



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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"A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you".

John 14:23-29 *Psalter Week 2*

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter 24th- 25th May 2025

Saturday 24 th May	Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter	5.30 Mass Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh, Peggy Lennon.
Sunday 25 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	10.00 Mass Anne Raddin's intentions
Mon 26 th May	Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest	9.30 am Mass
Tues 27 th May	Feast of St Augustin of Canterbury, Bishop	6.30 pm mass
Wed 28 th May	Easter feria	9.30 am mass
Thurs 29 th May	Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord. Holiday of Obligation	10.00 am Mass 7.00 pm Mass
Fri 30 th May	Solemnity of Dedication	No Mass
Saturday 31 st May	Vigil for the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Second collection, Catholic Communications.	5.30 Mass
Sunday 1 st June	Seventh Sunday of Easter Children's Liturgy and Coffee Morning Second collection, Catholic Communications.	10.00 Mass

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. The Mass readings for this weekend highlight the themes of the Holy Spirit's guidance, God's blessings upon us, the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and God's faithfulness to His promises. The readings emphasise the role of the Holy Spirit in teaching and reminding us of Jesus' teachings, the abundant blessings of God upon all nations, the vision of the new Jerusalem as a symbol of God's glory, and Jesus' assurance of sending the Holy Spirit to guide us in our journey of faith.

We are reminded to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in our own lives. By opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit, we can find the strength and wisdom needed to make good decisions. Let us trust in the Holy Spirit to lead us, just as it led the apostles, and continue to guide the Church in truth and unity.

Sunday 8th June Pentecost Sunday: Fr Damian would love it if Parishioners could share the Bidding Prayers in Native languages other than English. If you can help, please contact Fr Damian.

Mike Harriman RIP. Mike passed away recently. We offer our prayers and condolences to Sue and their family at this time.

Margaret Clark (Walker) RIP. Margaret was one of our regular parishioners on a Saturday Night. After a long illness, she passed away recently. Our condolences to her husband, Keith, and her family. Her Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady and St Benedict on Thursday, 5th June at 1.30 pm, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

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. For all those who have died, especially for Mike Harriman, who died recently and for Margaret Walker and for all whose anniversaries occur. Mary McKeever, Mary Ann Kerr, Henry Bartholomew, Odette Webber, Margery Thompson, Denis Keyte, Sophie Jones, Louise Jones, May they enter the peace of the kingdom where faith melts into the vision of God, where hope is fulfilled, and love abides forever.

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!

Day for Life, 15 June 2025. This year's Day for Life will take place on the 15th June.

In preparation for this, we are inviting the faithful to pray the Novena for Life from 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31st May. Information is available on the Bishops' Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>, as well as at: <https://prayforlife.ie/>

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. You can contact me for any queries at netandsteve@gmail.com. Many thanks. Annette.

Financial Offerings and Donations for Our Lady and St Benedict Church: Parishioners are encouraged to consider setting up a Standing Order for regularly supporting the parish using the following details. These details may also be used for one-off donations.

A/c Name: RCA Birmingham Parish of Our Lady & St. Benedict, Wotton Wawen.

A/c No: 94115354 Sort Code: 60-20-41

Gift Aid forms are available from Mary Mayo. Please inform Mary once the Standing Order is set up. pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk.

Stratford Food Bank: There was an incredibly busy April for the food bank, feeding 507 people. They haven't fed this number of people since January 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.

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