



## OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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'The Holy Spirit will teach you all things. 'John 14:15-16, 23b-26

**Psalter Week 2**

**Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for June: That the world might grow in compassion.** Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

### The Solemnity of Pentecost 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Vigil for the Solemnity of Pentecost <b>Second collection, Parish maintenance</b>	<b>5.30 Mass:</b> Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh, and Peggy Lennon
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	The Solemnity of Pentecost <b>Second collection, Parish maintenance</b>	<b>10.00 Mass:</b> Peggy, Charles William, and Dorothy Katherine Bartholomew
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Memorial of Mary, the Mother of the Church	9.30 am mass
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm mass
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle.	9.30 am mass
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.	No Mass
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.30 am mass
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Vigil for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity <b>Second collection, Day for Life</b>	<b>5.30 Mass</b>
Sunday 15 June	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity <b>Second collection, Day for Life</b>	<b>10.00 Mass</b>

**This weekend, our Second collection is for our Parish Maintenance Fund**

**Ordinary Time:** With the Feast of Pentecost, the Season of Easter is over, and we resume Ordinary Time with Week 10 in Ordinary Time, Psalter week 2.

**Message from Fr Damian. Pentecost** highlights a powerful moment in Christian history when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles as tongues of fire. This event marked the birth of the Church, giving the apostles the strength and courage to preach the Good News. The Holy Spirit's presence was a visible sign that God was with them, guiding and empowering their mission.

The tongues of fire rested on each apostle, symbolising that the Holy Spirit was for everyone, not just a select few. This moment united the apostles in purpose, breaking down barriers and filling them with the confidence to spread Christ's teachings. The apostles spoke in different languages, making it clear that the message of Jesus was for all people, regardless of their background or nationality.

Pentecost reminds us of the importance of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. Just as the Spirit empowered the apostles, it empowers us to live as true followers of Christ. We may not see tongues of fire, but the Spirit is present, giving us the gifts we need to share God's love with others. Each of us is called to use our unique talents to contribute to the Church and our communities.

**Day for Life, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025.** This year's Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. It will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> June. More information is available on the Bishops' Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>, as well as at <https://prayforlife.ie/>.

**The Second Collection next weekend is for the Day for Life Fund.** This Fund provides financial assistance each year to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death.

**Prayer Intentions:** We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them. May the holy spirit strengthen them in their need. For all those who have died, and for all whose anniversaries occur. Bob Sandford, Sharon McAvoy, Anna Moulder, Helen Johnson, Joseph Murray, Jean Mackel, and Margaret (Peggy) Bartholomew. May the Holy Spirit lead us into the glory of heaven.

**Extraordinary Eucharist minister needed:** The Extraordinary Eucharist minister serves Christ who is present in our masses by ministering his Body and Blood to their brothers and sisters. We would like to increase the number of Eucharistic Ministers available to help at our Sunday Masses. If you think you can help, please speak to Fr Damian.

**100 Club June Draw:** It is not too late to sign up; we still have some numbers unclaimed. 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.

**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](mailto:pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk).

**WeBelieve Festival, 25th-28th July 2025:** This will be a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr. Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more.

Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the entire weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40.

Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webeliefefestival.com](http://www.webeliefefestival.com)

**Stratford Food Bank:** They have been incredibly busy during May half term, giving out 20 lunch box hampers to families with children, besides emergency food parcels, which have fed 44 children. During May, they gave out 4.3 tonnes of food. The donations from churches last month totalled 177kg. They had a food drive in Tesco food, which was remarkably successful, bringing in 536kg of food. This month's most needed items are Tinned curry, Tinned Corned Beef, Instant whip, Toilet roll, Pasta sauce, Nappies, Chocolate, Coffee and Deodorant 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."*

**Safeguarding Information from The Archdiocese Office:** Our Lady and St. Benedict's parish always operates following Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Catherine Treacy. She can be contacted at: [sg.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk), or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at 0121 230 6240, [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk), if you have any concerns.

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