

OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT RC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



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24th March – 7th April 2018

Passion Sunday and Holy Week 2018



Mark 11: 1 - 10

“Blessings on him who comes in the
name of the Lord”

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

Prayer Group – During Lent Prayer Group will be
held on Wednesday evening after the Stations of the
Cross and Holy Mass

Anniversaries this week

*Annie Jones, Pauline Fogarty, John Barrett,
Peter John Jefferies, Charlie Mander,
Alan Frederick Ross, Patrick Barrett,
Bridget Cziok, Leo Patrick Berry
May they rest in peace*

Collections for weekend of 17th / 18th March 2018

Loose: £91.80 Envelopes: £154.00

Total: £245.80

Thank you for your generosity

Confession – Saturday, 12 noon – 1 pm

Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places

Rosary – 9.45 am – before Sunday Mass

**Second Collection on Easter Sunday for the
Clergy**

Children's Liturgy – 1st and 3rd Sunday of the
month

Second collection weekend of 7th/8th April – for the
Church Maintenance Fund

Lectionary Cycle: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year B Prayer of The Church – Week II			
Sat 24 th March	Mass	9.15 am	St Benedict's
	The Wedding of Beth Simpson and James Hayes	2.00 pm	St Benedict's
	Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday Nick Walker, RIP	5.30 pm	St Nicholas'
Sun 25 th March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10.00 am	St Benedict's
Mon 26 th March	Mass Ann Ray (RIP)	9.15 am	St Benedict's
	School Mass – all are welcome	10.45 am	St Mary's School
Tues 27 th March	No Mass		
Wed 28 th March	Mass Bill Day (RIP)	9.15 am	St Benedict's
	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross and refreshments	7.30 pm	St Benedict's
Thurs 29 th March	Chrism Mass	11.30 am	St Chad's
	Maundy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper	7.30 pm	St Benedict's
	Watching with the Lord	Until midnight	
Fri 30 th March	Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00 pm	St Nicholas'
	Stations of the Cross	7.30 pm	St Benedict's
Sat 31 st March	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass The Pascal Fire – Service of Light	8.00 pm	St Benedict's
Sun 1 st April	Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord Mass Gloria Cook, RIP	8.30 am	St Nicholas'
	Mass Den Ouden & Family	10.00 am	St Benedict's

*Father Damian would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and
holy Easter and to remind you that there will be Easter eggs for all those children
of our parish who attend Mass on Easter Sunday.*

'Watching' after the Mass of the Last Super n Thursday, there will be a list at the back of the Church for you to put your name and time to 'watch with the Lord.'

Holy Saturday Mass - The Pascal Fire – Service of Light

Members of the congregation arriving to participate in the Easter Vigil, which completes the Sacred *Triduum* leading up to Easter Day, are met with a fire burning at the entrance to the church. This ancient tradition, revived by Pope Pius XII, welcomes arrivals out of the darkness of the night with warmth and light. It also represents the Light of Christ and anticipates his glorious Resurrection. This is symbolised by the lighting of the Pascal Candle from its flames and, in turn, the lighting of individual candles held by the congregation.

This is the *Lucernarium*, the celebration of light, and all enter the darkened church to fill it with that light. The Pascal Candle takes pride of place on the altar as candles continue to be held and the *Exsultet*, the Easter Proclamation, is sung. The celebration of Easter has begun.

Lectionary Cycle: Easter Sunday – Year B Prayer of The Church – Easter Week I			
Mon 2 nd April	Mass	9.15 am	St Benedict's
	The wedding of Laura Crehan & Luke Forrester	1.00 pm	St Benedict's
Tues 3 rd April	Mass	6.30 pm	St Benedict's
Wed 4 th April	No Mass		
Thurs 5 th April	Mass	9.15 am	St Benedict's
Fri 6 th April	Mass	9.15 am	St Benedict's
Sat 7 th April	Mass	9.15 am	St Benedict's
		5.30 pm	St Nicholas'

On **Good Friday** there will be the open-air witness around the Market Cross, Henley in Arden, starting @ 10.00 am, lasting around 20 minutes.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 13th May – First Holy Communion

Saturday 26th May – Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

Sunday 24th June – Confirmation (Confirmation rehearsal on 18th June @ 4.30 pm)

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd July – National Justice & Peace Network, 40th Annual Conference "In the Shelter of Each Other the People Live. "Being held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Parish Co-ordinators					
Parish Chair 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 APF	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
Safeguarding Representative	Collette Gay	01564 795314	Piety Stall	Sue Kimberley	01564 898453
Church Flowers Wedding & Funeral Co-ordinator Prayer Group	Sally Whitehead	01564 792887	Church Warden	Catherin Dooling	01789 204487
Administration	Chris Killourhey	01564 637478			

Legacies: The Diocese has made a new leaflet available in all 227 parishes to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church. At the back of the Church you will find copies of this new leaflet. Please do consider whether you, or someone you know, may wish to support the Church in this way. Thank you.

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