



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me"
 Mark 10:17-30 Psalter Week 4

The Twentieth Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 12th -13th October 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 12 th Oct	Vigil for the Twentieth Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	5.30 pm Mass: Angelus
Sun 13 th Oct	The Twentieth Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	9.35: Rosary 10.00 am Mass: Angelus
Mon 14 th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass:
Tues 15 th Oct	Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church.	6.30 pm Mass:
Wed 16 th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass: Soup and Roll Lunch 12.30 pm
Thurs 17 th Oct	Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop Martyr	Mass: No Mass
Fri 18 th Oct	Feast of St Luke Evangelist	9.30 am Mass:
Sat 19 th Oct	Vigil for the Twentieth Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second Collection for Missio	5.30 pm Mass: Angelus
Sun 20 th Oct	The Twentieth Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: World Mission Sunday Second Collection for Missio	9.35: Rosary 10.00 am Mass: Children's Liturgy Angelus

Readings for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Our Readings this week offer us rich lessons about seeking wisdom, the living word of God, and the challenge of following Jesus. In the first reading, Solomon prays for wisdom, asking for it above all other things. He says that wisdom is more valuable than power, wealth, and even health. This shows us that true wisdom comes from God and is more precious than anything we can possess.

The reading from Hebrews tells us that God's word is alive and powerful. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

In our Gospel, Jesus encounters a rich young man who asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell all he has, give to the poor, and follow Him. This is a difficult command, but it highlights the challenge of detachment from worldly riches. Jesus assures His disciples that while it is hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God, nothing is impossible with God. This gives us hope. If we trust in God and seek His help, we can overcome the obstacles that keep us from following Jesus fully.

The Rosary and Angelus: October is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Please try and say at least a decade of the rosary each day of this month. We shall be reciting the rosary before our 10.00 mass each Sunday this month. After our weekend Masses, we shall be saying the Angelus.

Next Sunday 20th October is World Mission Sunday: The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Children's Liturgy: Our Monthly Children's liturgy is next weekend 20th October. The team welcome any children attending our 10.00 mass to join in.

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 and for those whose anniversaries are near, Andrew Marks, Andrea Ellis, Ronald Coleman, Anthony Wallace and William Bradley, may they know the peace of the heavenly kingdom in the company of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Soup and Roll Lunch: Our next lunch is next Wednesday at 12.30. Homemade soup roll, and tea or coffee and biscuits. Cost £3.50. please do come along and share this with friends and neighbours.

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. Please do help with what you can through October and drop food in the boxes at the back of the church.

Mass for our Departed Holy Souls and Blessing of Graves in our Cemetery on 2nd November @ 1.00 pm. Our mass for our departed loved ones this year will be on Saturday 2nd November at 1.00 pm. All are welcome to come and join us to pray for their departed loved ones in the Cemetery Chapel. Please note the change of time.

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 October Draw Please continue to support our lovely church and community. If anyone wants another number, we do have some left. There are some "sign-up envelopes" at the back of the church. If you have not renewed your Number, any cheque payments (£120) Payable to "RCA Birmingham Parish of Our Lady and St Benedict Wootton Wawen", can be put in an envelope and popped in the box at the back of the church or given to Mary Mayo. For Bank BACS payments please contact Mary at pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk.

You can contact me for any queries at netandsteve@gmail.com. Many thanks. Annette

Cemetery Wall: The Work continues, it is still scheduled for completion in the second week of December. Jason Evans is the contact his number is 07976893235.

Save the Date Christmas Fair. Saturday 30th November. Thank you.

Luxury Christmas Wreath Workshop. Lesley is Running workshops to make the most glorious of wreaths. Dates: 5th – 12- 16th December. 2.30 -5.30 pm or 6.30 – 9.00 pm Cost £45 per person. Please get in touch with Lesley on 07912623990 or email lesleyeharvey@yahoo.co.uk

St Mary's School Foundation Governor Vacancies: We are still seeking some more foundation Governors for our school to join the School's Local Governing Board. 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. 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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