



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name
 welcomes me". Mark 9:30-37 Psalter Week 1

The Twentieth Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 21st – 22nd 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 21 st Sept	Vigil for the Twentieth Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Father Hudson's care	5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon.
Sun 22 nd Sept	The Twentieth Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Father Hudson's care	10.00 am Mass: Jessie Lawrence RIP Children's Liturgy
Mon 23 rd Sept	Memorial os St Pius of Pietrelcina	9.30 am Mass:
Tues 24 th Sept	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	6.30 pm Mass:
Wed 25 th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass:
Thurs 26 Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass: No Mass
Fri 27 th Sept	Memorial of St Vincent De Paul	9.30 am Mass:
Sat 28 th Sept	Vigil for the Twentieth Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Catholic Evangelisation	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 29 th Sept	The Twentieth Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Catholic Evangelisation	10.00 am Mass: Siobhan Upton RIP

Readings Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In our readings this week we are invited to reflect on humility, wisdom, and service. In the Letter of James he speaks about the conflicts that arise from selfish desires. James urges us to seek peace and righteousness instead of giving in to jealousy and selfish ambition. He reminds us that true wisdom comes from God and leads to good deeds.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about true greatness. He tells them that whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all. He then places a child in their midst, showing them that welcoming the least is welcoming Him.

Jesus turns the idea of greatness upside down. Instead of seeking power and status, He calls us to serve others, especially those who are vulnerable and in need.

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 especially Roger Brown and those whose anniversaries are near, Jessie Lawrence, Lilian Moore, Tom Stackpoole, Irene Robinson, Peter McGinn, Mary Brickell, A.N. Jackson, and John Thompson. May they experience God's loving mercy and be welcomed into the eternal banquet of the kingdom of heaven.

Father Hudson's Care: The Annual Parish collection for Father Hudson's care will take place This 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.

Second Collection for Catholic Evangelization. This collection will be next weekend.

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.

Weekend 5th 6th October. This weekend follows the Friday Harvest Fast Day There will be a collection for Cafod. Locally we want to help the Foodbanks Harvest Appeal. We will have Free tea and coffee after mass in return for donations to the foodbank. If we have any donations of cakes we would like to have a cake sale to fundraise for the parish.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4th October Harvest Appeal: Daniel, a young man in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Our Collection on the 6th of October will help CAFOD fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. We will have envelopes in church.

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, a lot of the wall has now been taken down, and the part remaining is where the tree needs to come down near the farm centre. The footings have been put in and the bricklayers have started on the new wall this week. 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.

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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