



**OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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 "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another"  
 John 13:31-33,34-35 *Psalter Week 1*

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention May, For working conditions:** Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter feria	<b>1.00 pm First Holy Communion Mass</b>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>5.30 Mass Margaret Clark , RIP</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>10.00 Mass. Divine healing on Maurenn Walah, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon.</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter feria	9.30 am Mass
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter feria	6.30 pm mass
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Feast of St Matthias, Apostle.	9.30 am mass
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Easter feria	No Mass
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Easter feria	9.30 am Mass
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter	<b>5.30 Mass</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<b>10.00 Mass</b>

**May Devotions:** During this special month, dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven, we will venerate her by saying together the Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) after our weekend masses.

**The Rosary** will be prayed before our Sunday morning mass from 9.40 am.

Can I encourage you all to make your own devotions to our Blessed Lady by praying the Rosary at home this month?

**Message from Fr Damian. Fifth Sunday of Easter.** This weekend, our readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter, emphasise the themes of love, community, the hope of heaven, and the challenges of discipleship. In our Gospel, Jesus' new commandment to love one another as He has loved us is a powerful lesson. Despite knowing He would be betrayed, Jesus focuses on love and service. His example teaches us to love others even in difficult times and to trust in God's plan. This message encourages us to find strength and support in community and to persevere through difficulties in our journey towards the Kingdom of God. There is also a reminder of the ultimate reward of eternal joy and the promise that God will wipe away all tears and eliminate suffering in the new order of heaven.

**First Holy Communion: This Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 1.00 pm.** We will welcome the children who are making their First Holy Communion next Saturday for this wonderful sacrament. Thanks to all their Parents, Teachers and our parish catechist for preparing the children for this special day. All parishioners are welcome to come along and share and support them at this mass.

**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 soul of the lately dead, and our parish anniversaries, Norah Burke, Lesley Anderson, George O'Connor, Paul

Price, Mary McKeever, Mary Ann Kerr, and Henry Bartholomew. May the love of Christ welcome them into the eternal peace and joy of heaven.

**Margaret Clark (Walker) RIP.** Margaret, one of our regular parishioners on a Saturday Night, after a long illness, passed away recently. Our condolences to her husband, Keith, and her family.

**Our Lady and St. Benedict's Summer Afternoon Tea - June 7th, 2 PM to 4 PM:** The Committee is delighted to invite you to our Summer Afternoon Tea! Join us for an afternoon filled with delicious sweet and savoury treats. Feel free to bring your friends and family and enjoy your table for a lovely gathering.

Ticket prices are as follows: £5.00 per adult and £2.50 per child.

To help us cater appropriately, please text 07930147799 with the number of adults and children attending. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Oscott College:** This is our Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield. They are trying to spread the news about the work they do by getting people to sign up for their newsletter at [www.oscott.org](http://www.oscott.org). Their recent newsletter includes an update from the Rector, some answers to frequently asked questions about discernment, a report on some of the 'Hidden Treasures in the Oscott museum, and details of how to book a college tour. During May, there are several Open days and college tours to which all are welcome. They have a regular monthly magazine and early access to the annual "Oscotian Magazine" and events hosted at the college. For more details and to sign up, please visit.

<https://www.oscott.org/>

**100 Club May 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:** There was an incredibly busy April for the foodbank, feeding 507 people. They haven't fed this number of people since Jan 2024!, so their warehouse is looking particularly empty at the moment. This month's most needed items are Chocolate, Snacks, 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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