



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Please remember our parish anniversaries, Adrian Harvey, Stephen Cleary, Terence O'Sullivan, Rose Behan, Paul Goodwin, Arnold White and Francis McVeigh May they rest in Peace

Confession – Saturday, 12 noon – 1 pm

Rosary – 9.45 am – before Sunday Mass.

Collections 14/15th December 2019

First collection

Gift aid £172.00
Loose £174.00
Total £346.00

Second collection Church Flowers
Total: £196.12



**Second Collection at All Christmas Masses
your offering for the Clergy**

“The Lord himself will give you a sign: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son who she will call Emmanuel”. Isaiah 7:10-14



Our lady and St Benedict's Christmas Services 2019

Lectionary Cycle: – Year A Third Sunday of Advent Prayer of The Church – 3

Sat 21 st Dec	St Nicholas	Vigil Mass for 4 th Sunday of Advent	5.30 pm
Sun 22 nd Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Mass 4 th Sunday of Advent Rita carney (RIP)	10.00 am
Mon 23 rd Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Advent Feria: Mass:	9.00 am
Tues 24 th Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Parish Carol Service Mass of Vigil for the Nativity off The Lord Maureen Walsh (Divine Healing) Collection for Parish Clergy Mince pies and Mulled Wine	7.30 pm 8.00 pm
Wed 25 th Dec	St Nicholas	Mass of the Nativity off The Lord Collection for Parish Clergy	8.30 am
Wed 25 th Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Mass of The Nativity of the Lord Collection for Parish Clergy Children's Liturgy	10.00 am
Thurs 26 th Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Mass of St Stephen, the First Martyr	10.00 am
Fri 27 th Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Mass: Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist	9.15 am
Sat 28 th Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Mass Feast of the Holy Innocents Martyrs	9.15 am
	St Nicholas	Vigil for Feast of the Holy Family	5.30 pm
Sun 29 th Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Mass Feast of the holy Family	10.00 am

Christmas Message

I would like to thank all who work so hard for our church and to all have made our Church so beautiful as we prepare for Birth of Our Lord.

Many thanks to you all who have left gifts for the needy under our tree, please do continue.

I wish all the parishioners and their families of Our Lady and St Benedict's a happy and blessed feast.

I hope you can find time to join us at our services for this wonderful time of year.

If you are travelling have a safe journey.

I will be travelling back to Nigeria for my annual holidays in early January with your good wishes for our parish water project in my home area of Nanka.

May the Nativity of the Lord bathe you and your families in his peace, love and goodness.

*You are always in my prayers. **Fr Damian.***



Church Cleaning for Christmas

Is anyone available to help Catherine clean the church before the many Christmas services. If you can help, please just turn up at church at 10am on Monday 23rd December. Your help and kindness will be gratefully received. Catherine is offering cake as an incentive!

Christmas Gifts

This year, the Parish Committee have decided it would be nice to support The Stratford Food Bank with gifts under the tree made up of seasonal delights, toiletries, pampering products and feminine hygiene items as well as the usual long - life foods. Please make sure the items have a long shelf life especially if they are baked seasonal goods such as Christmas puddings as we cannot guarantee the date they will be served. Opened items cannot be accepted. There are some boxes at the front of Church for your unwrapped gifts

Counting and Banking

Could anyone interested in counting or banking for the parish please reach out. Speak to Fr Damian or Christine Moulder

Christmas Eve Carols, Mass, followed by Mulled wine and Mince Pies.

Please come and join us on Christmas eve for these celebrations of the Lords birth.

Aspiring and Existing School leaders working outside the Faith Sector

The Diocesan Education Service are offering a one-day course on Saturday 11th January 2020 at Don Bosco House for those who are interested in applying for a leadership post in a Catholic School. Please contact Charlotte Kirby c.kirby@bdes.org.uk to book a place.

Compiled By	John Burke	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
21 st Dec	St Nicholas	Lynn Goodfellow, Collette Gay	John Burke
22 nd Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	John Treacy, Cath Middleton	Tim Cooke
24 th Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	John Burke Cath Middleton	Ann Bullingham
25 th Dec	St Nicholas	Ann Platt, Collette Gay	Mary Clarke
25 ^h Dec	Our Lady and St Benedict	Adriano Fernandes, Sue Harriman Janet Wright, Victoria Neville	Saltmarsh Family
28 th Dec	St Nicholas	Ann Platt, John Burke	Ann Bullingham
29 th Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Janet Wright, Sue Harriman	Kelly Family