



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "You are my friends if you do what I command you". John 15:9-17
Psalter Week 2

Sixth Sunday of Easter 4th – 5th May 2024

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May: For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Sat 4 th May	Vigil for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Second Collection Parish Maintenance Fund	11.00 – 12.00 am Confessions 5.30 pm Mass Peter Bullingham RIP Divine Healing on Francis Anderson
Sun 5 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter Second Collection Parish Maintenance Fund	9.40 am Rosary Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon 10.00 am Mass + Zoom
Mon 6 th May	Easter Feria	9.30 am Mass. Deceased members of Lawley Family
Tues 7 th May	Easter Feria	6.30 pm mass
Wed 8 th May	Easter Feria	No Mass.
Thurs 9 th May	Solemnity of the Ascension. Holyday of Obligation	9.30 Mass 7.00 Mass
Fri 10 th May	Easter Feria	9.30 am mass
Sat 11 th May	Easter Feria Vigil for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Collection for Catholic Communications	12.00 First Holy Communion 5.30 pm Mass and Angelus
Sun 12 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter Collection for Catholic Communications	9.40 am Rosary 10.00 am Mass and Angelus + Zoom

Message from Fr Damian. Sixth Sunday of Easter. The readings for this weekend focus on love and inclusion. They show that God's love is for everyone. God welcomes everyone into His family. The readings also emphasize that love is central to knowing God because God is love. Jesus tells us to love each other as He has loved us, which is key to following Him. He explains that the greatest love involves sacrifice, like His sacrifice for us. Jesus also calls us friends, not just followers, showing a deep, personal relationship with us. He promises to answer our prayers, reinforcing our trust in His care. These readings remind us that love is at the heart of our Christian life.

Thursday 9th May. Solemnity of the Ascension. Holy Day of Obligation. We will have mass at 9.30 am and 7.00 pm. Our School will join us for mass via Zoom in the morning. The link is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137>. Please email for the password if needed.

First Holy Communions: Next Saturday at 12.00 midday, some children of our Parish will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. We pray for the children and their families asking the Lord to watch over and bless them as they reach this stage in their spiritual journey. We look forward very much to this solemn and at the same time Joyful time in both the children and their families and parish life, we hope to see the children and their families as regular worshipers in our community. If you are free, please come along, and share this special sacrament for these Children.

Second Collections. This week is our parish Maintenance Fund collection. Next, week is the National Collection for Catholic Communications.

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, John Kelleher, Johnnie Reilly, John Bicknell, Nora Killourhey, Liliane Keyte, Elizabeth 'Josy' Roche, Helen O'Malley, Alistair Murray, Betty Cromie, James Hallahan. May they be granted the fullness of life and joy in heaven.

Pentecost Sunday 19th May: Fr Damian is very keen to share and celebrate the diverse nationalities that make up our Parish Community. He would love volunteers to come forward to share our 10.00 mass in the different Languages, especially for our bidding prayers. If you could assist, please speak to Fr Damian ASAP.

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.

May Devotions: During May we will offer the rosary before mass on Sunday mornings. We will also be saying the Angelus at the end of our weekend Masses. Can I encourage you all to try and take into your home these wonderful devotions during this month?

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU! Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, The Episcopal Vicar for Coventry, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire is visiting Our Lady and St Benedict's, and confirming several pupils from St Mary's over the weekend of the 15th and 16th of June. You will all be aware that the Diocese is looking closely at all parishes as it assesses the future. As Father Damian mentioned in the past, some parishes will inevitably close or merge with others. We need to pull together to showcase our parish at its very best - a vibrant community looking towards the future. If you value your parish, please give some of your time as we prepare for the upcoming visit. We will be asking for help with a range of things from gardening to baking - your contribution big or small is much appreciated. Thank you!

Tarantara concert on the 18th of May: This award-winning choir has once again agreed to do a concert for our church, to help with our funds. This is a great night with a local choir playing a full repertoire of music to suit all ages and tastes. Do come along and join us and bring your friends and neighbours with you – if you could spread the word that would be wonderful. Children under 5 are free, 5 -16 reduced price £6.00 adults £12.50. price includes a glass of wine or soft drinks. The tickets will be available from Chris Neale on 01789 488737 or 07884 326320, or by e-mail at christine@raymondneale.com. To help with our fundraising we would be grateful for some donations of Raffles prizes, either individual prizes or things we could bundle into a hamper(s). Looking forward to seeing you and your friends and family there.

The "100" Club May Draw: 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.

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