



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT RC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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John 1:6-8,19-28

"He was not the light, but came to testify to the light"

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.

Lately dead: Joan Harvey

Anniversaries this week

*Josephine Thomas, Joseph Mahon, Mary O'Donnell, Christine Hands, James Ross, Edna Goodfellow, Adrian Harvey
May they rest in peace*

Confession – Saturday, 12 noon – 1 pm
Penitential Service on Tuesday 19th December after evening Mass

Rosary – 9.45 am – before Sunday Mass

Children's Liturgy – each Sunday during Advent

No Prayer Group until 9th January 2018

Collections for weekend of 10th/11th December
Loose: £72.56 Envelopes: £109.00
Total: £181.56

Collection for **Poor Parishes: £90.98**

Thank you for your generosity

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

Lectionary Cycle: 3 rd Sunday of Advent – Year B Prayer of The Church – Week III			
Sat 16 th December	Mass Jane and John Smith, RIP Vigil Mass for Sunday	9.15 am 5.30 pm	St Benedict's St Nicholas'
Sun 17 th December	Mass – 3rd Sunday of Advent John Rucene for Divine healing **Ecumenical Carol Service**	10.00 am 4.00 pm	St Benedict's St Peter's
Mon 18 th December	Mass Joan Harvey, Funeral Mass	9.15 am 2.00 pm	St Benedict's St Benedict's
Tues 19 th December	Penitential Service/Confession St Mary's School Carol Service	6.30 pm 6.00 pm	St Benedict's St Benedict's
Wed 20 th December	No Mass		
Thurs 21 st December	Mass St Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church	10.00 am	St Benedict's
Fri 22 nd December	Mass	9.15 am	St Benedict's
Sat 23 rd December	Mass Vigil Mass for Sunday	9.15 am 5.30 pm	St Benedict's St Nicholas'

Christmas tree – Many thanks to Lyn and Robin Goodfellow for their generosity in providing the amazing Christmas tree and for decorating the church so beautifully in readiness for the Christmas celebrations. Thank you Lyn and Robin.

As this is the last year that Lyn and Robin will be doing the tree we will be looking for volunteers for next.

We shall of course, as in previous years, be grateful for any gifts you place under the tree, which will be passed on to those most needy. Please label gifts to indicate suitability.

Services for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Sunday 24th December : Mass @ Our Lady & St Benedict's: 10.00 am
 Carols 7.30 pm followed by 1st Mass of Christmas 8.00 pm

Monday 25th December: Mass @ St Nicholas 8.30 am
 Mass @ Our Lady & St Benedict's 10.00 am

There will be mince pies and mulled wine after Christmas Eve Mass, please volunteer to help with this festive event.



Christmas Tree winners

Our Lady & St Benedict's Christmas Tree, displayed in St John's Church, won the competition. Congratulations to Sally Whitehead and Catherine Treacy for their great design and who didn't know it was a competition!!

The Christmas Spider (A folk legend from Germany)

Once upon a time, a long time ago, a mother was cleaning her house for the most wonderful day of the year. The day on which the Christ Child came to bless the house. Not a speck of dust was left and all the spiders had fled to the attic to avoid the mother's broom!

It was Christmas Eve at last! The tree was decorated and waiting for the children to see it in the morning.

The poor spiders were so sad that they could not see the tree or be present for the Christ Child's visit. One brave spider suggested that perhaps they could peep through a crack in the ceiling to see Him. Slowly, though, they crept further down into the room and then on to the tree. They ran all over it looking at the pretty decorations.

But, alas!! Everywhere they went they left their webs and when the Christ Child came He too, was dismayed. He loved little spiders, for they were God's creatures, but he knew the mother, who had cleaned so thoroughly and decorated the tree so carefully, would be very sad to see all the spider webs.

He touched the webs and they all turned to shimmering, shining silver and gold!

Ever since that time tinsel has been hung on Christmas trees and according to the legend it has been a custom to include a spider among the decorations.

(Courtesy of Sally Whitehead)

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
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