



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven;
 I am the bread of life" John 6:24-35 Psalter Week 2

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 3rd – 4th August 2024

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 3 rd Aug	Vigil for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Parish Maintenance Fund Collection	5.30 pm Mass; Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Sun 4 th Aug	The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Parish Maintenance Fund Collection	10.00 am Mass;
Mon 5 th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass: Deceased members of the Maypothor Family
Tues 6 th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	6.30 pm Mass.
Wed 7 th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 Mass John Platt RIP
Thurs 8 th Aug	Memorial of St Dominic	No Mass
Fri 9 th Aug	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe	9.30 am Mass
Sat 10 th Aug	Vigil for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass; Pauline Lynch RIP
Sun 11 th Aug	The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Mass;

Parish Maintenance Fund Collection: This weekend is our parish maintenance fund

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary time remind us of God's care and call us to seek spiritual nourishment. In our First Reading and Responsorial psalm retells for us how God provided for the Israelites with manna and quail. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd to seek food that endures eternal life. He identifies Himself as the bread of life, offering spiritual nourishment that never fades. Those who come to Him will never hunger or thirst. Jesus' words invite us to seek Him above all else. While physical food sustains our bodies, Jesus provides what our souls truly need. By coming to Jesus and believing in Him, we find true fulfilment and purpose. These readings challenge us to reflect on what we are seeking in life. Are we focused on temporary, earthly things or on the eternal, spiritual nourishment that Jesus offers? By turning to Jesus, we can find lasting peace and satisfaction.

Prayer Intentions: We pray for all on our parish sick list and those who care for them, that the Lord may guide them and strengthen them through their illness.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who have died in Christ, for those whose anniversaries are near, Agnes Phillipson, Mary Brookes, Catherine Hallahan, Henry Cziok, John Platt, Alice Griffith, James Miller and Fr Martin-Gay. that having eaten the Bread of Life, they may live forever.

Father Damian's Silver Jubilee Sunday 18th August

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 Sunday, on Sunday morning / during lunch, and 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 Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Thursday 15th August: This Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation, serves to remind us that our Blessed Lady was taken up body and soul to the glory of Heaven. She holds for us all who follow her son, Jesus Christ, our hope of Heaven when our mortal journey on this earth is over.

This year is special as it will also mark the 25th Anniversary of Fr Damian's First Mass. For this Solemnity and special occasion our mass will be at 7.00 pm. Please do come along and share this feast and celebration with Fr Damian

The "100" Club July Draw: Our Winners for Last Month Were 1st prize £118.50 no 31 Kay Phillips. The 2nd prize of £79.00 no 3 Pete Howell, the 3rd Prize of £39.50 no 63 was won by Adriano Fernandes for Arthur. Well done to all our winners, thank you to those who took part in supporting the parish. 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.

Afternoon Garden Party: A big thank you to everyone who came to the Afternoon Garden Party - and thank you also to all those who baked - what an amazing spread we had. The bonus was we made some money, around £350 including the sales after mass last weekend.

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.

Can you help Sponsor our new Lectionaries? 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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