



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.'
 John 2:1-11 Psalter Week 2

The Baptism of the Lord, 18th 19th January.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2025: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Sat 18 th January	Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. <i>Peace Sunday</i> <i>Second collection for Pax Christi.</i>	5.30 pm Mass: Joe Fitzgerald RIP 3 rd Anniversary
Sun 19 th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. <i>Peace Sunday</i> <i>Second collection for Pax Christi</i>	10.00 am Mass: Divine healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon Children's Liturgy
Mon 20 th January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Communion Service
Tues 21 st January	Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr.	No Mass
Wed 22 nd January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Communion Service
Thurs 23 rd January	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass.
Fri 24 th January	Memorial of St Francis De Sales, Bishop Doctor of the Church	9.30 am Communion Service
Sat 25 th January	Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. <i>(Sunday of the Word of God)</i>	5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 26 th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. <i>(Sunday of the Word of God)</i>	10.00 am Mass:

Children's Liturgy: This weekend, during our 10:00 mass, there is an opportunity for children to come and share in our Children's liturgy. Can I encourage parents to bring them along?

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. This period of prayer for the unity of all Christian people starts on Saturday 18th January.

Pax Christi: This weekend the Church sets aside as Peace Sunday There will be a second collection for Pax Christi, the Catholic Charity working for peace in the world.

Second Week in Ordinary Time: In our Readings this week we are reminded to see God's work in our lives and our community. The readings focus on the joy and blessings we receive from God, encouraging us to use our gifts and work together in unity.

In Isaiah, we hear of God's promise to bring joy to His people, showing His faithful love.

Paul's letter explains that the Holy Spirit gives us unique gifts, like wisdom, knowledge, and faith, meant to help and strengthen the community. This message calls us to recognize and share these gifts, knowing each one has purpose and value.

The Gospel tells of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana, where He turned water into wine. This miracle shows Jesus' care for others and His ability to bring newness and joy.

Mary's role in this story also stands out. She notices the need, asks Jesus for help, and trusts in His power. Her actions inspire us to turn to Jesus with trust, knowing He can help and renew us.

Fr Damian's holiday at home in Nigeria.

While Fr Damian is away, the deanery and the Columbans have arranged cover for our weekend masses. If anything urgent needs to be addressed, please contact either Fr Oliver at St Gregory's or the Dean, Fr David Hartley, at St Joseph's Whitnash. 01926 772712.

This weekend, Canon Stewart and Fr John Collins are covering for Fr Damian.

During this week, there will be a communion service on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

On Monday it will be at 9.00 am.

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 the souls of our departed loved ones, especially our parish anniversaries, Joe Fitzgerald, John Lawton, Karen Hughes, Michael Kerrigan, Jerry Fogarty, Robert Bullivant and Kath Shill, may they have light and peace.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen

Booklets to accompany the Jubilee Year are available to help us make the most of the Jubilee Year. You can pick up your copy in the Church. Please make a donation to the piety stall box if you can but take a copy.

The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025: Please visit the diocese webpage for more details

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Listing/Category/the-year-of-prayer-2024-and-the-jubilee-year-2025>.

An Invitation from The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité: The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité warmly invites you to a special Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 8 February, at 4:30 pm, in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, honour Our Lady, and seek her intercession for the sick and their carers.

We extend a special invitation to: • All who have served in Lourdes,

- Schools, students, and Pilgrims planning to join our Diocesan Pilgrimage in May 2025.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité is a religious confraternity affiliated with the Hospitalité Notre Dame de Lourdes. They are committed to supporting pilgrims, especially those staying in the Accueil, by providing meaningful experiences and financial assistance to those in need.

100 Club January Draw: If you want to increase your chances of a win, we still have some numbers left. It is not too late to sign up! There are some "sign-up envelopes" at the back of the church for new subscribers. For BACS payments, please get in touch with Mary Mayo at pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk. You can contact me for any queries at netandsteve@gmail.com. Many thanks. Annette.

Stratford Food Bank: This is this month's most needed: UHT fruit juice, UHT Milk, Tinned Chicken Meals, tinned vegetable meals, Pie, instant Mashed, Pasta, rice, Soup, and any other items you can spare. Please drop off any donations in the box at the back of the church.

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."*

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025. You can now register your interest in joining the Pilgrimage by visiting www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

Safeguarding Information from The Archdiocese Office: Our Lady and St. Benedict's parish operates following Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Catherine Treacy. She can be contacted at: sg.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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