



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

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

“My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink” John 6 51-58

Lectionary Year A. Psalter week 3 Corpus Christi

The Pope's Prayer intention for June: The Way of the Heart. We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Sun 14 June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Our Lady and St Benedict. Mass Live Stream https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137	Mass 10.00 am Password OLANDSB20 Maureen Walsh. Pat Crehan, & Andrew Doyle Divine Healing
Mon 15 June	Feria in Ordinary time	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 16 June	Feria in ordinary Time (Memorial of St Richard of Chichester Bishop.)	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 17 June	Feria in Ordinary time	No Mass
Thur 18 June	Dedication of the Cathedral	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 19 June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 20 ^h June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sun 21 June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time Our Lady and St Benedict. Mass Live Stream https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8088751137	Mass 10.00 am Password OLANDSB20 Evelyn Treacy (RIP)

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

This week's Password is **OLANDB20**.

Please make sure you have **updated to the latest version of the Zoom App**. (Type Zoom update in a browser for help), some people were still struggling last week to get on.

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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

This Sunday we celebrate another of the great feasts of the Church, the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). This feast honours the Eucharist as the body and blood of Christ. It is a jubilant festival where we as Catholics observe the joy of the institution of the Eucharist and observe the truth of the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the actual body and blood of Christ during Mass.

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, Baby Lily, Jim Murray, Pat Crehan, 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 especially Jean Rogers and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Cecil Dyer, Christopher Thomas, Arthur Cosnett, Ida Dempster, George Shaw, Cecil Bebbington, Elizabeth Murray and Margaret Pope may they share with the Lord in the eternal life which their faith in the Eucharist sustained them while on earth.

Just-Giving page to make donations to our Parish Maintenance Fund

Our parish chair Rebecca and her brother Ross have set up a crowdfunding page in memory of their Father John Anderson to raise money for the maintenance of our beautiful church. We thought it was a useful link to keep in view of the fact that donations are difficult to make during this time to our maintenance fund. If you would like to donate you do not have to do so in memory of John, but it does save setting up another account and Father Damien and the committee would be most grateful. This is the link.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/john-anderson-our-lady-st-benedicts?utm_term=YkKmmwbZ2

Rosary

While we are all social distancing, The Pope has asked us pray the Rosary during to ask the Lord and our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary for their intercession in this pandemic.

Church reopening for Private Prayer.

Faith leaders have been liaising with the Government. There is a chance that our little church may be able to welcome us for private prayer in the foreseeable future. Any dates suggested in the press are only a guideline.

Opening Our Lady and St Benedict will ONLY happen when we know all the guidelines are met and it is safe to do so. We are working on the risk assessments. We have, thanks to the support of our parishioners got most of the equipment and materials we need to start off, re cleaning and preparing the church for social distancing.

We need help with manpower. The Guidelines have identified a key role of people to act as stewards while the building is open. I am sure you have seen staff at the big stores doing this.

It is to ensure visitors keep to the social distancing guidelines, control the numbers in the building, advise them which seats they can occupy, maybe clean down or disinfect seats and areas touched before that area is reused The roles although vital will not be burdensome, we will involve rotas where possible and will probably only open initially for a few hours on Saturday afternoon. Volunteers will be subject to significant health and safety advice and guidelines.

This is a brief email to ask if you would be willing to join a small group of people to help ensure we are ready to re-open Our Lady & St Benedict at the right time and in the right way. If you can help please email the Parish on olandsb@gmail.com or speak to John Burke on 01564 93692

If you are in the "At Risk" sector then please offer support in prayer and materials only as we are grateful for your help but want to keep you safe.

If we have the support and meet all the guidelines, we can open the doors, if we don't - we won't.

Face Coverings.

As we move forward with plans to reopen the Church one of the requirements for visitors inside the building will be that they will have to wear a face covering. Mary Clarke has been making reusable cotton ones for her extended family, they are simple to make, a sewing machine some 100% cotton cloth, old shirts, dresses duvets etc. some elastic and optionally some interfacing.

Are there any parishioners out there who would like to help Mary make some for other members of our parish community or for your own family . Mary is happy to send on the pattern She has used and give advice . If you can help please contact Mary on 01564 795396 advice or even make a few. If you can help please contact Mary on 01564 795396'

Message from Fr Damian

Please remember that I am here to offer prayer and support to parishioners at this difficult time, 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.

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

Radio 4 Live Broadcast Mass from Westminster Cathedral 8.10 – 8.55

This week's Sunday worship on Radio 4 is the Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi live from Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Mass From St Chad's for Healthcare workers and Carers. Thursday 18th June at 7.00 pm

On Thursday 18 June Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate a Mass from our Catholic community for healthcare workers and carers, whatever your faith. Archbishop Bernard invite you to tune in and hear his humble message of gratitude and encouragement for their work and how they are valued The links to this livestream <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

Association of Christian Counsellors,

ACC have set up a new service – a Covid 19 Crisis Counselling Support Service (CCSS) for NHS frontline staff, People working in a residential care home setting being directly impacted by caring for people who have Covid-19 and people who have been bereaved during the COVID-19 epidemic in the U.K

The crisis counselling support service offers up to ten sessions of counselling on a no fee basis. If you are someone who would like to take up this service further details can be found on their website.

<https://www.acc-uk.org/>

Financial support for your parish.

As a parish we are very grateful to those who have signed up with their bank for a standing order and to all those who have dropped donations or envelopes through the letter box, please continue where you can. The Gift Aid envelopes are ready are in the Church Porch if any parishioners are going past and would like to pick them up for family or friends living near them.

Please if you can and have not got around to doing it please consider a direct debit or standing order through your bank, please contact Mary Mayo on 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.

Conservatory Veg garden

Thank you for anyone who has dropped off plants or pots. Fr Damian has started his garden, the peppers and courgettes are thriving in the good weather, the tomatoes are doing Ok. He has some Cucumber and more tomatoes to plant up.

Online Newsletter

Occasionally we have found the software that sends out the newsletter can miss some names. If you have not had your newsletter by Saturday, please email us and we will send a copy and try to sort out the glitches.

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.

Warwick Deanery Website:

www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

The Deanery website has also links to a number of resources for children and young people to use for Children's liturgy at home.

Follow the daily Readings at Mass

<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

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

Birmingham Archdiocese Link:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

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