



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted
 those of humble estate. Luke 1:39-56 Psalter week 4

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for August 2026: For evangelisation in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Welcome to this House of God.

Pray to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, Talk to others after Mass

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th-16th August 2026		
Saturday 15th August	Vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.	5.30 pm Mass.
Sunday 16th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09.30 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00 am Mass: Tea and Coffee after Mass
Monday 17th August	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 Mass:
Tuesday 18th August	Feria in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi begins	6.10 pm: Rosary 6.30 Mass:
Wed 19th August	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am: Mass
Thurs 20th August	Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	No mass
Friday 21st August	Memorial of St Pius X, Pope	9.15 am Mass
Saturday 22nd August	Vigil for the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Mass.
Sunday 23rd August	The Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time	09.30 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00 am: Mass: Paul judge RIP Tea and Coffee after Mass

Welcome to Our Lady and St Benedict Catholic Parish!

If you are new to the Parish or visiting us this weekend, a very warm welcome to you! Please make yourself known to our greeters. Join us for refreshments in the parish rooms after the 10.00 am Sunday Mass if you are able!

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an important event for Catholics, marking her being taken up to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. She is honoured for not experiencing decay, as God brought her directly to heaven. This event is celebrated on August 15th, a holy day of obligation for many Catholics, who reflect on Mary's unique role as the mother of Jesus and a model of faith. Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption as a dogma in 1950, establishing it as a core belief of the Catholic Church. While not explicitly mentioned in the Bible, it is based on longstanding tradition within the Church.

The Assumption highlights Mary's special relationship with Jesus as His mother and emphasises her faithfulness and obedience. By taking her to heaven, God honours her role within the Church, illustrating a deep link between Mary and Jesus. This celebration reminds us that, like Mary, we can achieve eternal life through faith and God's transformative help. It signifies her complete redemption and her role as an intercessor for believers, offering hope for eternal life with God. Reflecting on Mary's journey encourages Catholics to live faithful lives, trusting in God's promises.

Parish Rosary Devotion to Our Lady: As a parish dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, we continue to say the rosary before our Tuesday Evening Mass at around 6.10 pm. Please join us in this devotion.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotion to the Sacred Heart. Sunday mornings at 9.30 am. We will continue to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before our Sunday Mass, and we encourage you to spend time with the Lord.

Prayer Intentions: We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them. May all be strengthened in their needs by the Lord Jesus Christ and His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We pray for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again, for Maureen Taylor, recently deceased, and for our parish anniversaries: William Kerr, Leslie Shill, David Finlayson, Paul Judge, and Frances Beryl Hiles. May they come into the light of God's presence in his heavenly kingdom.

Annual Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi starts Tuesday 18th August. This will take place across the Archdiocese until the Feast of Blessed Dominic on Wed 26 August 2026. The novena prayer and further information can be found on the diocesan website on the page relating to the Novena. The Novena of Prayer can be prayed in Parishes, and privately at home.

Parish WhatsApp Broadcast: Fr. Jibu would like to start a Parish WhatsApp broadcast to help with Parish communications. Through this broadcast, he can send personal messages to parishioners. Each parishioner will receive his messages directly and will be able to respond to him. This is not a group chat; parishioners will only see Fr. Jibu's admin number and the message, not the contact details of others on the broadcast or any replies. This broadcast is exclusively for our parishioners. Only those who have signed up receive the messages. Occasionally, we may also need to share internal or confidential matters regarding our parish. If you wish to join and have not sent your number on the parish census, please email the parish your number at olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk. If you do not wish to join, please advise on the same email address. You will be able to opt out of the broadcast at any time.

Harvington Hall Annual Pilgrimage: The Annual Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage Mass will take place on Sunday, 6th September. Confessions 1.45 pm- 2.30 pm; Mass at 3 pm. Harvington Hall, Kidderminster, DY10 4LR. All are welcome.

St Theresa Syro-Malankara Catholic Mission, Gloucester: Visit and Working Party Visit, Saturday, 8th August.

Thank you to the mission for their hard work last weekend. A special thanks, goes to the young people of the mission who repainted our Grotto statues and installed solar lights around the Grotto.

Tea and Coffee Morning after this Sunday's Mass. Our Parish Council invites parishioners to enjoy casual chats and coffee every Sunday morning in our parish rooms.

Home/sick Visits: If you know any parishioners or family members in care homes, nursing homes, or housebound who would like a visit for Holy Communion, please let us know. You can inform us in person or via email with their name and contact details. Thank you!

CAN YOU HELP? Tea and Coffee Mornings. We need more volunteers to help with these gatherings.

Church Cleaning: We're looking for volunteers to help our cleaning team every six weeks. If interested, please talk to Lin, Mary, Catherine, or Rebecca.

Health and Safety: We need a friendly volunteer to help monitor health and safety at our Church and Cemetery. No inspection experience required—just good common sense. If you can assist, please speak to Fr. Jibu. Thank you!

Fr Pat Sayles: While Fr Pat is still unwell, he is showing signs of improvement and will soon be discharged from Heartlands for the next stage of his rehabilitation. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

One Hundred Club August 2026 Draw: You could be a winner in August—some numbers are still available! Sign-up envelopes are at the back of the church. For BACS payments, contact Mary Mayo at pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk.

Mass Intentions: We currently have a shortage of Mass intentions. If you would like a Mass said for a special intention or to remember a loved one, please find the Mass intention envelopes at the back of the church. Complete the envelope and return it to Fr. Jibu or one of the stewards. Thank you very much!

Infant Baptism: If you would like your infant to be baptised, please speak with Fr Jibu or email the parish to request an application form. The parish will host an information evening on the third Wednesday of each month for parents and godparents who are considering having their child baptised the following month.

Financial Offerings and Donations for Our Lady and St Benedict Church: We encourage parishioners to set up a Standing Order for ongoing support or to make one-time donations. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Mary, our treasurer, at pt.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk

Safeguarding Information from the Archdiocese Office: Our Lady and St. Benedict's Parish adheres to all statutory safeguarding guidance as well as the policies and procedures set forth by the Archdiocese.

If you have any concerns, please reach out to our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Catherine Treacy, at sg.olasb.woottonwawen@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team at 0121 230 6240 or via email at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk.

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