



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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"The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all" Mark 4:26-34 Psalter Week 3

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th – 16th 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.

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| Sat 15 th June | Vigil for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon Second Collection for Day for Life |
| Sun 16 th June | The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10.00 am Mass + Zoom: Our Confirmands and the People of The Parish Second Collection for Day for Life |
| Mon 17 th June | Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.30 am Mass. |
| Tues 18 th June | Dedication of the Cathedral | 6.30 pm mass. |
| Wed 19 th June | Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.30 am Mass. 12.30 pm: Soup and Roll Lunch |
| Thur 20 th June | Feria in Ordinary Time | No Mass. |
| Fri 21 st June | Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga Religious | 9.30 am Mass |
| Sat 22 nd June | Vigil for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5.30 pm Mass |
| Sun 23 rd June | The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10.00 am Mass + Zoom |

Message from Fr Damian. Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for this weekend are filled with images of growth. The first reading tells of planting a shoot on a mountain, which then becomes a shelter for the birds. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the seed that grows and the parable of the mustard seed. God's kingdom often starts small and grows quietly. Like the mustard seed, small efforts can lead to significant outcomes in our own daily lives, we often face challenges and uncertainties. We might not see the results of our efforts right away. But these readings remind us to have faith and trust that God is working through us. Our job is to be faithful and do our best, leaving the rest to God. we are encouraged to trust in God's power to grow our small efforts into something great. Whether it is in our family, work, or community, our small acts of faith and kindness can have a big impact. God sees our efforts and will bless them in His time.

This Sunday Confirmation Mass @ 10.00: As Part of Canon Paul's Visitation, some of our School Children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our 10.00 mass. Please keep these Children in your prayers.

Parish Visitation Weekend 15th – 16th June. Please join Canon Fitzpatrick for refreshments after mass on Saturday and Sunday. He would like to meet as many parishioners as possible and hear your views. This is your chance to represent our parish!

Day for Life: Sunday, 16th 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 second collection this weekend to support this.

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 those who have died, remembering especially members of our own families and our parish Anniversaries, Cecil Dyer, Christopher Thomas, Arthur Cosnett, Ida Dempster, George Shaw, Cecil Bebbington, Elizabeth Murray, and Margaret Pope.

On Father's Day: we pray for all fathers that they are guided by the Holy Spirit to love, support, guide and encourage their children in their education, recreation and knowledge of our loving God. We remember those fathers who are in their senior years, for those who are sick, impaired, alone or in financial difficulty, that they enjoy the love, respect and support of their children.

Soup and a Roll Lunch This Wednesday 12.30 for 1.00 pm in our Garden Room.

Cost: £3.50 per head to include Soup and a Roll plus Tea and Coffee with a biscuit. Please do come along for lunch and a natter.

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.

General Election - Resources: During the period of campaigning, short videos will be posted periodically on social media to highlight the areas of interest that have been noted on the webpage, and to keep the narrative in people's minds. The web resources from the Bishops' Conference are now online and can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>. In addition, Cardinal Vincent has produced a short introductory video which is due to be uploaded onto the Bishops' Conference website.

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".*

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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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