



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the gate of the sheepfold" Luke 10: 1-10

Lectionary Year A. Psalter week 4 Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Pope's Prayer intention for May: For Deacons. We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire the Church.

Sunday 3 rd May	Fourth Sunday of Easter Our Lady and St Benedict. Mass Live Stream https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137 World Day of Prayer for Vocations Second collection: Priests Training Fund.	Mass 10.00 am Divine Healing Walsh family
Mon 4 th May	Feast of the English Martyrs	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 5 th May	<i>Easter Ferria</i>	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 6 th May	Easter Ferria	No Mass
Thurs 7 th May	Easter Ferria Mass for John Anderson (RIP) Our Lady and St Benedict. Mass Live Stream https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137	10.45 am Mass 12.30 pm. Burial Cemetery (Family only.)
Fri 8 th May	Easter Ferria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 9 th May	Easter Ferria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sun 10 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter Our Lady and St Benedict. Mass Live Stream https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137	Mass 10.00 am

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Pope Francis asks us on this Vocations Sunday - and always - to continue to promote vocations. This means encouraging people to be like our Mother Mary: to gratefully discover God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all fatigue through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God – for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May our Mother Mary accompany us and pray for us.

For more information follow link to our Diocese page.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations>

Message from Fr Damian Our Services at Our Lady and St Benedict's

It was great to share again and talk to so many of our parishioners again last weekend. Although our social distancing is continuing, it is wonderful to be able to come into your homes and continue to share through technology our mass and our faith and our catholic community. We continue to pray for all those whose lives are affected and changed with the illness, those who are ill, those who are lonely or feel isolated on lockdown, those with no work or school. We thank the Lord for, the dedicated staff of our NHS, those workers who support us in our daily lives,

Follow the daily Readings at Mass <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

<https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/daily-mass-readings/>

Warwick Deanery Website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you have already come and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. — St. Alphonsus Liguori

Church Buildings Closed

Even though the building is closed Fr Damian continues to say mass for your intentions in private. He is very keen to continue to support parishioners with concerns, or self-isolating. Please do give him a call or drop him an email if you would like a chat. Unfortunately, he will not be able to call out in person. If any parishioners could offer practical help to our parishioners self-isolating please contact Fr Damian.

Rosary

While we are all social distancing, The Pope has asked us pray the Rosary during this month of mary and the Rosary, please see the message from the Holy Father that follows.

Prayer intentions

Please pray for the sick the elderly, the housebound, all who are self -isolating and all who care for them from our Parish.

Please remember in your prayers those on our parish sick list Jan Wright, Margaret Keiley, Phil Hampton, Mary Glover, Vic and Vera Goodwin

We pray for John Anderson who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Alice McVeigh, John Kelleher, Johnnie Reilly, Nora Killourhey, Liliane Keyte, Elizabeth 'Josy' Roche, Helen O'Malley and Alistair Murray, may they enter the gates of the kingdom with the Lord.

Online Mass from Our Lady and St Benedict's <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137>.
Zoom Account.

To join us in our own services you will need a zoom account. <https://zoom.us/download>.

During the service please mute your own microphone as the system will pick up sounds from your house instead of the service. There is no time limit thanks to some generous families. You can join for a chat before mass or stay online for a chat after. There is a password needed to protect online security. If you need the password please email me.

Financial support for your parish.

I know some of you are considering how you can support your church at this difficult time. The first priority has to be for your families own finances.

For those who can help out the parish at this time please consider a direct debit or standing order through your bank. If you contact Mary Mayo on mary.mayo1@btinternet.com. She will give you details of the parish's bank account number.

There is a donate button (top right) on the home page of the diocesan website for donations by credit or debit card. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk. From there, these donations can be forwarded to the parishes concerned, there is a small charge by the credit card company for this service. If you are a gift aider your donation by card, direct debit or standing order can still be gift aided.

We can still take cash or cheque donations posted through the letter box from any of you passing. If you are a gift aider please put your name and address on the envelope

Thank you to those who have dropped off donations or signed up for any bank transfers to support your parish.

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Churches with live masses: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

CAFOD children's liturgy resources <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020 Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

Pope Francis

First Prayer

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus’ suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection,

O Holy Mother of God;

Do not despise our petitions

in our necessities,

but deliver us always

from every danger,

O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.