



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth"
 John 15:26-27,16:12-15 **Psalter Week 3**

The Solemnity of Pentecost 18th – 19th 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 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
Mon 20 th May	Memorial of Mary the Mother of the Church	9.30 am Mass.
Tues 21 st May	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm mass.
Wed 22 nd May	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass.
Thurs 23 May	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest	No Mass.
Fri 24 th May	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am mass
Sat 25 th May	Vigil for the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity	5.30 pm Mass and Angelus
Sun 26 th May	The Solemnity of Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity	9.40 am Rosary 10.00 am Mass and Angelus + Zoom

Message from Fr Damian. The Solemnity of Pentecost. The readings for this weekend clearly tell us that we need to be willing to receive the Holy Spirit and then use the gifts we receive. In the first reading we hear how the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and empowered them to share the gospel with people from different nations. The second reading tells us that it is the Holy Spirit who enables us to proclaim the gospel in unity. In the gospel Jesus breathes on his followers and enables them to forgive sins. Pentecost is a significant event where the priests wear red symbolizing the Holy Spirit's flame and the Spirit's power
Prayer Intentions: We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them, that the Lord may guide them and strengthen them through their illness.

We pray for all in our parish who have recently died and our parish anniversaries, Norah Burke, Lesley Anderson, George O'Connor, Paul Price, Mary McKeever, Mary Ann Kerr, and Henry Bartholomew. May the Spirit of the Lord greet them with love and mercy and grant them the happiness of his kingdom

Please be aware of Scam/ Clone Emails. A couple of the parishioners have recently received emails purporting to be from Fr Damian Nwankwo asking for financial support. When checked they were found to be scams. The Official " Birmingham Catholic Archdiocese" emails will always end in @rcaob.org.uk. Fr Damian's Email is fr.damian.nwankwo@rcaob.org.uk

Our Lady and St Benedict's Email is olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk

Please don't respond to any requests for help if you are unsure where the email originated.

Could you please report on anything you see suspicious?

Banbury & Warwick Deanery. The First meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting – Weds 8 May 2024: Over 40 lay representatives and parish priests/ deacons met for the first meeting in Bicester. The minutes will appear on the Deanery website soon. The main agenda item was around the grouping of the parishes into 5 possible clusters, known as Leamington, Rugby, Bicester & Banbury, Stratford and Kenilworth. It was agreed that the representatives of the parishes on the Deanery PC should meet with the parish priests before the next meeting on 19th September, to discuss the proposed clusters, recommend any improvements and share how parishes within the cluster can support each other in fulfilling the Diocesan Vision.

CAFOD Ripples of Hope: As we look ahead to next year's Jubilee. CAFOD invites you to Ripples of Hope, a special day of reflection, prayer and spiritual nourishment led by well-known and much-loved Catholic speaker, teacher and author David Wells. The event will be held on Saturday 8 June 2024 at The Dormer Conference Centre, St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm (a light lunch will be provided). To attend please register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/ripples-of-hope>

Could you be a seed of hope? The Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of Environment Champions. To celebrate Laudato Si week (19-26 May), please help us get as many parish/cluster/deanery Environment Champions as we can. Your mission is to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, cluster or deanery, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help in responding to Pope Francis' call in Laudato Si to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion. You will receive the full support of the Care for Creation Committee as part of the diocesan effort to act as stewards of creation.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

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?

Grounds Clear up: We have had our First Holy Communion. The Next big event is the Parish Visitation and Confirmations. We still need some help in the parish Grounds and Gardens! If you can spare some time, you don't need to be a gardener just a willing pair of hands would be very welcome. It is little jobs for example clearing the weeds on the driveway, or a general tidy up around the church and the car park areas and a bit more in the Garden too. Anytime you can pop along please give a bit of time.

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.

Princethorpe College – Summer Events aimed at prospective families. Their Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 5 June 2024 from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. In June they will be holding the last of their Year 5 Taster Days, limited spaces are still available. These days give children the opportunity to spend a day at Princethorpe College, experiencing lessons and getting a feel for senior school life. To reserve places for the Open Evening and/or Year 5 taster days, parents can complete the relevant online forms at <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/visit>

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".*

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.

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.

Birmingham Archdiocese Link: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Warwick Deanery Website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk **Follow the Readings at Mass:** www.universalis.com/mass. or www.alivepublishing.co.uk.