



**OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER**

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**24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**"Father, glorify your Son John .17: 1- 11**

**Lectionary Year A. Psalter week 3 Seventh 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.***

Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Our Lady and St Benedict. Mass Live Stream <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137</a>	Mass 10.00 am Password OLANDSB2020 <b>Maureen Walsh Divine Healing</b>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest Doctor of the Church.	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Memorial of St Philip Neri Priest	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury Bishop.	No Mass
Thurs 28 <sup>st</sup> May	Easter Ferria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 29 <sup>nd</sup> May	The Solemnity of the Dedication.	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 30 <sup>rd</sup> May	Easter Ferria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Solemnity of Pentecost.</b> Our Lady and St Benedict. Mass Live Stream <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137</a>	Mass 10.00 am Password OLANDSB2020 <b>Maureen Walsh Divine Healing</b>

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

This weeks Password is **OLANDB2020**

Please mute your microphone during the service as the system will pick up sounds from your house instead of the service.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter      World Communications Sunday**

This Sunday is World Communications Day as much of the world remains in lockdown, as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Pope's World Communications Day message focuses on storytelling, truth and who we are in God's eyes.

He looks to the Bible as "the great love story between God and humanity" with Jesus at its centre.

The Pope has prayed for – and asked us to pray for – all those working in communications during the Coronavirus pandemic. On 1 April he invited us to pray for "those who work in the media, who work to communicate today so that people are not isolated... who help us to bear this time of isolation."

More on the **Birmingham Archdiocese Link:** <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

**Rosary**

While we are all social distancing, The Pope has asked us pray the Rosary during this month of Mary our blessed mother.

**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 especially, Maureen Walsh, Ruth Harvey, Jan Wright, Margaret Keiley, Phil Hampton, Mary Glover, Vic and Vera Goodwin and all on our parish sick list..

We pray for all who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Mary McKeever, Mary Ann Kerr, Henry Bartholomew, Odette Webber, Margery Thompson Denis Keyte, Sophie Jones and Louise Jones may they join Jesus in the eternal life promised in today's Gospel.

### Message from Fr Damian

Once again thank you to all who joined us last week for our online mass. We had people in Australia and in Ireland join us. As today is World communications Sunday these are wonderful illustrations of our ability to share with you as an online community and especially so far and wide. They are great examples of the modern worldwide communications platforms. These allow us to continue to spiritually share the word and the message of Our Lord Jesus Christ in these troubled times. We can see mass from our own humble parish or share with the Holy Father in services at the Vatican.

We have not had any further advice about how our churches will get back to be able to open our doors and welcome you back to physically share in our services. We are likely to need masks, hand gel and gloves when we meet again. They are hard to come by and if any parishioner can help please contact me. I know our school has been waiting 7 weeks for their order of hand gel.

Meanwhile I am continuing to offer mass in private for your intentions. It is still a difficult time for some, I want to continue to offer support and prayer to parishioners with concerns, or who are self-isolating, please give me a call on 01564 792647, Leave a message if needed or drop me an email if you would like a chat.

Can you all pray for all 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 continue to thank the Lord for those who support us in our daily lives, the hospital, care workers and all the other essential services.

Again if parishioners know anyone who may not be getting our online newsletter or anyone that would like to join us for our Online mass please send their details to our Parish email [olandsb@gmail.com](mailto:olandsb@gmail.com).

If any parishioners could offer practical help to our parishioners self-isolating please contact Fr Damian?

### Appeal by Friends of the Holy Land.

Coronavirus is changing the lives of all of us but for so many Christians, especially in the West Bank but also Gaza, Israel and Jordan, it is devastating. They are dependent for their income on pilgrimages and tourism which ceased in early March. They have no government support nor health service which can handle this crisis. 'FHL have launched a fund raising challenge to support Christians in the Holy land "Pentecost Challenge', a campaign with a limited time focus to ensure the Charity continues their activities and provide resources for immediate relief to some of the most vulnerable devastated by this crisis. More details and to donate: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge>.

### CAFOD Appeal

The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating with families not enough to eat and the poorest people pushed further into poverty. Please see more on <https://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal>

### Red Box Collections.

Thank you to Mary Clarke for taking on the role of Missio Red Box Co Ordinator. If you have a red box you can make your donations before Dec 31st directly to Missio with a note referencing our church and the code BIR228. The donation will then be attributed to OLANDSB and our records or you can contact Mary on 01564 795396. Details of how to donate online or by post <https://missio.org.uk/red-box-app/>

### Financial support for your parish.

The Gift Aid envelopes are ready in the Church Porch if any parishioners are going past and would like to pick them up for family or friends living near them.

If you can consider a direct debit or standing order through your bank, please contact Mary Mayo on [mary.mayo1@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.mayo1@btinternet.com), for further details.

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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk).

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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