



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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7th -8th March 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

“This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.” (Mt 17:5)

Lectionary Year A. Psalter week ii Second Sunday in Lent

Sat 7 March	Lent Feria Vigil Mass for 2 nd Sunday of Lent Parish Maintenance collection	Our Lady & St Benedict St Nicholas Henley Thomas Gibbins (RIP)	Mass 9.15 am Mass 5.30 pm
Sun 8 March	Second Sunday of Lent Parish Maintenance collection	Our Lady & St Benedict Joe Barry	Mass 10.00 am
Mon 9 March	Lent Feria	Our Lady & St Benedict	Mass 9.00 am
Tue 10 March	Lent Feria	Our Lady & St Benedict	No Mass
Wed 11 March	Lent Feria	Our Lady & St Benedict Colin Sills (Healing)	Station of the Cross 6.30 pm Mass 6.45 pm
Thurs.12 March	Lent Feria	Our Lady & St Benedict	Mass 9.15 am
Fri 13 March	Lent Feria	Our Lady & St Benedict Pat Crehan (Healing)	Station of the Cross 6.30 pm Mass 6.45 pm
Sat 14 March	Lent Feria Vigil Mass for 2 nd Sunday of Lent CAFOD Collection	Our Lady & St Benedict St Nicholas Henley	Mass 9.15 am Mass 5.30 pm
Sun 15 March	2 nd Sunday of Lent CAFOD collection.	Our Lady & St Benedict Thomas Kelly RIP	Mass 10.00 am

Rosary – 9.45 am – before Sunday Mass **Bible Brunch Thursday 19th March @ 11.00**

Please pray for the sick and all who care for them from our Parish especially William Johnson.

Please pray for our anniversaries, John Gamble, Dorothy Bartholomew, Michael Coleman, Joan Harvey, Bernard Duffy, Margaret Miller, Joan Fitzmaurice, Michael Rogers and Martin Corrigan May they rest in Peace.

Collections 29th Feb – 1st March 2020

Weekly Collection	Gift Aid	£190.00	Loose	£161.25	Total £351.25
Cathedral Maintenance	Gift Aid	£100.00	Loose	£161.59	Total £261.59

Many thanks for your continued support for our Church.

Second Collection this Weekend 7-8th March Parish Maintenance Fund

The Collection this weekend is for the Maintenance of our own Church, we are continuing to carry out work to our church, as you will have noticed we completed the installation of our new sound system last week at a cost of nearly £3000. Please be generous in your donations.

CAFOD

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day was on Friday 6 March this was the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day. Please reach out to support the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope and give whatever you can to help CAFOD continue their vital work. **Please collect your envelopes this weekend for the collection on 14-15 March.**

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

COVID19

The Bishops conference advise that at the moment communion should only be offered in the hand, there is no need for the Chalice to be withdrawn. However, anyone with coughs and colds or who would be more comfortable would be advised to refrain from taking communion from the Chalice. There is not a need at the moment for the sign of peace to be suspended. However, anyone with coughs and colds would be advised to refrain from shaking hands with others, and instead offer the peace verbally. This also applies to those who would be more comfortable to share the peace in this manner.

Please do follow the Government advice.

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

“Walk with Me” booklets, Lent Masses and Stations of the Cross

We have started the time of preparation and renewal in readiness for the celebration of Easter. Please do collect a copy for home or friends of the “Walk with me” books and calendars for the children. Do join us on Wednesday and Fridays as we join with the Lord in the Way of the Cross.

Episcopal Visitation

A huge thanks to all who worked so hard for the Parish to make Bishop Kenney’s Visit go so well. Those who prepared our service, our School, the Readers, the Musicians the Cleaners for the conservatory and the church. I am grateful to those who hosted the coffee morning and prepared meals for the Bishop. My prayers and sincere gratitude to your all.

Message from Fr Peter Nanka Nigeria

"I send you my sincere greetings along with those of our pupils and teachers, and indeed also the warm greetings of the entire community of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Nanka. The weather is currently so hot as perhaps we have hardly ever had it before; but the rainy season is being earnestly awaited in April. We were so happy having Fr. Damian in our midst as he concelebrated a Sunday Mass with us and broke the Word of God for us in his usual calm and very penetrating thrust. It was lovely seeing him clasp in his hands the young pupil who God so graciously restored to us in good health after a scaring head surgery. This was quickly followed by a thunderous and joyous ovation as I reminded the Church that Fr. Damian's parish and primary school was striving to achieve the unimaginable: the provision of permanent drinking water in our midst. God is great. May He continue to bless you through whom He is visiting us in His merciful love. The engineer we have chosen is prepared to undertake the first major part of our proposed project, namely drilling and striking food water. What this stage does not include would be external piping and raising of heavy water tanks."

Following Fr Peter’s request, we plan to send him, immediately, the money raised so far - £8000. Unfortunately, in order to complete the project, we will need to raise a further £8000. More fundraising ideas are needed in order to raise the rest of the money needed. If anyone has any ideas or knows of any companies that may be willing to match fund or donate to such a worthy project then please speak to Rachel Saltmarsh. Thank you.

Easter Flower Workshop

Come along and create an Easter table decoration or wreath in a workshop led by our very own Lesley Harvey. £20 to include all materials, tea, coffee and cake. All profit to go to Parish funds. We can offer Wednesday 8th April in the evening and Thursday 9th April in the morning. Please see us at the back of church after Mass or contact Louise on 01789 488993 or Lesley on 07912 623990. Hope you can join for what we’re sure will be an enjoyable session!

Compiled By	John Burke	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
7 th March	St Nicholas	John Burke, Ann Platt	Collette Gay
8 th March	Our Lady & St Benedict	John Treacy, Annette Howell	Kelly Family