



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "Go; your faith has saved you." Mark 10:46-52 Psalter Week 2

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 26th – 27th 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 26 th Oct	Vigil for The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:	5.30 pm Mass: Frances Anderson RIP Angelus
Sun 27 th Oct	The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 9.35: Rosary Angelus	10.00 am Mass: Divine Healing for Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Mon 28 th Oct	Feast of Ss Simon and Jude Apostles	9.30 am Mass:
Tues 29 th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm Mass:
Wed 30 th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass:
Thurs 31 st Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass: No Mass
Fri 1 st Nov	Solemnity of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation. First Friday	9.30 am Mass: 7.00 pm Mass
Saturday 2 nd November	The Commemoration of all the Faithful departed All Souls Day	Mass 13.00 Blessing of Graves
Sat 2 nd Nov	Vigil for The Thirtieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Parish Maintenance Fund Collection.	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 3 rd November	The Thirtieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Parish Maintenance Fund Collection.	10.00 am Mass:

BST ENDS: CLOCK GO BACK THIS SUNDAY MORNING!

Readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Our readings this week reveal God's love and mercy. They show us how God listens to our cries and heals our brokenness.

In our first reading from Jerimiah God promises to bring back His people from exile. This is a message of hope and comfort. In our reading from Hebrews, the writer talks about Jesus as High Priest. Jesus understands human weakness and has compassion, He is merciful and loving, and He offers himself as a sacrifice for our sins. In the Gospel, Bartimaeus, a blind man, calls out to Jesus. Despite the crowd trying to silence him, Jesus stops and asks Bartimaeus what he wants. Bartimaeus asks to see again. Jesus tells him that his faith has healed him, and Bartimaeus immediately regains his sight. Bartimaeus' faith leads to his healing.

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 for those whose anniversaries are near, Kate Dooling, Stephen Toal, John Weaver, Michael McMahon and Michael Kiely. May they know the peace of the heavenly kingdom in the company of the angels and saints

The Rosary and Angelus: October is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. 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.

Stratford Food Bank: Please do help with what you can through October and drop food in the boxes at the back of the church we will take your offering next weekend.

Cemetery Chapel Clean up: If any parishioners have some time to help, We shall have a clean up at 10.00 am on Thursday 31st October at the chapel. Thanks

Friday 1st November Solemnity of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation. In this feast, we honour all men and women who were dedicated to serving the Lord during their earthly lives. We recognize them as a community of saints and seek their intercession so that we too may one day join them in heaven. Our Masses for the Holy Day will be at 9.30 am and 7.00 pm. Please do try to join us.

Saturday 2nd November: The Commemoration of all the Faithful departed All Souls Day: On this day we focus who have died, especially those in Purgatory still waiting to enter Heaven, by praying that God will help them on their journey to Heaven. Both days remind us of the hope we have in eternal life. We will have our Mass for departed Friends and relatives in our Cemetery Chapel at 1.00 pm after Mass Fr Damian will bless the Graves in the Cemetery. Parking will be difficult because of the building work. Please park at the farm shop or pub.

Parish Christmas Fair. Saturday 30th November 11.00 – 5.00. Lots to see and take part in Raffle, Tombola, Games, Stalls, Christmas Jumper Swop Shop, Letter to Santa Station, Gently used toys, Bauble Station, and lots lots more. We will need donations from prizes, items to sell, and cakes, We will need help on the day! Anyone that wants to run a stall from outside of the parish please get in touch with Lesley on 01789 488048- or 07912623990.

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. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Lesley on 07912623990 or email lesleyharvey@yahoo.co.uk

Cemetery Wall: The team have finished removing all of the old wall, they have built up enough of both the front brickwork and rear blockwork to start concreting behind the wall tomorrow. The tree at the end is also coming down this weekend. There is still a bit of work before the conclusion, landscaping, repairing the wooden porch, and putting up a fence/railing on top of the finished wall. The pavement has to be reinstated but they are still on schedule. They will tidy up the front and move the fencing back where they can for next Saturday Jason Evans is the contact his number is 07976893235.

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.

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

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