



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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"It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead". Luke 24:35-48 **Psalter Week 3**

Third Sunday of Easter 13th – 14th April 2024

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

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

Sat 13 th April	Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter Second Collection Lepra	11.00 – 12.00 am Confessions 5.30 pm Mass: Peter Bullingham RIP
Sun 14 th April	Third Sunday of Easter Second Collection Lepra	10.00 am Mass + Zoom: Peter Rogers RIP
Mon 15 th April	Easter Feria	9.30 am Mass.
Tues 16 th April	Easter Feria	6.30 pm mass
Wed 17 th April	Easter Feria	9.30 am mass
Thurs 18 th April	Easter Feria	No Mass
Fri 19 th April	Easter Feria	1.00 pm Requiem Mass Pat Fife RIP Cemetery Chapel.
Sat 20 th April	Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday	11.00 – 12.00 am Confessions 5.30 pm Mass Second Collection Clergy Training Fund
Sun 21 st April	Fourth Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday	10.00 am Mass + Zoom Second Collection Clergy Training Fund

Message from Fr Damian. Third Sunday of Easter: The readings for the third Sunday in Easter encourage us to truly believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to accept his love. In the gospel, the risen Jesus appears to his disciples and helps them understand his death and resurrection. They touch on several interconnected themes that are crucial to understanding the Easter season and its significance in Christian life.

Despite our imperfections, God is not done with us and offers forgiveness through Jesus, our advocate. We are encouraged to seek reconciliation and experience God's perfecting love, thus reminding us of the continuous opportunity for spiritual renewal and joy.

Prayer Intentions: We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them, we especially pray for Lee Trinder who is seriously ill and for his family, May Christ be near them to bless them.

We pray for all in our parish who have recently died and our parish anniversaries, Charles Ryder, Paul Burke, Rita Jefferies, Cecilia Smith, Mary McAnulty, John Anderson, Faith Ferraz, Francis Keyte, Muriel Ward, and John Jefferies, may they may share in the gift and the vision and glory of the Risen Christ.

Pat Fife RIP: The Family will be having a requiem mass and interment of Pat's Ashes at our Chapel and Cemetery on **Friday 19th April at 1.00 pm**. Parishioners are very welcome to come and join in this service for Pat who was a great supporter of our Parish. Please be aware there is no longer much parking at the cemetery, please use the Pub or the Craft Centre.

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

Second Collection This weekend 13th – 14th April, Lepra: Today 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, and almost 50 will be children. Lepra is a UK-registered international charity changing people's lives 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

Grounds Clear up next Saturday 20th 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 from 10 am – 1 pm on 20th April. Please do come along and help. If you have gloves and or garden shears/loppers this would help. Our Next Date will be the 4th of May.

St Mary's Catholic School Henly in Arden Teaching assistant recruitment: The School are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant Level 2. For more details, please contact the school on 01564 792316 or email hr@magnificat.org.uk, the closing date is 22nd April.

Next Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, Vocations Sunday: This year Sunday 21 April, marks the 61st Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Diocesan Vocations Office asks us all to pray for an increase in vocations for the Archdiocese.

The Second Collection in our churches over the weekend of 21st – 22nd April is for the Clergy Training Fund, which pays for the formation of future priests and deacons for our Archdiocese.

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

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. The tickets will be available from Chris Neale on 01789 488737 or 07884 326320, or by e-mail at christine@raymondncneale.com £12.50 Each

Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage: An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May at Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass.

Wootton Hall Country Club: Quiz Night Saturday. 7th April: Thank you to the club for putting this on to support our wall rebuilding. The night raised £144. Many thanks

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.

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

Birmingham Archdiocese Link: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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