



**OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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 "The feeding of the five thousand."  
 Luke 9:11-17. Psalter week 4

**Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for June:** "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 the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Vigil for The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	<b>5.30 Mass:</b> Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh, and Peggy Lennon
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	<b>10.00 Mass and Confirmation with Bishop Richard Walker</b> Evelyn Treacy RIP
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am mass
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.	6.30 pm mass
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30 am mass
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.30 am mass
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Vigil for The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul	<b>5.30 Mass</b> <b>Second Collection for Peter's Pence</b>
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**Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. This Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June.** On this day, we celebrate the gift to us of the of the Sacred Eucharist in the Mass. We renew our devotion to Our Blessed Lord Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us every time we are at Mass.

**Confirmations This Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** We are blessed to have Bishop Richard with us this Sunday to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on some of our children from St Mary's. Please do come along and support the children for this milestone event in their spiritual life and meet our new area bishop.

**Feast of St Peter and St Paul:** Next Sunday, we celebrate these two early apostles of the Church. We ask them to continue interceding for us to the Lord, and we pray for Pope Leo XIV, our descendant of St Peter as our Pope. The Second Collection will be for Peter's Pence, the fund which supports the Pope's charitable works and the needs of the universal Church.

**Message from Fr. Damian. Corpus Christi.** This weekend, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, a central mystery of our faith. The readings remind us of Christ's love and how he offers himself to unite us with God and with one another. The Eucharist is the new covenant that Jesus made with us through his Body and Blood. It is a sign of God's love and faithfulness to his people. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we renew our relationship with God and remember his promise to be with us always.

It is a moment to reflect on his faithfulness and how we can live as part of his covenant. This includes loving others, staying faithful to God, and trusting in his care. The Eucharist invites us to deepen our faith and live in love and service.

**Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers needed:** On this feast of Corpus Christi, can I remind parishioners, we want 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.

**Prayer Intentions:** We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them. May Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen them in their need. For those who have died, remembering especially members of our own families and for all whose anniversaries are near, Margaret Pope, Kitty Dwyer, Eileen Hayden, Gerald Cardiff, Robert Hallahan, Alfred Bates, Evelyn Treacy, and Theresa Smith. May we all meet again at the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Catholic School Foundation Governors.** Could You Help Support Catholic Education? Our Lady of the Magnificat Multi Academy, which our Parish School and St Benedict's are part of, invites practising Catholics to consider becoming school governors within its schools. No experience in education needed; just a willingness to contribute your time and insight. For more, visit [www.magnificat.org.uk/join-us/become-a-governor](http://www.magnificat.org.uk/join-us/become-a-governor) or email [governor@magnificat.org.uk](mailto:governor@magnificat.org.uk). There are flyers at the back of the church.

**Visit by Diocesan Education Service to St Mary's.** Ted Hammond from BDES visited the school recently. In his report, he was very complimentary about the school and its staff. In particular, he praised the pupil outcomes and the school attendance at St Mary's. He wrote, "The pupils were fully engaged and enjoying their learning. The teaching staff are strong and a credit to the school and contribute enormously to securing the feeling of a secure and happy establishment."

**Diocesan Pilgrimage To the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, Sunday, July 7th**

2.15 - 3.45 pm - Confessions. 3 pm Rosary. 4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrant Bishop Timothy Menezes. Please bring your own chairs. Hednesford, near Cannock. The Church and Shrine are on Uxbridge Street on the A460, WS12 1DB. For further information, contact: Fr Jeremy Howard, 07868 542268 or email [fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk)

**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. 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:** 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:

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