

*Merry  
Christmas*



## OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Alcester Road, Wootton Waven, B95 6BQ

Tel: 01564 792647

Priest-in-Charge: Fr. Damian Nwankwo

Email: [olandsb@gmail.com](mailto:olandsb@gmail.com)

**28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

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

*Please remember our recently departed Fr John P Dewis and our parish anniversaries, Francis McVeigh, Bennett Sayles, John Murphy, Neil McVeigh, Ann Bennett, Christine Harris May they rest in Peace*

Confession – Saturday, 12 noon – 1 pm

Rosary – 9.45 am – before Sunday Mass.

### Collections 14/15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### First collection

Gift aid £199.20

Loose £162.70

Total £361.90



**Second collection next Week 4- 5 January  
2020 Parish Maintenance**

**May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, let the message of Christ find a home in your hearts. Col; 3 16-16**

*Merry  
Christmas*

### Our lady and St Benedict's Christmas Services 2019

**Lectionary Cycle: – Year A Feast of the Holy Family: Prayer of The Church – 1V**

Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict St Nicholas	<b>Mass Feast of the Holy Innocents Martyrs</b> <b>Vigil for Feast of the Holy Family</b>	9.15 am 5.30 pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	<b>Mass Feast of the holy Family</b> Anne & Edward Kennedy's Intention,	10.00 am
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	<b>Sixth day of Christmas Octave</b> Mass: All Vocations	9.00 am
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	<b>Vigil for Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God:</b> , Michael & Anne Kennedy (RIP	6.30 pm
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Our Lady & St Benedict	<b>Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God:</b> <b>Margaret Scanlon (RIP)</b>	10.00 am
Thurs 2 Jan	Our Lady & St Benedict	Memorial of St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen; Bishops Doctors of the Church.	9.15 am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Our Lady & St Benedict	Christmas Feria: Holy Souls	9.15 am
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Our Lady & St Benedict St Nicholas	Christmas Feria Vigil for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	9.15 am 5.30. pm
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Our Lady & St Benedict	The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: John Alcock (RIP)	10.00

## **Archbishop's Pastoral Letter**

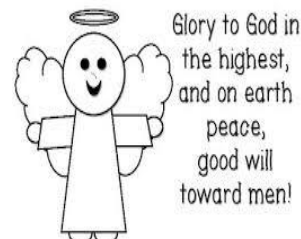
A Pastoral Letter from our Archbishop for the feast of the Holy Family will be read in the church this Sunday. Copies of it are at the back of the church. This is also available via the diocesan intranet.

## **Fr John P Dewis**

We have been informed the Fr John died suddenly last week at St Joseph's home Coleshill. Fr John was our Parish Priest for 25 years from 1971 until he retired in 1995. "May he rest in the Peace of the Lord."

## **Christmas Message.**

Many thanks to all who worked so hard for our church to get it ready for Christmas and our Christmas Services, the flower arrangers, cleaners of both the house and church, the donors of our Christmas trees and those who decorated them, the team that put on our minced pies and mulled wine. To all who helped at our services, our readers, eucharistic ministers, servers, children's liturgy leaders and our wonderful musicians including the children who performed "Betelehemu" at our 10.00 mass. I would like to thank all the parishioners, visitors and friends that shared this special time of the nativity of the lord with us. I thank you all for the personal messages, cards and gifts and the wonderful offering collected for me at the Christmas masses. I cannot thank you all for your kindness to me or our parish, I can only offer you my prayers and wish you all the blessing of Peace love and the goodness of the nativity of our lord Jesus Christ. I wish you and your families a happy and blessed new year.



**Fr Damian**

## **Christmas Gifts for the Foodbank under our Christmas Trees**

We will have our boxes in place until after the Epiphany please do pop something in to the boxes to help the less fortunate in the area. After Christmas the foodbank's stock will be depleted, they will have a great need for any unwrapped gifts with a long shelf life we can collect. If you can help please donate apart from the usual foodstuffs, gifts made up of unopened seasonal delights, toiletries, pampering products and feminine hygiene.

## **Second Collections 2020.**

In 2020 we will be following the Archdiocese list of requests for help with second collections for such things as Cafod the poor parishes, Life Catholic Communications, Education etc. We will be also continuing our collections of the maintenance of our beautiful church and cemetery on the first weekend of each month. Many thanks for your support

## **My Holidays.**

I will be taking my annual leave from next weekend w/c 6<sup>th</sup> January. I will be travelling back to my home in Nigeria until early February. While I am on leave, I have arranged for fellow priests in the deanery to provide cover for our weekend masses and as a point of contact.

If you do have anything urgent please contact our Dean,

Fr John Cross Tel: 01926 423824 Email: [stpeterslspa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stpeterslspa@hotmail.co.uk)

or the parish priest at Balsall Common;

Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: [parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk).

John Burke will still be monitoring our parish email : [olandsb@gmail.com](mailto:olandsb@gmail.com)

Compiled By	John Burke	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St Nicholas	Ann Platt, John Burke	Ann Bullingham
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Our Lady & St Benedict	Janet Wright, Sue Harriman	Kelly Family
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 20	St Nicholas	Lynn Goodfellow, Mary Clarke	Richard Page
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 20	Our Lady & St Benedict	Rebecca Mander, Rachel Saltmarsh	Lucy Leach

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

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