



OUR LADY & ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
 Luke 19:28-40 Psalter Week 4

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 12th-13th April 2025

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April. For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Our Lady and St. Benedict's. Holy Week and Easter Services

Sat 12 th April	Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Blessing of Palms	5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen and Michael Walsh, Peggy Lennon
Sun 13 th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Blessing of Palms	10.00 am Mass: Private Intention
Mon 14 th April	Monday of Holy Week	9.30 am Mass
Tues 15 th April	Tuesday of Holy Week	9.30 am Mass
Wed 16 th April	Wednesday of Holy Week	7.00 pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
Thurs 17 th April Maundy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper Watching until Midnight	6.30 pm
Fri 18 th April Good Friday	Ecumenical Service of Witness Market Cross Henley in Arden Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Stations of The Cross	10.00 am 3.00 pm 6.30 pm
Sat 12 th April Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass, Blessing of the Fire and Holy Water <i>Easter Clergy offering.</i>	7.30 pm:
Sun 13 th April Easter Day	Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord <i>Easter Clergy offering.</i>	08.30 am Mass 10.00 am Mass:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. It is a day when we commemorate Jesus's entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to His Passion.



The Palm Sunday Readings centre around the death of Jesus Christ, emphasising themes of abandonment, taking the difficult path, embracing suffering, the Paschal mystery, Jesus as the king of our lives, and the dangers of fickleness. These readings remind us of Jesus's ultimate sacrifice, the transformative power of his love, and the call to remain faithful and steadfast in our own lives to his example of humility and obedience. Jesus brought us into God's Family by paying the price for our sins; His suffering

and death, although it may seem foolish to some, is a significant victory over sin and death. Jesus encourages us to take up our own crosses and follow him to experience the new life He offers.

Passiontide: We have now entered Passiontide, the final two weeks of Lent. During Passiontide, the crucifix and other statues and images around the church are veiled with a purple cloth.

Second Collections: On Good Friday, the traditional collection is for Holy Places in the Holy Land. With the current conflicts in the area, please help with what you can.

Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Masses: The Second collection will be your Easter offering to our parish priest. This collection greatly helps Fr. Damian with his personal expenses.

St Marys Primary School Henley in Arden Newsletter: <https://www.smh.magnificat.org.uk/news-dates/newsletter>

Prayer Intentions: We pray that our Holy Father Pope Francis makes a full recovery from his illness. We pray for all on our parish sick list and those who care for them,
We pray for those who have died, and for our parish anniversaries, Charles Ryder, Paul Burke, Rita Jefferies, Cecilia Smith, Mary McAnulty, John Anderson, Faith Ferraz and Francis Keyte. May they be held in the light of God's love

Our Lady and St. Benedict's Parish, Easter Lilies LAST CALL: If you would like to donate to the floral displays in our Church at Easter in memory of a loved one or as a celebration, please complete the form/envelopes in church. All those to be remembered will be placed on a Prayer Board. Donations can be made by Cash, Cheque or BACS. Please mark your payment 'Easter Lilies and drop your envelope in the flower box by Palm Sunday. For more information, please get in touch with Lesley on WhatsApp at +44 7912 623990 or email, lesleyeharvey@yahoo.co.uk. Please return your envelope by Palm Sunday.

Parish Easter Raffle. We have some grand prizes for to raffle to raise badly needed funds to support the church. ***The tickets are still on sale this weekend @ £2.00 a strip or 3 strips for £5.00. Please remember your change to support this fundraising effort.*** The raffle will be drawn Easter Sunday after our 10.00 Mass.

Assisted suicide Bill The next debate in the House of Commons for the Report Stage of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is on Friday, 16th May. If this Bill passes, assisted suicide will become legal in the UK, having devastating consequences for disabled people. The Catholic Bishops are asking for your help to stop this. For time to pause, consult and consider this bill. Please collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP, Manuela Perteghella, today!

Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2025: All Married couples are invited to a mass of thanksgiving for Marriage at noon on Saturday, 3rd May, in St Chad's Cathedral. This includes those preparing to marry this year and those celebrating a milestone anniversary. The mass will be followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass to confirm your attendance by 13th April.

100 Club April Draw: 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: This month's most needed items are Coffee, Hand Wash, Instant Mas, Shaving Foam, Tinned meat meals, UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, washing up liquid, or 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. Lourdes Pilgrimage Booking is now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Find out more here:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

Safeguarding Information from The Archdiocese Office: Our Lady and St. Benedict's parish always operates following Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures. 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.

Follow the Readings at Mass: www.universalis.com/mass. or www.alivepublishing.co.uk.

Deanery Website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>

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www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Roadworks Wootton Rise Alcester Road 17th April Maundy Thursday, Openreach will be working near the new houses on Wootton Rise, they will be closing the road between the School and the Church to put on a diversion. It should be finished by the time we have our services in the evening.