



# OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT RC CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

*Mark 7:31-37*

“Everything he does is good, he makes  
the deaf hear and the dumb speak.”

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

**Lately deceased**

**John Alcock, RIP**

Reception to Church Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
@ 6.00 pm

Funeral Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 3.00 pm

**Anniversaries this week**

*Tom Phillips*

*All those who died in the Twin Towers - 2001*

**May they rest in peace**

**Confession** – Saturday, 12 noon – 1 pm

**Rosary** – 9.45 am – before Sunday Mass

**Children’s Liturgy** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
the month

**Prayer Group** – Tuesday evening after Mass

Collections for weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

Loose: £68.75 Envelopes: £211.00

**Total: £279.75**

Maintenance Fund: £355.25

**Thank you for your generosity**

Second collection next week: Home Mission

Lectionary Cycle: 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B Prayer of The Church – Week III			
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Mass</b> The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	9.15 am 5.30 pm	St Benedict’s St Nicholas’
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Mass</b>	10.00 am	St Benedict’s
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Mass</b> St Deiniol, Bishop	9.15 am	St Benedict’s
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Mass</b> St Cuthbert, Bishop	6.30 pm	St Benedict’s
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>No Mass</b> Most Holy Name of Mary		
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Mass</b> St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am	St Benedict’s
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Mass</b> The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.15 am	St Benedict’s
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Mass</b> Our Lady of Sorrows <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	9.15 am 5.30 pm	St Benedict’s St Nicholas’

**Adieu John Alcock**

It was with great sadness that we heard last week about the passing on of our dear friend and brother in Christ, **John Alcock**. In the 25 years I have been at Our Lady and St Benedict’s I can honestly say John stands amongst those who have helped shape our parish into what it is today. His love for our children and their participation in Mass, his drive for our parish committee and his unfailing support to Father Damian, Father Pat and many other priests before them was immense. Never was a task too great, his passion for Our Lady’s & St Benedict’s incorporated our little chapel and cemetery in Wootton Wawen and the ecumenical side of worship and community in our village. John’s ability to listen to others and use tactful diplomacy as well as his positive outlook on change did not wither with age and he remained a wonderful and dynamic support to myself and Father Damian right to the end. No words can express how deeply he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to Barbara, Clare and Malcolm and we give thanks to God that we as a parish were so blessed to have John in our lives. May he rest in the peace of Christ. **Rebecca Mander**

## Piety Stall

Thank you to Catherine Treacy who has taken over the role of Piety Stall Co-ordinator. Thank you Catherine, this is greatly appreciated.

## Diamond Wedding Celebration

We wish Mick and Margaret Kiely from Dell Court every blessing, they recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. They were married in August 1959 at English Martyrs in Birmingham.

On 22-23 September the second collection will be for **Father Hudson's Care**. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. At this time of funding cuts the needs are greater than ever. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

### Dates for your diary:

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Apostleship of the Sea Mass** – invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Saturday 15th September 2018 at 430pm in St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU. Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Pilgrimage of the Sick to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

There will be a Pilgrimage led by Bishop Robert Byrne for all those who are sick, their families and carers, Chaplains and Chaplaincy Volunteers and Healthcare Workers and Volunteers. To take place at 3 pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford. (Directions: Hednesford is near Cannock, a couple of miles off Junction 11 of the M6 and Junction T7 of the Toll Road. Follow signs to Hednesford and Rugeley A460. Train Service from New Street, Birmingham to Hednesford. The Church and Shrine is on Uxbridge Street on the A460, WS12 1DB). For further information contact: Fr Jeremy Howard, 01543 422576 or email [lol.hednesford@gmail.com](mailto:lol.hednesford@gmail.com)

## Introducing "True Survivor"

Kenelm Youth Trust

We're very pleased to partner with Beyond the Wild and offer young men aged 14-18 the chance to experience *True Survivor* in October. Bishop Mark O'Toole is a patron of Beyond the Wild and he spoke about this exciting new apostolate, saying, "I pray that many young men and women will be inspired and enthused through their experiences with Beyond the Wild so that they, too, will be confident witnesses of Jesus Christ."

You can visit [www.beyondthewild.org](http://www.beyondthewild.org) to find out more about the project or [stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) to book a place.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234216

If you have an item for the Newsletter please email to Chris Killourhey:

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**Warwick Deanery Website:** this can be found at: [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)

**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.

		<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> September	St Nicholas	Ann Platt	Mary Clarke/John Burke
	Our Lady & St Benedict	Tim Cooke	Sue Harriman/Adriano Fernandes
15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> September	St Nicholas	Richard Page	Vincent Gilligan/John Burke
	Our Lady & St Benedict	Stella Kelly	Janet Wright/John Treacy

To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring.

*George Santayana*