



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "You are not far from the kingdom of God".
 Mark 12:28-34 Psalter Week 3

The Thirtieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time. 2nd – 3rd November 2024

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November, For anyone who has lost a child: "We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit."

Saturday 2 nd November	The Commemoration of all the Faithful departed All Souls Day	Mass 13.00 at Cemetery Chapel Blessing of Graves
Sat 2 nd Nov	Vigil for The Thirtieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Parish Maintenance Fund Collection.	5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Sun 3 rd November	The Thirtieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Parish Maintenance Fund Collection.	10.00 am Mass: Michael Kiely RIP
Mon 4 th Nov	Memorial of St Charles Borromeo Bishop	9.30 am Mass:
Tues 5 th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm Mass:
Wed 6 th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass: Mary Ann Rogers RIP
Thurs 7 th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass: No Mass
Fri 8 th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Mass:
Sat 9 th November	Vigil for The Thirtieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Collection for the Johnson Association	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 10 th November	The Thirtieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Collection for the Johnson Association	10.00 am Mass:

Saturday 2nd November: The Commemoration of all the Faithful departed All Souls Day: Mass 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.

November Month of Prayer for the Holy Souls. This month we focus on our friends, relatives etc who have died, especially on those in Purgatory still waiting to enter Heaven. We pray that God will help them on their journey to Heaven. We do have prayer lists if you would like to complete one to remember your loved ones through this month. Your list will be placed on the altar throughout this month to commemorate those who have passed. As Catholics, the greatest prayer we can make for our deceased relatives is by having a mass in their memory this month. We have prayer intention envelopes at the back of the 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 especially in this month of November, for all the holy souls who have died in the peace of Christ: especially our parish anniversaries, Michael Kiely, Ellen Taylor, John Miller, Elizabeth Gamble, Declan Doherty, Lilian Jackson Laurence McDermott and Mary Ann Rogers. May the loving Father give them a place of light and rest, that we may share with them in the glory of Jesus Christ, who died to save us all.

Readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: This week's readings invite us to reflect on love, loyalty, and faithfulness. These themes are evident in the commands given in Deuteronomy, the eternal priesthood of Jesus in Hebrews, and Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandments in Mark. Jesus says we must love God fully and love our neighbours as ourselves. Jesus' perfect sacrifice shows us the way to approach God through love. True self-sacrifice, as seen in Jesus' death on the cross, is the love God desires. Jesus urges us to examine our hearts, ensuring nothing hinders our love for God and others. Loving our enemies and praying for those who oppose us are also essential.

This weekend is our Parish Maintenance Fund Collection

Collection for Johnson Association. Next weekend, The Johnson Association provides financial help and support for over 65 elderly or unwell priests each year in the Birmingham Diocese.

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.

Henley Christmas Tree Festival. This starts on Friday 29th November. We are looking for a volunteer family to decorate a tree to represent the parish at this festival. Please contact Fr Damian of Louise.

Our Lady and St Benedict's Church celebration of 120 years. Although the parish and Catholic mission in Wootton Wawen is much older, on Tuesday the 29th of November 1904, the current church was blessed and opened. As reported in the Stratford Herald at the time. "The Silvery tones of the bell in the turret of the new catholic church echoed across the snow-clad landscape when for the first time the devout were summoned to worship in the sacred edifice. The faint rays of winter sunshine added to the brightness of the festival."

We will have a special celebration to mark this occasion on Sunday 1st December

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.

Ecumenical Carol Service. St Nicholas Henley in Arden Sunday 1st December @5.00 pm

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 completed most of the brick and block work. 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. If you can help 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. 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 This will take place this weekend. If anyone wants another number we do have some left. There are some "sign-up envelopes" at the back of the church for new subscribers. 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 popped in the box at the back of the church or given to Mary Mayo. For 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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