

## Back to Normal

We are in the first weeks of the beginning months of the new year. The new beginning of our continuous journey of life.

As religious beings with origins from God, we renewed ourselves spiritually at the end of last year in the mystery of incarnation which begins our salvation history. This renewal has been a long journey which started with Advent, Christmas and the New Year during which we celebrated the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. All the celebrations are over and we are back to normal.

To recap this celebration, lots of memories remain, your Christmas and new year were grand, your house was warm, relationships were renewed, new resolutions were made and our lives were made new. Everybody is back to business. The question now is 'How can Life go on' for the better? Drawing from the two-dimensional aspects of these celebrations, viz: Social and Spiritual, I suggest that we cling to the spiritual experience we gained. For the spiritual correlates, both in the short and long term, with all our good resolutions for the year. For through the grace of God everyone will find their full realization in Jesus Christ who is the fulfilment of all things.

I would like to thank you all for the support you have given to the parish throughout the year 2016. For a good number of you, this support has been running for many years. I can assure you that no parish can survive without the support of the parishioners. I am so pleased that the involvement of everyone has made our parish remain strong. I'm pleased too for all the messages sent to me over Christmas and New Year. Thank you and God bless you all.

*Fr Damian.*

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

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> January	St Agnes, Martyr	9.15 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	St Benedict's St Nicholas's
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday OT	10.00 am	Mass	St Benedict's
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> January		9.15 am	Mass	St Benedict's
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	6.30 pm	Mass	St Benedict's
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Conversion of St Paul	6.30 pm	Mass	St Benedict's
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops	9.30 am	Mass	St Benedict's
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> January		9.15 am	Mass	St Benedict's
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Thomas Aquinas	9.15 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	St Benedict's St Nicholas's
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> January	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	10.00am	Mass	St Benedict's

**Confessions at St Benedict's Saturday 12 – 1 p.m.**

**The Rosary starts at 9.45 on Sunday morning.**

**Anniversaries this week** – Kath Shill Bernard Green, Bartley Morrisroe, *May they rest in peace*

**Children's Liturgy - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.** To join the team rota contact Rachel 01564 794470 or Rebecca 01564 793774

If you have a child who should be making their First Holy Communion this year and does not go to a Catholic school please contact Rebecca.

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

**Last Weeks Collections:** Envelopes £203: Loose £148.60: Total £351.60  
Pax Christi £163.01

**URGENT APPEAL** – the plea for volunteers is now urgent. New Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Cleaners to join the teams are needed. Please think about how you can help your Church in these important ministries and contact John Treacy – Eucharistic Ministers & Cleaners, John Burke – Servers. Also if you are able to give some time to visiting the sick please contact Sally Whitehead . Phone numbers are on the back page of the Newsletter.

**For Readers and those wishing to become a reader** – There is a Deanery Reader's Day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10.30 – 4.30 at St. Gregory's, Stratford on Avon. If you missed the day in Leamington in September this is another chance to explore the spirituality and roll of the Ministry of Reader and your part in it. Please phone Kate 01926 314077 or email [kate.tennyson@googlemail.com](mailto:kate.tennyson@googlemail.com)

**Flower Rota** – This year's rota is available from the church porch. Sadly there are no new names on the rota BUT it's never too late to volunteer!

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## Words handwritten on the wall of Mother Theresa's room

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred;  
*Forgive them anyway*

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
*Be kind anyway.*

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;  
*Be successful anyway.*

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
*Be honest and frank anyway.*

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;  
*Build anyway.*

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
*Be happy anyway.*

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
*Do good anyway.*

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.  
*Give the world the best you've got anyway.*

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God.  
*It never was between you and them anyway.*