



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER  
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 "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church".  
 Matthew 16:13-19 Psalter Week 1

**The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July: For The Pastoral Care of The Sick.** Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Vigil for the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Apostles</b>	5.30 pm Mass <b>Special Intentions</b> Peter's Pence Collection
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>The Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Apostles</b>	10.00 am Mass + Zoom <b>Halina Poloczek RIP</b> <b>Bridie Burke RIP</b> Peter's Pence Collection
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass. <b>Deceased members of Kilkenny family</b>
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm mass. <b>Alfred Bates RIP</b>
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Feast of St Thomas Apostle	9.30 am Mass.
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass.
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Vigil for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	5.30 pm Mass Parish Maintenance Collection
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 am Mass + Zoom Parish Maintenance Collection

**Message from Fr Damian. Saints Peter and Paul.** This weekend we celebrate the feast day of two remarkable apostles who played pivotal roles in the early Church—Sts. Peter and Paul. These two individuals, with their distinct personalities and life journeys, exemplify the transformative power of faith and the enduring message of Christ. Despite their imperfections and past mistakes, As we reflect on the lives of Sts. Peter and Paul, we are reminded of their human frailties and the transformative power of God's grace. Their stories offer hope to each one of us. Despite their flaws, they responded to God's call, allowed their lives to be transformed, and became instrumental in the growth and spread of Christianity.

**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. However, the new Lectionaries are not yet available. We have preordered the Ambo edition of the Lectionaries. They come as a set of four volumes they cost around £175 each but with a preorder discount are reduced to £145.25 each. We have also ordered the new book of the gospels which was £275 with a preorder discount is now £233.75. If anyone would like to consider donating one of the four volumes or for the book of the Gospels we shall need, please let Father Damian know, or email the parish at [olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk) We can have them inscribed as a lasting dedication to a family's intention for a loved one. thank you.

**Peter's Pence Collection:** The annual second collection for 'Peter's Pence' The collections for the Holy Father's personal charitable work are this weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 30 June, as the solemnity of saints Peter and Paul has been transferred to Sunday.

**Parish Celebration of Fr Damian's Silver Jubilee:** Our next big parish event is Fr Damian's Jubilee to mark 25 years since his ordination on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024. We do have donation envelopes for parishioners and friends to contribute to make this a wonderful event for Fr Damian to recognise his service to the Church and our parish community for the past seven years.

**Closing Meeting for the Banbury & Warwick Deanery Visitations:** The closing meeting and Vespers took place last Thursday at Biceste, Archbishop Bernard and Cannon Paul reported on their parish visits. Fr Damian and some of our parishioners attended. The Reports are published on the Deanery Website. <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

**Parish Maintenance Fund:** This monthly collection to help our own parish needs will be held next weekend.

**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 for John Lennon and Bridle Burke and our parish Anniversaries, Joseph Smith, Dot Davis, Penelope Anderson, Margaret Wharrad, Kathleen Saunders, Sarah Haynes, and Frederick Dyer May they join the Lord in his heavenly Kingdon.

**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](mailto:smh-office@smh.magnificat.org.uk)

**St Mary's School Foundation Governor Vacancies:** We have two 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](mailto:jburke@gov.magnificat.org.uk). There are leaflets in Church with more details.

**The "100" Club June Draw:** Our winners last weekend for the June draw were, 1st Prize no 9 Michael Dufty, £118.50 the 2nd Prize, no 26 John and Catherine Treacy, £79.00, the 3rd Prize was won by no 18 Lesley Harvey £39, congratulations to them all. 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](mailto:netandsteve@gmail.com).

**General Election, Thursday 4 July:** Information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote: from Education and Environment to Life Issues and Migration. With information and resources provided by: the Catholic Bishops' Conference, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), Catholic Education Service (CES), Columban Missionaries, CAFOD, The Catholic Union, and Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). **Please follow this link.** <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/general-election-2024>

**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](mailto:sg.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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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