



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink". John 6:51-58
 Psalter Week 4

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 17th – 18th 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 17 th Aug	Vigil for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass; Anonymous RIP
Sun 18 th Aug	The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30 pm Mass; Celebration of Fr Damian's Silver Jubilee of Ordination. For the Family, friends and parishioners of Fr Damian
Mon 19 th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass: Marriage success of Oliver Middleton and Anna Collins
Tues 20 th Aug	Memorial of St Bernard, Abbott, Doctor of the Church	6.30 pm Mass:
Wed 21 st Aug	Memorial of St Pius X Pope	9.30 am Mass: Paul Judge RIP
Thurs 22 nd Aug	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass: No Mass
Fri 23 rd Aug	Feast of St John Wall, Priest Martyr	9.30 am Mass: 12.00 Funeral Mass Siobhan Upton RIP
Sat 24 th Aug	Vigil for the Twentieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 25 th Aug	The Twentieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Mass: John Alcock RIP

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

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. For those who have died especially among our family and friends for Siobhan Upton and for those whose anniversaries are near, Leslie Shill, David Finlayson, Paul Judge, and Tom Higgins, May the Lord greet them with love and mercy and grant them the happiness of the kingdom.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend our readings call us to live with wisdom and understanding. They encourage us to seek true nourishment from Jesus, the Bread of Life, and live in a way that pleases God. In our Gospel, Jesus declares He is the bread of life, inviting us to eat His flesh and drink His blood for eternal life. This teaching is challenging, but it emphasizes the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, we are united with Jesus, experiencing an intimate relationship with Him. This union is central to our Catholic faith.

The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady. Thursday 15th August: Jubilee Anniversary of Fr Damian's First Mass. Thank you to the parishioners who came along to celebrate and pray with Fr Damian on the Jubilee of his First Mass. We did share tea and biscuits after.

Birmingham Archdiocese Link: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
Banbury and Warwick Deanery Website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>
Follow the Readings at Mass: www.universalis.com/mass. or www.alivepublishing.co.uk.

Father Damian's Silver Jubilee Celebration Mass and Lunch Sunday 18th August

The Big Day is nearly here. A Big thanks to all who have 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 the event.

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 to set out food.

From around 11.30 am Sunday: We need help with Car parking Stewards. In the Church, we will need help welcoming visitors and assisting them to their places

On Sunday afternoon during lunch, we need servers and help with washing up.

After Lunch We have borrowed about 4 van loads of tables and chairs from Aston Cantlow these will need to be returned before Sunday night, we will all be tired but some help to load and unload the van would be welcome.

Celebration Mass Sunday 18th August 12.30 pm

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!

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.woottotnwawen@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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