



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "This is my body; this is my blood." Mark 14:12-16,22-26
 Psalter Week 1

The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 1st – 2nd June 2024.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June: For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Sat 1 st June	Vigil for the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Parish Maintenance Fund	5.30 pm Mass Divine healing, Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh, Peggy Lennon.
Sun 2 nd June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Parish Maintenance Fund	10.00 am Mass + Zoom. Wellbeing of Grandchildren entering University
Mon 3 rd June	Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions. Ugandan Martyrs	9.30 am Mass. Deceased members of the Coleman family
Tues 4 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm mass.
Wed 5 th June	Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop Martyr.	9.30 am Mass.
Thurs 6 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass.
Fri 7 th June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. First Friday.	9.30 am Mass
Sat 8 th June	Vigil for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 9 th June	The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Mass + Zoom: Margaret (Peggy), Charles William & Dorothy Katherine, Bartholomew RIP

Message from Fr Damian. Corpus Christi. This feast celebrates the Eucharist. It is a time to reflect on the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood. Our Readings give background for the notion of sacrifice and explain why we call Jesus the Lamb of God. The first reading describes how the Israelites sacrificed animals to seal their covenant with God. The second reading explains Christ is our high priest, but he also demonstrates sacrificial love. In the Gospel, Jesus institutes the sacrament of the Eucharist during the Passover meal.

This is Jesus' way of staying with us always. The Eucharist is not just about remembering Jesus but having Him present with us in every Mass. Jesus has invited us to actively participate in these sacred acts, that mirror his sacrifice. He challenges us to live out the Eucharistic message daily, suggesting that readiness, should guide our participation in this sacrificial meal.

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, Phil Hampton, Paddy Coleman, Nancy Gay, Rev Thomas McCabe, Maura Mulrennar, Stuart Brooke, Alexander Saunders, Laurence Heddermann, Bob Sandford, and Sharon McAvoy. May they all enter the everlasting peace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Church and Parish Rooms Deep Clean, Grounds Clear up next Saturday 8th June From 9.30 – 12.30. The parish's next big event is the Parish Visitation and Confirmations over the 15th and 16th of June. The Cleaning team want to make everything look good and sparkle for the big weekend. We still need some help in the parish Grounds and Gardens! If you can spare some time, It is some little jobs for example clearing the weeds on the driveway, and a general tidy up around the church and the car park areas. **Please save the date to come and help if you can.**

The "100" Club June Draw: The Winners of the May Draw were no 39 Rebecca Howell, £118.50, no 48 Rebecca Mander £79.00, and No 59 Beth Lawton £39.50. 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.

Day for Life: Sunday, 16 June 2024: The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 16 June. The theme is The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives.

Parish Visitation Weekend 15th – 16th June. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick is formally visiting the parish over the weekend 15th - 16th June on behalf of Archbishop Bernard. He is keen to see the full life of the church here at Our Lady and St Benedict's and to meet and talk to as many of the parishioners as possible. He will be with us from lunchtime on Saturday, and he will share the 5.30 pm mass. After our evening mass, there will be a chance for parishioners to come and spend some time with Canon Paul over tea, coffee and cake. On Sunday 15th We will have a Confirmation Mass for our School Children as part of the 10.00 mass. Please do come along and share this sacrament with our children. After mass Canon Paul will be meeting the children, the children, school representatives and governors. Canon Paul wishes to meet as many parishioners as possible and there will be tea, coffee and cake and the opportunity to talk with him.

Parish Visitation Weekend 15th – 16th June. Message from the Chair. As you all know the Deanery is looking at all parishes as they consider the way forward with many priests due to retire in the next five years. This pastoral visit on June 15th and 16th is more important than ever. Please can we have as many parishioners as possible at both the Saturday and Sunday masses that weekend? There will be an opportunity after both the Saturday and Sunday masses to meet Canon Paul who is keen to hear your views. We must show ourselves to be a vibrant parish with a sustainable future ahead of us.

St Mary's Primary School Henley in Arden. Vacancy for Foundation Governor. We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. The role is to challenge and support the school to ensure the best possible outcomes for all the pupils, and that the Catholic mission and ethos of the school is upheld. Foundation governors are formally appointed by the Diocese, and you must be a practising Catholic. You do not need to have a child attending the school and do not need to be an education expert to be a governor, but you do need to be willing to ask questions, engage with governor training opportunities and be committed to the vision and values of our school and the Multi-Academy. All governors must complete an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check before being appointed. For more information don't hesitate to get in touch with the School.

Banbury & Warwick Deanery meeting 27th June. Canon John Bathula our Dean invites all parishioners to the Closing of Deanery Visitations Meeting which will commence with Vespers at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, OX26 1UN, followed by a meeting in the St John Paul II Centre (next door to the church) on Thursday, 27th June at 7 pm. His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley and Episcopal Vicar Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will report on the current parish visitations taking place in our Deanery.

CAFOD Ripples of Hope, Saturday 8 June 2024: 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). 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. To attend please register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/ripples-of-hope>

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.

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