



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever" John 6:41-51
 Psalter Week 3

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 10th – 11th 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 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; Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Mon 12 th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass:
Tues 13 th Aug	Memorial of Blessed William Freeman Priest Martyr	6.30 pm Mass.
Wed 14 th Aug	Memorial of St Maximillion Mary Kolbe Priest Martyr	9.30 Mass
Thurs 15 th Aug	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation	Mass: 7.00 Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Fr Damian's First Mass
Fri 16 th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Sat 17 th Aug	Vigil for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass;
Sun 18 th Aug	The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30 pm Mass; Celebration of Fr Damian's Silver Jubilee of Ordination.

**The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady. Thursday 15th August: Holy Day of Obligation
 Jubilee Anniversary of Fr Damian's First Mass.**

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.

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, Pauline Lynch, Robert Shill, Ann Coleman, Margaret O'Connor, Sean Clarke, Joseph Johnson, Iain Kimberley, Brian Fullard and Frances Hiles, may Christ, who has gone before us into heaven, prepare a place for us all in his eternal kingdom.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time teach us about God's support, living a good life, and the importance of faith in Jesus. They remind us that God cares for us, calls us to live with love, and offers us eternal life through Jesus.

In the first reading, Elijah is overwhelmed and seeks death in the wilderness. He feels alone and tired. But God sends an angel to give him food and water.

In our second reading Paul's message is simple: treat others with love and respect. Holding on to anger and bitterness hurts us and those around us.

In the Gospel, Jesus declares that He is the living bread from heaven. This bread gives eternal life to those who believe in Him. The Jews struggle to understand this message. Jesus emphasizes that only those drawn by the Father can come to Him.

Father Damian's Silver Jubilee Celebration Mass and Lunch 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.

To make things a little easier to manage. If you have **food** to drop off that **does not need refrigeration**, Can you please do this between 10.00 am and 11.30 am on Saturday at the Church.

Alternatively, **if the food does need refrigerating** please drop the items at the Church between 10.00 am and 11.00 am on Sunday or at Beth Lawton's, Waygen House, Wawensmere Road Wootton Wawen. Beth has kindly offered the use of a couple of Fridges

We will need help before and after the event - so If any parishioners are free on **Saturday afternoon from 1.00 pm** there is some outside work to be done and help to set up tables and chairs. We will need help from **10.00 am on Sunday** before the mass and finally on **Sunday afternoon during lunch, and afterwards** to help clear up to return the tables and chairs.

On Sunday please come along to join the celebration mass at 12.30 pm. If possible please car share as we are expecting many visitors. We will be using the field (Jason's) near the railway bridge for parking. **We need help with parking please:** if you can help let John or Lesley know, and come as early as you can on **Sunday from 11:30 am onwards**

For those of you who would find walking difficult from there, we may have a few reserved spaces, or if possible could you get someone to drop you off and then park over the road.

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

Please note there is No 10.00 am Mass on Sunday 18th August

Church Clean-up day. The Cleaning team are going to work on the Church on Thursday the 15th of August from 10.00 am onwards. It is a very small team, If anyone can help, please call Catherine on 07970677908.

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 £145.25 each.

We have also ordered the new book of the gospels which was £233.75. We do have a promise for some 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.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk We can have them inscribed as a lasting dedication to a family's intention for a loved one. Thank you.

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