



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "The feeding of the five thousand" John 6:1-15
 Psalter Week 1

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 27th – 28th July 2024.
World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly.

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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August: For Political Leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, especially caring for the poor and for those who have lost their jobs.

Sat 27 th July	Vigil for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass; Divine Healing on Frances Anderson. Peter Bullingham RIP
Sun 28 th July	The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly	10.00 am Mass; Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh, Peggy Lennon
Mon 29 th July	Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazurus	9.30 am Mass: Deceased members of the Maypothor Family
Tues 30 th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm Mass.
Wed 31 st July	Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola Priest.	9.30 Mass
Thurs 1 st Aug	Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, Bishop Doctor of the Church	No Mass
Fri 2 nd Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass
Sat 3 rd Aug	Vigil for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass;
Sun 4 th Aug	The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Mass;

Message from Fr Damian. The readings for this weekend focus on God's care and generosity. In the first reading, Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty loaves, showing God's ability to provide. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds five thousand with a boy's small offering of bread and fish, highlighting the power of generosity and God's miraculous provision.

Paul's letters to the Ephesians urge us to live in unity, being humble, gentle, and patient, reflecting God's love. These readings remind us to trust God with what we have, live in harmony, and see the Eucharist as a sign of Jesus' care for us.

This Weekend World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This weekend is the closest to the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Parents, Ss Joachim and Anne. 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. "Do not cast me off in my old age", We would welcome your grandparents or elderly neighbours or friends to join us this 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 our recently departed family and friends for Alex Kay, and Shiela McGovern, and for those whose anniversaries are near, Kathleen Morris, Jane Smith, Ron Woorall, Jason Bates, Michael 'Lee' Graves, Libby Speroni and Roy Edwards, may Christ lead them to his eternal banquet in his heavenly kingdom.

Father Damian's Silver Jubilee

Thank you to everyone who has already offered food for the lunch and help with preparation and clearing up. The more help we have the easier it will be so if you can offer a dish (in particular salad or pudding) and/or help please get in touch. We will need help: before the Sunday

Sunday morning / during the lunch afterwards clearing up.

If you can help, please see Louise or Lesley

Thank you - let's make it a wonderful celebration for Father Damian!

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.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Sunday 1 September. The pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs will take place on Sunday 1st September: Mass is at 3 pm with Confessions from 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm. The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey will be the principal celebrant. Free tours of Harvington Hall are available to pilgrims on the day and can be booked upon arrival. There is free parking available. You must bring your own chairs and a packed lunch if needed.

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:: 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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