



**OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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 "Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name."  
 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48 Psalter Week 2

**The Twentieth Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October, For A Shared Mission:** Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Vigil for the Twentieth Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Catholic Evangelisation</b>	5.30 pm Mass: Frances Anderson RIP
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>The Twentieth Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Catholic Evangelisation</b>	10.00 am Mass: Siobhan Upton RIP
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Memorial of St Jerome, Priest Doctor of the Church	9.30 am Mass:
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin Doctor of the Church	6.30 pm Mass:
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels	9.30 am Mass:
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass: No Mass
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi First Friday, CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	9.30 am Mass:
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Vigil for the Twentieth Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Cafod Harvest Fast</b>	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>The Twentieth Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Cafod Harvest Fast</b>	10.00 am Mass: Coffee Morning

**Second Collection for Catholic Evangelization.** This collection will be this weekend.

**Readings Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Our readings this weekend invite us to see God's spirit in unexpected places, use our wealth justly, and recognize the good works of others. In the second reading, James wants us to see the dangers of greed. Wealth can make us selfish and blind to the needs of others. True wealth is found in sharing and caring for those less fortunate. We are called to be generous and just. By helping others, we live out our faith in practical ways. This Friday we can Help CAFOD through their Harvest Fast day. In the Gospel, the disciples see someone casting out demons in Jesus' name and try to stop him. Jesus tells them not to stop him because anyone who is not against us is for us. Jesus emphasises that good works done in His name are valuable. We are all working towards the same goal as the Pope's prayer for October for a shared mission to strengthen our faith and unity.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Appeal, Second Collection Next Weekend:** 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 Frances Anderson who died this week and Roger Brown for those whose anniversaries are near, Mary Hedderman and Nigel Bates that they may know the peace which comes from sharing in Christ's victory over death.

**Harvest Weekend 5th - 6th October Church Decoration:** We will be celebrating the Harvest next weekend. We would welcome any donations of produce or flowers to help decorate our church. If anyone wants to help decorate the church they would be more than welcome. Please contact Lesley on 07912 623990 or Fr Damian

**Harvest Coffee Morning 6<sup>th</sup> October Supporting the Foodbank and the Parish.** We will have Free tea and coffee after the 10.00 mass in return for donations to the Foodbank. Free Cake in return for a donation to the Parish, any leftover cakes will be sold to support the parish. Cake Donations Needed!

**Stratford Food Bank:** "This Harvest season, we are reaching out to our local community to help support our work to break the burden of isolation on those in hardship, so that no one feels alone. For many of the people who receive our support, walking through the doors of the food bank is one of the few social interactions they will have that week. As above we are offering free tea and coffee next Sunday in exchange for donations for the foodbank. Please do help with what you can through October and drop food in the boxes at the back of the church.

**St Mary's School Open Day Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Renewal:** 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](mailto: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 Contractor has worked on this week continuing to build up the brickwork and blockwork. 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 get in touch with the school above or John Burke at [jburke@gov.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:jburke@gov.magnificat.org.uk). There are leaflets in the Church with more details.

**Archdiocese of Birmingham Vision:** *"Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour".*

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