



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "Father, keep those you have given me true to your name".
 John 17:11-19 **Psalter Week 3**

Seventh Sunday of Easter 11th – 12th 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 11 th May	Easter Feria Vigil for the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Collection for Catholic Communications	12.00 First Holy Communion 5.30 pm Mass and Angelus: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Sun 12 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter Collection for Catholic Communications	9.40 am Rosary 10.00 am Mass and Angelus + Zoom The welfare of the Dynskey family
Mon 13 th May	Easter Feria	6.30 pm mass
Tues 14 th May	Easter Feria	9.30 am Mass.
Wed 16 th May	Easter Feria	9.30 am Mass.
Thurs 17 th May	Feast of St Mattias Apostle	No Mass.
Fri 17 th May	Easter Feria	9.30 am mass
Sat 18 th May	Vigil for the Solemnity of Pentecost	5.30 pm Mass and Angelus Peter Bullingham RIP Divine Healing on Francis Anderson
Sun 19 th May	The Solemnity of Pentecost	9.40 am Rosary 10.00 am Mass and Angelus + Zoom Norah Burke RIP

Message from Fr Damian. Seventh Sunday of Easter. The readings for this weekend tell us that God knows our hearts and wants us to belong to him, not to the world. The second reading tells us to be united with God in love. In the Gospel we listen to Jesus praying for His disciples. He knows He will soon leave them, and His primary concern is their unity. Jesus prays, "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." This prayer is not just for the Apostles; it extends to all who believe in Him through their message will be kept safe and be consecrated to the Good News.

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, Betty Cromie, James Hallahan, Catherine Middleton, Mary Ackroyd, and Norah Burke. may Christ, who has ascended to the heavens, gather them all to himself.

Second Collections. This week is the National Collection for Catholic Communications.

Masses This Week CHANGE: Fr Damian's timetable means that on Monday the Mass will be at 6.30 pm and on Tuesday we will have morning mass at 9.30 am.

Pentecost Sunday 19th May: Fr Damian is keen to share and celebrate the diverse nationalities that comprise 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 or to remember a loved one, 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?

Soup and a Sandwich lunch group; Our next lunch will be This Wednesday 16th May from 12.30 am to 2.30 pm. It will be a chance to come along and share, have a natter and meet parishioners and neighbours. To cover the cost there will be a charge of £3.50. for homemade soup, rolls, tea and biscuits. For more information, please contact Lesley on WhatsApp at +44 7912 623990 or email, esleyeharvey@yahoo.co.uk

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 are available from Chris Neale on 01789 488737 or 07884 326320, or by e-mail at christine@raymondcneale.com. Looking forward to seeing you and your friends and family there.

Tarantara Concert Raffle Tickets: As part of our Fundraising so far we have had some wonderful prizes donated, Vouchers for local restaurants, including Sans Chinese restaurant, The Bulls Head, Great Alne Park, a wine-tasting tour, Cream tea for 2, A Voucher for meat at Mill's Butchers, a voucher for a gel manicure and many more. The tickets are on sale now. Even if you cannot make it to the concert please support the raffle. £1 each 5 for £4.

Car Parking for the Concert: We are looking for some volunteers to direct visitors to parking on the night, if you can help please contact Lesley

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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Remember Our Lady and St Benedict's Parish in your Will: As a parishioner or as a visitor to our beautiful Church and Parish, a community and building of prayer and history going back nearly 120 years, we ask you to consider leaving a legacy to Our Lady and St Benedict's Church when you are making your will. We are grateful for all generous donations at any time. This is a particular way of investing in the future of our Parish for the next 120 years. Thank you.

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