullingham
Fri 5 th April	Easter Friday	9.30 am Mass
Sat 6 th April	Vigil for Divine Mercy Sunday Parish Maintenance Fund Collection	11.00 – 12.00 am Confessions 5.30 pm Mass
Sun 7 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	10.00 am Mass + Zoom Parish Maintenance Fund Collection

Message from Fr Damian. I wish you all a blessed and holy Easter season, filled with the love of Christ. A big thanks to all who helped in our services over the Lenten period, especially over this Holy week. We have had a very busy week with our Holy hour for Vocations on Tuesday, Ecumenical stations on Wednesday, Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday, we will have our Passion Service on Friday, Vigil Mass on Saturday and our Sunday Masses. Thank you to all those who will turn out on Saturday to get our church looking clean and wonderful. To all our family and friends, Happy Easter! May the risen Christ bring peace and blessings to your life this Easter and always. If you do have time please do come and share in the parish social on Sunday.

Peter Bullingham RIP: Peter passed away earlier this month, His funeral service will be at Our Lady and St Benedict's on Thursday at 11.00 am. Peter will be interred in our cemetery, our condolences to Ann and her family. Eternal Rest Grant onto him.

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. We pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Bullingham, and our parish anniversaries, Peter Jefferies, Charlie Mander, Alan Ross, Patrick Barrett, Bridget Cziok, Michael Sargeant and Leo Berry. Eternal rest grant to them O lord, may they rest in eternal peace.

Easter Church Cleaning and Flower Arranging: The Teams are meeting this Saturday at 9.30 am to give our Church a big spring clean and set out the flowers to celebrate Easter. Even if you are not on the Rota's and can spare a bit of time to help, please come along. They would be most grateful for any offers.

Easter Clergy Offering. This weekend our second Collection will be the Easter Clergy offering, there are some envelopes in the Church. Please support this.

Easter Fundraising Raffle: There is still just time to buy tickets for our draw for a beautiful “Betty’s of Harrogate Easter Egg”, and an Easter Cake to raise parish funds. The Draw will take place after Sunday Mass. The Tickets are £2 per strip or 3 for £5, please do support this by buying a raffle ticket.

Easter Sunday Social: We will have refreshments after the 10.00 mass on Easter Sunday. Please do come along and join us. A kind parishioner has kindly donated some easter eggs for the children

Tarantara concert on the 18th May: This award-winning choir has agreed to do a concert for our church, please save the date.

Planned Giving Boxes: The boxes for the new year are available at church. If you are a taxpayer and would like to gift aid your donations to our Church, please contact Mary Mayo @ pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk.

Music in Church. With the newer music being played on occasions at Mass, and to allow everyone to feel more confident with it, we would like to offer the opportunity to go through the songs. We are proposing some drop-in sessions after Mass on a Sunday, or possibly some evenings in the week, to go through the music we will be playing at Mass through the year. Hopefully this will help everyone to feel more confident in the music as part of the overall Mass experience. Everyone is welcome, there will be no commitment, but we would love you to feel more involved. We will be leaving a sheet at the back of the church so you can indicate your meeting preferences, with contact details. We will then contact you.

Clergy and Laity Meeting for the Southern Deanery Group will be held on 9th April at 7 pm at St John’s Banbury.

The Clergy and Laity Meeting for the Northern Deanery Group will take place on Thursday, 11th April at 7 pm as arranged at Sacred Heart, Bilton.

These groups have been set up to examine the diocesan vision and how it will affect the Parishes and the Deanery. We would welcome parishioners to come forward to represent Our Lady and St Benedict’s on these Groups.

- 1) Evangelisation
- 2) Formation (the deepening of the faith of Catholics)
- 3) Liturgy and Worship
- 4) Social Outreach

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