

Dates for your diary

1st March – **Ash Wednesday**, 9.15 am Mass @ St Mary's School and 7.00 pm Mass @ Our Lady & St Benedict

3rd March – **Women's World Day of Prayer** – 2.00 pm @ Our Lady & St Benedict. Please contact Barbara Alcock for further details (01564 793826)

5th March – **Coffee morning** after morning Mass.

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Favourite Hymns

We are in the process of collating all your favourite choices and if you have not already done so, please let us know what you would like to be included at our Masses on a regular basis. Forms are still available in the porch.

OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT RC CHURCH

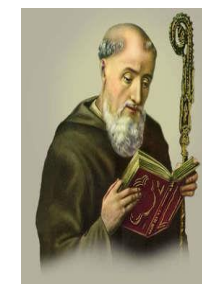
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25th/26th February 2017



Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness”

Lectionary Cycle – Sunday Year A: Prayer of The Church – Week IV

Lenten Observance

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter.

The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

During the six weeks of self-examination and reflection, Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast, or to give up something - a habit, such as smoking, watching TV, or swearing, or a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate or coffee. Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline, such as reading the Bible and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God.

Strict observers do not eat meat on Fridays, having fish instead. The goal is to strengthen the faith and spiritual disciplines of the observer and develop a closer relationship with God.

But did you know that Lent officially ends at sundown on Holy Thursday?



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!
Who was, and is, and is to come;
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord."*

Father Damien

Sat 25 th Feb		9.15 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	St Benedict's St Nicholas'
Sun 26 th Feb	8 th Sunday in O/T Mary & William Kiely Private Intention	10.00 am	Mass	St Benedict's
Mon 27 th Feb		9.15 am	Mass	St Benedict's
Tues 28 th Feb	Shrove Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mass	St Benedict
Wed 1 st Mar	Ash Wednesday	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Mass Mass	St Mary's School St Benedict's
Thurs 2 nd Mar		9.15 am	Mass	St Benedict's
Fri 3 rd Mar	Stations of the Cross	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Mass	St Benedict's "
Sat 4 th Mar	St Casimir	9.15 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	St Benedict's St Nicholas'
Sun 5 th Mar	1 st Sunday of Lent	10.00 am	Mass	St Benedict's

Confessions at St Benedict's Saturday 12 – 1 pm

The **Rosary** starts at 9.45 am each Sunday morning

Anniversaries this week

Angela Roberts, Mary Ann Connell, Cecylia Pawinska

May they rest in peace

Children's Liturgy – 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month – To join the team rota contact Rachel – 01564 794470 or Rebecca – 01564 793774

Prayer Group – Every Wednesday after 6.30 pm Mass. Come and join in for an hour or so of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr. Damien

Last Week's Collection – Envelopes: £202.00 Loose: £166.99
Total: £368.99

Second Collection this weekend for the **Church Maintenance Fund**