



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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"He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"

Mark 4:39 Psalter Week 4

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. 22nd – 23rd 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 22 nd June	Vigil for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass. Private Intentions
Sun 23 rd June	The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Mass + Zoom Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Mon 24 th June	Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist	9.30 am Mass.
Tues 25 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm mass. Alfred Bates RIP
Wed 26 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass. 12.30 pm: Soup and Roll Lunch
Thur 27 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass.
Fri 28 th June	Memorial of St Irenaeus Bishop Doctor of the Church	9.30 am Mass
Sat 29 th June	Vigil for the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Apostles	5.30 pm Mass Peter's Pence Collection
Sun 30 th June	The Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Apostles	10.00 am Mass + Zoom Peter's Pence Collection

Message from Fr Damian. Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for this Sunday, show us God's power and our need to trust Him. In the first reading, God reminds Job of His control over the sea. He sets boundaries for the waters and commands the waves.

This shows God's authority over creation. Even the mighty sea, which can be so powerful and frightening, obeys God's commands. We can trust that God is in control of everything in our lives too. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we are told that Christ's love changes us. We no longer live for ourselves but for Him. In Christ, we become new creations, leaving our old ways behind.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus calming the storm. The disciples are afraid, but Jesus shows His power over the wind and sea. He asks them why they are afraid and questions their faith.

When we face storms in our own lives, we can remember Jesus' power. Just as He calmed the sea for the disciples, He can bring peace to our troubled hearts. We only need to trust Him and have faith. This new life in Christ is full of hope and promise. When we trust in His love, we can face any storm with courage. We know that He is with us, guiding and protecting us.

Episcopal visit: Thank you to all parishioners who worked so hard to make the Episcopal Visit from Canon Paul Fitzpatrick a success. We had a big turnout at both masses and it was clear that we all value our parish. The Canon spoke very positively about the parish and we feel confident looking forward to the future.

Confirmation Day Sunday 16th June; Congratulations to the children who received the sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. A big thank you to all who have brought them to this stage, especially their parents, teachers and sponsors.

Peter's Pence Collection: The annual second collection for 'Peter's Pence' The collections for the Holy Father's personal charitable work will take place over the weekend of 29th – 30th 30 June, this being the Sunday when this year, we shall celebrate the transferred Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul.

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, especially members of our own families and our parish Anniversaries, Kitty Dwyer, Eileen Hayden, Gerald Cardiff, Robert Hallahan, Alfred Bates, Evelyn Treacy, Theresa Smith, Joseph Smith, and Dot Davis. May the Lord guide them to his heavenly Kingdon.

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 in our Deanery.

Ordination of Auxiliary Bishops: The episcopal ordination of Mgr. Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker as auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Birmingham will take place at noon on Tuesday 16th July at St. Chad's Cathedral. Due to limitations on space, the Mass of Ordination is by invitation only, but all are welcome to join online via the cathedral's live stream facility. The booklet for the Ordination will be available on the website and it is hoped it will also be recorded.

St Mary's School Henley in Arden Teaching Assistant Vacancies: The School has an urgent vacancy for a teacher's assistant to support a child in their learning. For more information, please contact the school on [tel: 01564792316](tel:01564792316) or email smh-office@smh.magnificat.org.uk

St Mary's School Foundation Governor Vacancies: There are vacancies on the School's Local Governing Board for new foundation Governors, please contact the school above of John Burke on jburke@gov.magnificat.org.uk

Advent 2024 New Lectionaries. A new translation of the lectionary from the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition (ESVCE), is to be used in all churches from Advent Sunday 2024. Although the new Lectionaries are not yet available, the complete ESV-CE Bible is. The Lectionaries come as a set of four volumes they will cost around £175.00 each There will be a new book of the gospels which is around £270. If anyone would like to consider donating one of the four volumes we shall need for the church, please let Father Damian know, thank you.

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/>.

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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