



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT RC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Matthew 13: 33-37

"And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch."

2nd / 3rd December 2017

Please note: the following will be sung in place of "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts" at all future Masses:

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God almighty! (2)
Who was, and is, and is to come;
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord."
Father Damian*

Please pray for the sick of our Parish and also for those who care for them.

Anniversaries this week

*John Ward, Mari Therese Reynolds,
Jessie Harrop, Leslie Wright
May they rest in peace*

Confession – Saturday, 12 noon – 1 pm

Rosary – 9.45 am – before Sunday Mass

Children's Liturgy - First and third Sunday of the month

Prayer Group Tuesday evening after Mass

Collections for weekend of 25th / 26th November:

Loose: £128.41 Envelopes: £201.50

Total: £329.91

Catholic Youth Service

Loose: £57.96 Envelopes: £54.90 **Total: £112.86**

Thank you for your generosity

Second collection this weekend is for the **Maintenance Fund**

Second collection next weekend is for the **Poor Parishes**

St Benedict's Christmas Tree, along with others, will be in St John's, Henley High Street, from Saturday 2nd December for one week. Please take the opportunity to go along and see it.

*In preparation for the season of Advent, please ensure you take a **Walk With Me** booklet to help you prepare well for this special time. Booklets are available at the back of the church.*

**Lectionary Cycle: 35th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
Prayer of The Church – Week I**

Sat 2 nd December	Mass Vigil Mass for Sunday	9.15 am 5.30 pm	St Benedict's St Nicholas'
Sun 3 rd December	Mass 1st Sunday of Advent Mary & George Evans, RIP Ecumenical Candlelit Service	10.00 am 6.00 pm	St Benedict's St Nicholas'
Mon 4 th December	Mass St John Damascene, Priests, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am	St Benedict's
Tues 5 th December	Mass	6.30 pm	St Benedict's
Wed 6 th December	Mass St Nicholas, Bishop	6.30 pm	St Benedict's
Thurs 7 th December	Mass St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am	St Benedict's
Fri 8 th December	Mass Dominic Alcock, RIP The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.15 am	St Benedict's
Sat 9 th December	Mass Vigil Mass for Sunday Norah Burke, RIP St Juan Diego Cuahlatozin	9.15 am 5.30 pm	St Benedict's St Nicholas'

Coffee morning next Sunday, 10th December.

Plus beautiful Christmas cards and other items for sale. You will probably have noticed how difficult it is to buy cards that show the true meaning of Christmas, we have a lovely selection to choose from.

Forthcoming Anniversary Masses

Martin Joseph Connolly	Tuesday, 12 th December, 6.30 pm	St Benedict's
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Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 19th December; 6.00 pm. Carol Service at St Benedict's, with the children of St Mary's School. Everyone welcome.

Parish Newsletter from Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

With my thanks for your kind co-operation, together with assurance of prayers as Advent approaches.

Yours devotedly in Christ, Bernard Longley

Chapel Crucifix

For many years our Catholic Cemetery Chapel has lacked one important focal point of worship and prayer: a crucifix. However, thanks to the generosity of the late Denis Keyte, his brother, Brian, presented us with a suitable crucifix to stand above the altar. This was installed and blessed by Fr Damian at the Mass for All Souls on November 2. We thank the Keyte family for their generosity.

Readers at Mass

We are rightly proud of our readers at Mass in St Benedict's and St Nicholas'. We have an amazing age-range (from 11 to over 80) and they regularly demonstrate their dedication to the Ministry of the Word. However, over time, members move on or retire and, at present, numbers are somewhat below strength. This means individuals find their turn coming round more and more frequently. We should be grateful, therefore, to hear from anyone who would like to join us to read regularly in the coming year.

Please contact Fr Damian or John Alcock (01564 793826, johnalcock1@btinternet.com) for further information.

We are also appealing for **VOLUNTEERS** to add to the rota to **count the collections** after Mass. Please contact Christine Moulder if you are able to help. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Parish Co-ordinators					
Pastoral Team Lead Children's Liturgy	Rebecca Mander	01564 793774	Eucharistic Ministers	John Treacy (St Benedict's) John Burke (St Nicholas')	01564 792242 01564 793692
Finance & Gift Aid	Christine Moulder	01789 262269	CAFOD	Andrew Meigh	01564 637432
Liturgy & Music Women's World Day	Barbara Alcock	01564 793826	St Mary's School	Rachel Saltmarsh	01564 794470
Readers MC/Servers	John Alcock	01564 793826	Rosary	Cath Middleton	01527 435041
Parish Catechist	Mary Cooke	01564 794333	Ecumenical Contacts	Jan Wright	01564 793528
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APF	Pat Fyfe	01564 795949	Church Warden	Catherin Dooling	01789 204487
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