



**OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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 "This poor widow has put in more than all."  
 Mark 12:38-44 Psalter Week 4

**The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 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."

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| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup><br>November  | <b>Vigil for The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:</b> Collection for the Johnson Association        | 5.30 pm Mass: Rita Clarke's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday and recovery from Operation |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup><br>November | <b>The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Remembrance Day.</b> Collection for the Johnson Association | 10.00 am Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael and Walsh Peggy Lennon    |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov         | Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop.   | 9.30 am Mass: Peter Rogers RIP  |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr.  | 6.30 pm Mass:   |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov         | Feria in Ordinary Time  | 9.30 am Mass: Eileen Murtach RIP  |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov       | Feria in Ordinary Time  | Mass: No Mass   |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov         | Feria in Ordinary Time  | <b>9.00 am Mass:</b>  |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup><br>November | <b>Vigil for The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:</b>  | 5.30 pm Mass:   |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup><br>November | <b>The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Children's Liturgy</b>                                       | 10.00 am Mass:  |

**Remembrance Day;** This Sunday we remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those who gave their lives in war for the defence of their country, those who suffered, and those who were left behind.

**November Friday Morning Masses, Change of Time:** Over this month, year groups from St Marys School are joining us for mass. To accommodate them and the train times back to School, our mass on Friday mornings will be at 9.00. We encourage parents and Parsi honours to come along and join the children in their worship.

**Children's Liturgy:** We will have a children's liturgy next Sunday during our 10.00 mass.

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

**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 November, for all the holy souls who have died in the peace of Christ: especially our parish anniversaries, Fr John Dewis, Gladys Baldry, Eileen Bates, Michel Lee, Duncan Mulholland, Ronald Coleman, Charles Bartholomew, Betty Sears, Stephen Bullingham, Eileen Murtach, and Peter Rogers. We also remember those who have died fighting for their country and given their lives for our safety and well-being. May they enjoy the everlasting happiness of heaven.

**Readings for the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:** This week's readings this week have two stories of two widows: one in the First Reading who gives her last bit of food to Elijah and the other in the Gospel who donates her last coins to the Temple. Both widows embody the love and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to imitate. These stories emphasise how the spirit of generosity will judge us and the love behind our giving, not the amount we give. We are encouraged to trust in God's care, even when it is difficult. True sacrifice is giving without expecting anything in return.

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** to Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

**Missio Red Boxes:** Can boxholders please return their boxes for Mary Clarke to coordinate the parish collection? If there is not much change in your box please consider a donation. Please, mark any envelopes for Missio. Many Thanks

**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.

**We do Still have some of our blue Votive Candles to leave at gravesides.**

**Stratford Food Bank:** Please do help with what you can through November 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 29<sup>th</sup> November. We are looking for a volunteer family to decorate a tree to represent the parish at this festival. Please get in touch with 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Parish Christmas Fair.** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Anyone who wants to run a stall from outside of the parish please get in touch. We would love to have donations and help: Baubles that are no longer needed or any other decorations / gently used toys / baked goods (we have some amazing bakers!) / Bootles Prizes for the tombola. Anything for the 3 hampers (one is chocolate / one is toiletries/one is general Christmas yummy things). Please drop Lesley a note, call or text/whats app: lesleyharvey@yahoo.co.uk, Tel 07912623990 / home number 01789488048.

**Ecumenical Carol Service. St Nicholas Henley in Arden Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December @5.00 pm**

**Luxury Christmas Wreath Workshop.** Lesley is running workshops to make the most glorious of wreaths. Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> – 12- 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Work is still on track to be completed early next month. Any issues 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. If you can help please get in touch with the school above or John Burke at [jburke@gov.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:jburke@gov.magnificat.org.uk).

**100 Club Draw.** Our winners last weekend were no 58 Kate Corrigan £120. Rebecca Mander no 60 won £80 and no 12 Tom Phillips no 12 won £40 well done. 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. For BACS payments please contact Mary at [pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk). You can contact me for any queries at netandsteve@gmail.com. Many thanks. Annette

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