



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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"Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother". Mark 3:20-35 Psalter week 1

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th – 9th 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 8 th June	Vigil for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass. Divine healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon.
Sun 9 th June	The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Mass + Zoom Peggy and the deceased members of the Bartholomew Family
Mon 10 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass.
Tues 11 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Wed 12 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass.
Thurs 13 June	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass.
Fri 14 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass
Sat 15 th June	Vigil for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:	5.30 pm Mass Day For Life collection
Sun 16 th June	The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Mass + Zoom Day For Life collection

Message from Fr Damian. Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our reading this weekend we are reminded reminded to stay strong in our faith. We have hope in God's promises. We are part of His family when we follow His commands. In the Gospel, Jesus says that those who do the will of God are His true family. This means that spiritual kinship is more important than blood relations. Obedience to God makes us part of Jesus' family.

Jesus invites us to examine our understanding of community and spiritual kinship. We are called to embrace our fellow believers as brothers and sisters in Christ, irrespective of societal or familial divisions. Through this redefinition of family, we are challenged to extend the boundaries of our love, acknowledging the unity we share as part of God's spiritual family.

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, Sharon McAvoy, Anna Moulder, Helen Johnson, Joseph Murray, Jean Mackel, Margaret (Peggy) Bartholomew, Cecil Dyer, Christopher Thomas, May they experience everlasting peace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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. 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.

Remember in your prayers our confirmation Children Please pray for our Parish and our children making their Confirmation soon. We pray for blessings on our Church for the Episcopal visit next week. May the Holy Spirit always be with our Confirmands and their families to guide and bless them.

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. There will be a collection next week to support the work this organisation does.

St Mary's Primary School Henley in Arden. Vacancy for Foundation Governor. Vacancy for Teaching Assistant. 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.

Teaching Assistant. We have a vacancy for a teaching assistant to support the children's learning. For more details please contact the school. 01564 79 2316 or smh@smh.magnificat.org.uk.

Banbury & Warwick Deanery meeting 27th June. Canon John Batthula 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.

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.

The "100" Club June 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.

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.

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Mass Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no mass this Tuesday and Wednesday as Fr Damian is at a conference.