



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously." Mark 8:27-35
 Psalter Week 4

The Twentieth Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 14th – 15th 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 14 th Sept	Vigil for the Twentieth Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	5.30 pm Mass: Special Intentions
Sun 15 th Sept	The Twentieth Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	10.00 am Mass: Paul Nagle RIP
Mon 16 th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass: 10.45 am Mass in St Mary's School Arden Road (All Welcome)
Tues 17 th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm Mass:
Wed 18 th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass: Soup and Sandwich Lunch 12.30 pm
Thurs 19 Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass: No Mass
Fri 20 th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time.	9.30 am Mass:
Sat 21 st Sept	Vigil for the Twentieth Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Father Hudson's care	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 22 nd Sept	The Twentieth Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Father Hudson's care	10.00 am Mass: Children's Liturgy

Readings Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our Gospel this week, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter declares, "You are the Christ," marking a turning point in the understanding of Jesus' identity. Jesus then reveals that He will suffer, be rejected, and be killed, but will rise after three days. This shocks the disciples, who struggle with the idea of a suffering Messiah. This section emphasizes true discipleship, calling for self-denial and bearing one's cross. We too must take up our cross, offering our lives in thanksgiving and enduring trials for the sake of the Gospel, until we reach our heavenly destination.

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, Marie Hall, Elizabeth Hay, Tony Symes, William Hadland, Andrew Nevin, and Basil Hall. May they enjoy forever the glories of heaven, and for those who mourn may they be comforted.

Father Hudson's Care The Annual Parish collection for Father Hudson's care will take place Next weekend, the 21st and 22nd of September. This is a major fundraising event for the diocesan welfare charity as the money raised goes to support their five areas of work: Homelessness, Older People, Disability, Children & Family and Refugees and Migrants.

The Soup and a Sandwich Lunch group; This will run again from this 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

St Mary's School Arden Road Henley in Arden: Start of Term Mass. This will be on Monday 16th September at 10.45 am all are welcome.

St Mary's School Open Day Wednesday 9th October: 5- 7 pm. This is a chance for prospective parents to visit and look around the school.

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for Children not at Catholic Schools. Our Programme of preparation for Children for these sacraments in 2025 will start later in the year. It would be helpful if we could have the names, dates of birth of the child and the contact numbers and email of parents who wish to support their children on this sacramental journey. Please forward to the parish email or leave a note with Fr Damian.

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

Cemetery Wall: The Work continues, large parts of the old wall have been taken down and the footings have been put in for the bricklayers to work on the new wall. It is still scheduled for completion in the second week of December. 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.

St Mary's School Foundation Governor Vacancies: As our School has started back 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.

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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