



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.'
 Luke 6: 27-38. Psalter Week 2.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 15th – 16th February

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February. For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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| Sat 15 th February | Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Collection for Racial Justice</i> | 5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh, and Peggy Lennon |
| Sun 16 th February | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. <i>Collection for Racial Justice</i> | 10.00 am Mass: Siobhán Upton RIP Children's Liturgy |
| Mon 17 th February | Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.30 am Communion Service |
| Tues 18 th February | Feria in Ordinary Time | No Mass |
| Wed 19 th February | Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.30 am Communion Service |
| Wed 19th February | Soup and Roll Lunch | 12.30 Parish rooms. |
| Thurs 20 th February | Feria in Ordinary Time | No Mass. |
| Fri 21 st February | Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.30 am Communion Service |
| Sat 22 nd February | Vigil for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5.30 pm Mass: |
| Sun 23 rd February | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. | 10.00 am Mass: Marion Fletcher RIP |

Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This week, our readings focus on themes of trust, resurrection, and true happiness. Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus each offer insights into how we should live our lives in faith. These reflections explore what it means to trust in God, the hope found in Jesus' resurrection, and the blessings and woes of our earthly lives. Jeremiah warns us against trusting in human strength. He compares those who trust in humans to a shrub in the desert, dry and struggling to survive. This shows that relying on ourselves or others can leave us feeling empty and lost.

Paul explains that our faith is built on the truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Without the resurrection, our faith is useless, and we have no hope. In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the blessings of the poor and hungry. He contrasts their future joy with the sorrow of the rich and satisfied. Jesus warns those who are comfortable now that their happiness is temporary. This message teaches us to look for true happiness in God. It reminds us that worldly comforts do not last. We are encouraged to trust in God and seek His blessings, knowing He cares for those in need.

Racial Justice Sunday: This year, Racial Justice Sunday will be celebrated this weekend. The theme, Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice, invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes, and our wider society.

Fr Damian Holiday: Fr Damian will be back this week until he returns, if **any** urgent needs arise, please contact either Fr Oliver at St Gregory's or the Dean, Fr David Hartley, at St Joseph's Whitnash. 01926 772712. #

Parish AGM 24th March. This is our event for March. We would love some more parishioners to come along and show your support for the parish. The Quiz is later in the year. Sorry, I mixed up my notes.

Soup and Roll Lunch. This Wednesday, 12.30 pm in parish rooms. Please come along.

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.

Let us pray for all those holy souls who have died in the peace of Christ: for Victor Goodwin and Peter Hernshaw, who passed away recently, and for our parish anniversaries, Martin Cairney, Roy McCall, Joan McAvoy, Marion Fletcher, Jan Pawinski, Mary Sayles, Mary Kiely, Lawrence Hall, Edward O'Donnell and James Murray. May the loving Father give them a place of life and rest that we may share with them in the glory of Jesus Christ, who died to save us all.



Booklets to accompany the Jubilee Year. These are available to help us make the most of the Jubilee Year. You can pick up your copy in the Church. Please donate 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>.

Peter Hernshaw, RIP. Peter passed away on 7th February. Peter had been a big supporter of our church. For many years, he helped out as our warden for our 10.00 masses. On Sundays after the church was opened, Peter would be there to ensure all the lights were on, the candles lit, and the collection baskets were sorted. We offer our sympathy to his wife, Jan and all the family. Eternal rest Grant unto Peter; may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of the Lord.

Victor Goodwin RIP. Vic passed away earlier in the month. We pray for the repose of his soul and offer our sympathy to Vera and all his family. May he rest in eternal peace with the lord. His funeral will be in March.

100 Club February 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 "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: The foodbank reports a 25% drop in donations for the month the number of users is on the rise, so they need help. This month's most needed are Instant Mash, Instant Whip, Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Shampoo, Squash, Tinned Chicken Meals, UHT fruit juice, tinned custard, or any other items you can spare. Please drop off any donations in the box at the back of the church.

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The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025. Lourdes Pilgrimage Booking is now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage You are most welcome to join in this Jubilee Year as we journey to Lourdes in May. The pilgrimage runs from Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". If you would like to travel to Lourdes but need assistance help is available. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers. Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk Find out more here: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>
Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo from Birmingham: 10th – 14th March, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport are included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, and the Quiet Man Museum. Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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