



**OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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 "Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them".  
 John 20:19-31 Psalter Week 2

**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 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Vigil for Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Parish Maintenance Fund Collection	11.00 – 12.00 am Confessions 5.30 pm Mass Saturday 6th April Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	10.00 am Mass + Zoom Jane and John Smith Parish Maintenance Fund Collection
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	9.30 am Mass. Parish Council Meeting
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Feria	6.30 pm mass
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Feria	9.30 am mass
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Memorial of St Stanislaus, Bishop Martyr.	No Mass
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Feria	9.30 am Mass
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter</b> Second Collection Lepra	11.00 – 12.00 am Confessions 5.30 pm Mass
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Second Collection Lepra	10.00 am Mass + Zoom

**Message from Fr Damian. Divine Mercy Sunday:** The readings for Divine Mercy Sunday show us that the mercy of God is given to all of us, even though we turn away again and again. In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus appears to the disciples, but Thomas is not there. A week later, Jesus appears again, and this time Thomas is there. Jesus comes back and lovingly helps Thomas overcome his doubts, he invites Thomas to touch his wounds and to believe. Thomas responds with a powerful declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

When Thomas doubts, Jesus does not rebuke him or shame him. He simply offers him the evidence he needs to believe and invites him into a deeper relationship.

This is a powerful message for us today. We all have moments of doubt and fear, times when we struggle to believe or to trust in God's plan for us. But like Thomas, we are invited to bring our doubts and questions to Jesus, who offers us peace and the evidence we need to believe. A huge thank you to you all for your generous easter offering. It is very much appreciated.

**Wootton Hall Country Club: Quiz Night Saturday. 7th April 7.30 pm:** The Club have a quiz night this Saturday as a fundraiser to help with the repairs of the Cemetery Wall.

The Registration is at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. (Including doggies). There will be a raffle on the night, please try and support the Club as they have taken this initiative to try to help the Parish with the wall repair. Turn up with a team or without and join the teams there.

**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 all in our parish who have recently died and our parish anniversaries, Leo Berry, Mayou McCall, Leo Taylor, and William Coulson. that they may share in the gift of Divine Mercy and enjoy the vision and glory of the Risen Christ.

**Sunday 7 April, Divine Mercy devotions, St Peter's Dormer Place Leamington Spa:**

Confessions are from 2.30 pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.55 pm and devotions from 3 pm to 4 pm

**Parish Council Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April:** If you have any items for the Parish Council or would like to get involved, please speak to Louise, Lesley, John or Fr. Damian.

**Second Collection 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April, Lepra:** Today 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, and almost 50 will be children. Lepra is a UK-registered international charity changing the lives of people affected by disease, poverty and prejudice. With a history spanning over 100 years. They work on the frontline in India and Bangladesh to treat, educate, rehabilitate and give a voice to people living on the margins of society. They focus on people who find themselves trapped at the intersection of disease, poverty and prejudice and help them to improve their health, lives and livelihoods. Lepra need our help to give more people with this disease the life-changing support they need. [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk)

**Grounds Clear up Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April:** This year we have First Holy Communion, The Parish Visitation and Confirmations in the Parish. There is some work to do around the Church the car park and the Gardens we will have some working party dates and need some help. The First Date is Saturday Morning 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please do come along and help. If you have gloves and or garden shears/loppers this would help.

**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".*

**The Clergy and Laity Meeting for the Northern Deanery Group** takes place on Thursday, 11th April at 7 pm at The Sacred Heart, 17 Lime Tree Ave, Bilton, Rugby CV22 7QT.

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

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

**Easter Fundraising Raffle:** Barbara and Claire won the cake, and Helen Linfoot won the Fabulous easter egg. Thank you to all who took part in the raffle, and those who came along to our social morning after mass.

**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 get in touch with Mary Mayo @ [pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk).

**Music in Church.** Please see the sheet from Tess and her family and sign up if you can.

**Safeguarding Information from The Archdiocese Office:** Our Lady and St. Benedict's parish operates following 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 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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