



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "They were like sheep without a shepherd"
 Mark 6:30-34 Psalter Week 4

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th – 21st July 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 20 th July	Vigil for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on, Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Sun 21 st July	The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Mass: Anthony and Marguerite Wallace RIP
Mon 22 nd July	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	9.30 am Mass:
Tues 23 rd July	Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe	6.30 pm Mass.
Wed 24 th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 Mass
Thurs 25 th July	Feast of St James, Apostle	No Mass
Fri 26 th July	Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am Mass
Sat 27 th July	Vigil for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass
Sun 28 th July	The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly	10.00 am Mass

Message from Fr Damian. The readings for this weekend highlight God's care and leadership. In Jeremiah, God condemns leaders who mislead His people and promises to lead them Himself, ensuring their safety. This shows God's constant care and His commitment to guiding us.

In Ephesians, Paul explains how Christ's sacrifice unites us, breaking down barriers and making us one family in God. This unity brings peace and shows Christ's work in our lives.

In our gospel from Mark, we see Jesus and His apostles seeking rest. But the crowd follows them, longing for guidance and teaching. Jesus, moved by compassion, teaches them that they are like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus' compassion is a model for us. He sees the needs of the people and responds with love. He teaches us that true leadership involves caring for others and addressing their needs. These readings remind us of God's care, unity, and compassion.

Next Weekend World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This is the closest day to the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Parents, Ss Joachim and Anne. Pope Francis has chosen the theme: "Do not cast me off in my old age", Psalm 71:9. In his message, Pope Francis for this day of Prayer highlights the verse from Psalm 71 that depicts the plea of an elderly person who reflects on the story of their friendship with God. We would welcome your grandparents or elderly neighbours or friends to join us next weekend.

Parish Celebration of Fr Damian's Silver Jubilee: You are invited to join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Fr. Dr. Damian J. Nwankwo on Sunday, 18th August, at 12:30 pm, In Our Lady & St. Benedict Church. We will have lunch afterwards in the parish grounds. If anyone can help to set up we would welcome your help. Please contact Louise or Lesley. Thank you.

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 our recently departed family and friends for Shiela McGovern, and Alex Kay, and for the holy souls whose anniversaries are near, Anthony and Marguerite Wallace, George Bray, Vera Smith, Marguerite Wallace, Mary-Jo Coleman, Mary Glover, John Knott, Pat O'Malley, Daphne Bray, and Kathleen Morris, as we continue to remember and miss them, may Christ the good shepherd lead them to his heavenly kingdom.

The "100" Club July 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.

New Lectionaries. Although a few years ago we bought some new Lectionaries, Sadly from Advent this year the Church in England and Wales will be using a new translation of the Bible and a new version of some of the prayers and responses. All churches will have to use the new version from Advent 2024 the old books will no longer be in use. This new translation of the lectionary from the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition (ESVCE), is to be used in all churches. 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. We do have a promise for one of the books, If anyone else would like to consider donating one of the remaining volumes or for the book of the Gospels we shall need, please let Father Damian know, or email the parish at olasb.woottotnwawen@rcaob.org.uk We can have them inscribed as a lasting dedication to a family's intention for a loved one. Thank you.

St Mary's School: This week has been a week of celebration for the school, first, it celebrated the Key Stage 2 results that are among the very best in the country. The Key Stage 1 results were also spectacular with remarkable scores in all the key subjects. Well done to all the children and the staff who achieved these outstanding results. The year 6 children entertained their parents and friends for 2 nights with their drama production of Peter Pan. They had their speech day on Wednesday which reflected their time in St Marys, On Thursday Fr Damian celebrated with the whole school the end-of-year mass. On Friday the school had their end-of-year assembly with most of the parents attending, where they said goodbye to the year 6 children as they went on to secondary school.

St Mary's School Foundation Governor Vacancies: We have two vacancies on the School's Local Governing Board for new foundation Governors, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school don't hesitate to get in touch with the school on [tel: 01564792316](tel:01564792316) or email smh-office@smh.magnificat.org.uk or John Burke at jburke@gov.magnificat.org.uk. There are leaflets in the Church with more details.

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