



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep".
 John 10:11-18 Psalter Week 4

Fourth Sunday of Easter 20th – 21st 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 20 th April	Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday	11.00 – 12.00 am Confessions 5.30 pm Mass Peter Bullingham RIP Divine Healing on Francis Anderson Second Collection Clergy Training Fund
Sun 21 st April	Fourth Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday	10.00 am Mass + Zoom Pamela McLoughlin RIP Second Collection Clergy Training Fund
Mon 22 nd April	Easter Feria	9.30 am Mass.
Tues 23 rd April	Solemnity of St George Martyr Patron of England and Nigeria	6.30 pm mass
Wed 24 th April	Easter Feria	9.30 am mass
Thurs 25 th April	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist	No Mass
Fri 26 th April	Easter Feria	9.30 am mass
Sat 27 th April	Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00 – 12.00 am Confessions 5.30 pm Mass
Sun 28 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	10.00 am Mass + Zoom

Message from Fr Damian. Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our readings this weekend, demonstrate that Jesus Christ cares for us as a shepherd cares for his flock. Jesus explains that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep and will do anything to save them. He illustrates the unique communication between shepherd and sheep. Jesus is dedicated to us, protecting, feeding, and nurturing us, unlike a hireling who flees in danger. We are encouraged to be good sheep, responsive to Jesus, and cherish our relationship with Him, remembering that Jesus, our shepherd, laid down His life for us and will always care for us, urging us to trust in His care and provision.

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, Vocations Sunday: It 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. This week our deanery was looking at the shortage of priests, the number of our priests reaching the retirement age and the shortage of Vocations. Please pray earnestly for Vocations

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.

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, Pamela McLoughlin, William Kerr, James Metcalfe, Pearl Bullivant, Doris Anderson, Theresa Bartholomew, Anne Cowan, Pat Maisey, and Joseph Baggott. May they share in the gift and the vision and glory of the Risen Christ.

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 get in touch with the school on 01564 792316 or email hr@magnificat.org.uk, the closing date is 22nd April.

The "100" Club April 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 contact Annette Howell at 07771847214 or email netandsteve@gmail.com.

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.

Cemetery Wall; As you know the shoring is up, but the traffic management unfortunately must remain until the wall work is undertaken. The temporary shoring minimises the amount of useable pavement for pedestrians. The lead building consultant had a site meeting with the structural engineer last week to discuss the design and resolve a few final issues. The structural engineer has gone back to finalise the design and complete the schedule/ specification for the work. When this is all agreed it has to go out to tender, hopefully, there will be a short timescale for a reply on this, and the chosen builder will be able to make progress.

Grounds Clear up 4th May: 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 4th May. Please do come along and help. If you have gloves and or garden shears/loppers this would help.

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@raymondneale.com £12.50 Each

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.

Mass Intentions: We do not have many intentions for our masses, If you would like to arrange for a Mass to be said for a special intention, We do have envelopes at the rear of The Church, please complete one of the envelopes and either give it to Fr Damian or one of the Stewards. It is usual to include a donation.

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

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.

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