



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "What God has united; man must not divide." Mark 10:2-16
 Psalter Week 3

The Twentieth Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. 5th – 6th 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 5 th Oct	Vigil for the Twentieth Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Cafod Harvest Fast	5.30 pm Mass: Frances Anderson RIP
Sun 6 th Oct	The Twentieth Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Second collection Cafod Harvest Fast	9.35: Rosary 10.00 am Mass: Mary Daly RIP Coffee Morning
Mon 7 th Oct	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Pope's Day of Prayer and fasting for peace in the world.	9.30 am Mass:
Tues 8 th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm Mass:
Wed 9 th Oct	Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest	9.30 am Mass:
Thurs 10 Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass: No Mass
Fri 11 th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass: 2.00 pm School Mass in Church
Sat 12 th Oct	Vigil for the Twentieth Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 13 th Oct	The Twentieth Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	9.35: Rosary 10.00 am Mass:

Readings for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Our Readings this week centre around marriage, relationships, and the blessings of family life. They highlight God's creation of a suitable partner for man, the joy of children and family, Jesus' unity with humanity, and his teachings against divorce while blessing children. In our Gospel Jesus addresses marriage and wealth, reaffirming marriage's sacredness and lifelong commitment. He explains that divorce results from the human hardness of the heart. Jesus also advises a rich young man to prioritize God over possessions by giving to the poor and following Him, emphasizing faith and trust in God. Again this ties in with our parish appeal to support CAFOD and The Foodbank.

The Rosary: October is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Memorial Day is on Monday this week. The Pope has asked us to make this a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world. The rosary is integral to the spiritual life of many Catholics in our countries and, if we deepen our understanding of the foundations of our rosary prayers, we can, in turn, deepen our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. 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.

CAFOD October Harvest Appeal, Second Collection This 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 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.

Harvest Coffee Morning This Sunday 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!

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 recently passed away and for those whose anniversaries are near, Mary Daly, Mary Evans, Catherine Downes, and Audrey Jones may they know the peace of the heavenly kingdom in the company of the angels and saints.

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 9th October: 5- 7 pm. This is a chance for prospective parents to visit and look around the school.

St Mary's School Harvest Mass Friday 11th October @ 2.00 pm: The Whole school will be coming up to the church next Friday to celebrate the Harvest. We would love for parents and carers to join us for the Harvest Mass It will be a great chance to come together and celebrate the season.

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 and Renewal: The Winners for our October Draw were 1st Prize of £117.00 no 21 Margaret Kiely the Second prize of £78.00 no 57 John Burke, the 3rd prize of £39.00 was won by Peter Howell, well done to the winners. 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, Most of a lot of the wall has now been taken down and the footings laid. The part remaining is where the tree needs to come down near the farm centre. The builder to progress work is to take down the crown to enable the work to continue. The team have continued to make progress in the wet weather this week and the new brickwork blockwork and concrete are continuing to progress. It is still scheduled for completion in the second week of December. Jason Evans is the contact his number is 07976893235. .

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. There are leaflets in the Church with more details.

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