



**OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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 "Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?"  
 Luke 24:1-12 **Psalter Week 3.**

**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.

Sat 19th April	<b>Holy Saturday. Mass of the Easter Vigil, Blessing of the Fire and Holy Water</b> Second Collection: your Easter Clergy offering	8.00 pm: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> Second Collection: your Easter Clergy offering	8.30 am: Solemn Mass; People of the Parish 10.00 am: Solemn Mass; People of the Parish
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday	10.00 am Mass
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Tuesday	6.30 pm mass
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Wednesday "Solemnity of St George transferred to Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April.)	9.30 am mass
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Thursday	No Mass
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Friday	9.30 am Mass
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Vigil for Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	5.30 pm Mass
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	10.00 am Mass

**Easter Clergy Offering.** This weekend, our second Collection will be the Easter Clergy offering. There are some envelopes in the Church. Please support this.

**Message from Fr Damian.** I wish you all Every Blessing for a Holy Easter season, filled with the love of Christ. A big thanks to all who helped in our services over the Lenten period, especially over this Holy week. We have had a very busy week with our Ecumenical stations on Wednesday, Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday, our Passion Service and Stations of the Cross on Friday, our Vigil Mass on Saturday and our Solemn Sunday Masses. Thank you all for coming along to share our services. A Big thanks to all our Readers, Musicians, Ministers and Greeters. Thanks also to the cleaners who came along last Saturday to clean up and our wonderful flower team for their superb Easter Flowers

I wish all our parishioners, family and friends a Happy Easter! May the risen Christ bring peace and blessings to your life and your loved ones this Easter and always.

**Prayer Intentions:** We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them. May Christ be near them to bless them. We pray for the repose of the souls of our parish anniversaries, Muriel Ward, John Jefferies, William Kerr, Theresa Bartholomew, James Metcalfe, Pearl Bullivant, Doris Anderson, Anne Cowan, and Pat Maisey. Eternal rest grant to them, O lord, may they rest in eternal peace.

**Easter Fundraising Raffle:** There is still time to buy tickets for our draw for a wonderful selection of Easter Hampers, and prizes to raise parish funds. The Draw will take place after our 10.00 am Sunday Mass. The Tickets are £2 per strip or 3 for £5, please do support this by buying a raffle ticket.

**Gift Aid Planned Giving Boxes:** The boxes for the new year are available at the church.

If you are a taxpayer and would like to gift aid your donations to our Church, please contact Mary Mayo @ [pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk).

**Easter:** Easter Sunday is the most important celebration in the Christian calendar. It marks Jesus' victory over sin and death through His Resurrection. This event is the cornerstone of the faith, offering believers hope for eternal life. The Easter readings reflect God's goodness and saving work throughout history, showing His power to bring freedom and new life to His people.

Key themes of Easter include renewal and redemption. Jesus' sacrifice and Resurrection bring forgiveness of sins and invite us to live in a renewed relationship with God. St. Paul emphasises dying to sin and being raised to new life through baptism. This reminds us to focus on heavenly things and trust in God's promises.

Easter is also a time of joy and unity. The Resurrection calls Christians to come together in celebration, sharing the Good News with others. It invites us to reflect on how faith in Jesus transforms our lives and strengthens our connection with God and one another.

As we rejoice in the Resurrection, Easter Sunday encourages us to embrace new beginnings. It reminds us to turn away from sin and live with hope, joy, and trust in God's saving grace.

**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! In our online newsletter, there are words to write or email your MP.

**Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2025:** All Married couples are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage at noon on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass)

**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](mailto:pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk). You can contact me for any queries at [netandsteve@gmail.com](mailto:netandsteve@gmail.com). Many thanks. Annette.

**Stratford Food Bank:** This month's most needed items are Chocolate, Honey, Instant Mash, Instant Whip, Savoury snacks, Squash, Tinned meat meals, and UHT fruit juice. 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".*

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