



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'
 Mark 7:31-37. Psalter Week 2

The Twentieth Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. 7th – 8th September 2024

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September: For the Cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Sat 7 th Sept	Vigil for the Twentieth Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Education Sunday; Catholic Education Service	5.30 pm Mass: Peter Bullingham RIP Divine Healing on Frances Anderson
Sun 8 th Sept	The Twentieth Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Education Sunday Catholic Education Service	10.00 am Mass: Eddie Loughmane RIP
Mon 9 th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass: Paul Nagle RIP
Tues 10 th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm Mass:
Wed 11 th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass:
Thurs 12 Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass: No Mass
Fri 13 th Sept	Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop Doctor of the Church.	9.30 am Mass:
Sat 14 th Sept	Vigil for the Twentieth Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 15 th Sept	The Twentieth Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	10.00 am Mass:

This weekend is Education Sunday the second collection is for the Catholic Education Service.

Readings 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings this weekend, help us to understand God's healing power, His justice, and our call to live out our faith. In the first reading from Isaiah, God promises to deliver and heal His people. He will turn barren landscapes into flourishing life. This shows God's care and commitment to those who are suffering. In the second reading, James speaks about treating people equally. He warns against showing favouritism to the wealthy everyone deserves to be treated with respect. Wealth or status should not determine how we treat others. God values each person equally, regardless of their material possessions. In the Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech issue. Despite Jesus' instructions to keep the miracle quiet, the news spreads widely. This story shows Jesus' compassion and power to heal. We all suffer from spiritual deafness at times. Sometimes we don't want to hear God's voice or the opinions of others. Jesus can heal us, just as He healed the deaf man, if we take time to listen and spend more time in prayer. Listening to God, rather than just speaking.

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 those who have died and those whose anniversaries are near, Peter Coleman, and Marie Hall, and for the victims of 9/11 and other acts of terrorism. May they all be lovingly received by their Heavenly Father in His kingdom where all tears are wiped away and eternal life is their reward..

Cemetery Wall: Weatheroak developments have started work this week, they are working within the existing traffic lights and Heras fencing in short, the builder is concentrating this week on demolishing sections of the brick wall and removing the bricks. They have banked the soil that was against the wall onto the site as it will be used again when the wall is rebuilt. The next stage will be to construct the engineered footings to support the new wall. While the work is proceeding. Jason Evans is the contact his number is 07976893235. Monday to Friday the gate will be locked at night. We will arrange to open the gate during daylight over the weekend.

100 Club Hello everyone, thank you so much for your continuing support for the 100 Club. The first draw was made in October 2022 and we have gradually increased the numbers sold to 79. If you pay by direct debit or standing order the payments will continue and no action needs to be taken. Any cheque payments (£120) can be put in an envelope and popped in the box at the back of the church or given to Mary Mayo. If it is easier, we still receive a couple of cash payments which can be handed to Mary or Father.

The income from the 100 Club plays an important part in the running of our Parish, without it our finances would be severely impacted. Louise and Lesley do a fantastic job of fundraising but we need a steady income source to ensure Mary Mayo does not have sleepless nights. Please continue to support our lovely church and community. You can contact me for any queries at netandsteve@gmail.com. Many thanks. Annette

St Mary's School Foundation Governor Vacancies: As our School Starts back this week a reminder that we still have two vacancies on the School's Local Governing Board for new foundation Governors. These posts are critical to the school as we start the new school year. The only requirement is that you are a practising catholic and can give up some time to support the school. Please contact the school above or John Burke at jburke@gov.magnificat.org.uk. There are leaflets in the Church with more details.

The Soup and a Sandwich Lunch group; This will run again from Wednesday 18th September then each third Wednesday of the month from 12.30 am to 2.30 pm. It will be a chance to come along and share, have a natter and meet parishioners and neighbours. To cover the cost there will be a charge of £3.50. for homemade soup, rolls, tea and biscuits. Please share this with friends and neighbours and encourage them to come along. For more information, please get in touch with Lesley on WhatsApp at +44 7912 623990 or email, lesleyharvey@yahoo.co.uk

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.

Job advert: The Archdiocese is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and experienced RICS Chartered General Practice Surveyor to join its Property Team. This key role of the Property Team is to provide advice and guidance for the management of parish property, and the school estate as well as manage all property held centrally by the Archdiocese. This is a permanent/full-time role. The application deadline is Wednesday 18 September. For details, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs>

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