



## OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**19<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

“Let them both grow to harvest” Matt 13 24:30

**Lectionary Year A. Psalter week 4 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***The Pope's Prayer intention for July: Our Families.***

*We pray today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.*

Sun 19 July	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Our Lady and St Benedict. Mass Live Stream via Zoom connection Password as Previous	<b>Mass Online 10.00 am</b> <b>Maureen Walsh. Pat Crehan, &amp; Andrew Doyle Divine Healing</b>
Mon 20 July	Feria in Ordinary time. (Optional Memorial St Apollinaris Bishop Martyr)	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 21 July	Feria in Ordinary time (Optional memorial St Lawrence of Brindisi Priest, Doctor of Church)	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 22 July	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	No Mass
Thur 23 July	Feast of St Bridget, Patron on Europe	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 24 July	Feria in Ordinary time. (Optional Memorial St Sharbel Makhluof Priest)	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 25 July	Feast of St James Apostle  <b>Opening of Church for Private Prayer 3.00 – 5.00 pm</b>	Mass 9.15 am  <b>3.00 pm – 5.00 pm</b>
Sun 26 July	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Our Lady and St Benedict. Mass Live Stream via Zoom Password as Previous	<b>Mass Online 10.00 am</b> <b>Maureen Walsh. Pat Crehan, &amp; Andrew Doyle Divine Healing</b>

### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

In the today's Gospel, Jesus continues the agricultural theme in this parable about the weeds among the wheat, the weeds the product of bad seed, that grow up among wheat, the product of good seed. The Farmer tells his workers not to remove the weeds as they start to come up, but to wait until the harvest. Explaining the parable to His disciples, Jesus says the wheat are those who know that they need Him, hear His word and live according to it surrounded by the distractions and other pathways in life, however the weeds are those who deny Him and try to extinguish the faith of others. Jesus reminds the disciples that there will be a sorting of good and evil at the end of time, and that it is God (not we) who is the judge.

### **Prayer intentions**

Please pray for those on our parish sick list and all sick the elderly, the housebound, all who are self -isolating and all who care for them.

We pray for all who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Patrick Sutton, Nelian Wybrant, Nora Crawshaw, George Bray, Vera Smith, Marguerite Wallace, Pat O'Malley and Daphne Bray may they share in the eternal kingdom that God has promised through his son our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **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. Those who are just starting to get back to work and those who face an uncertain future because of the lockdown.

### **Planters, Hanging Baskets and Our Lady's Shrine**

A huge thanks to Lesley Harvey and her family for the marvellous job they have done with the Shrine, baskets and containers around our Church. As we ease out of lockdown it is a welcome sight as we come back to worship in our Church

### **Reusable Cotton Face Masks**

Mary Clarke has made some 3ply cotton face mask which can be washed and reused. They are available at the church for a donation to the parish maintenance fund.

### **CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal**

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: [cafod.org.uk/summerofhope](https://cafod.org.uk/summerofhope)

### **Zoom Mass online Security**

Online Mass from Our Lady and St Benedict's. The Mass Link and Password have not changed.

To comply with data protection and security we will not be publishing the link or password to our online mass.

We are using the same link and password as before, if you need the link of the password please email the parish email [olandsb@gmail.com](mailto:olandsb@gmail.com) we will send on the link and password.

When you log into our Zoom mass you are put into a waiting room until the host accepts you. Can you please try and make your account recognisable by family name, this helps us to filter those joining, it is difficult when the login says only tablet or iPad. You can edit your login name in settings.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/profile>.

Please feel free to turn off your video and mute the sound if you do not want to share your images of your household with the congregation. You will still be able hear and see mass from Fr Damian.

Please do not share your screen or use the chat feature as this interrupts our online mass.

During the service we do mute the participants which makes it easier to follow the mass without other voices or background noises.

We will try and continue with this for the interim as the indications are that there will be parishioners unable to attend mass for some time yet.

### **Church reopening for Private Prayer.**

It was wonderful to see some of our parishioners able to return last weekend for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 3.00 – 5.00 on Saturday.

We have adapted the church to comply with the COVID advice for visitors, We are limited to the number of people that we can allow into church at one time and we may have to control the time people are in the church to allow others to visit. Our Stewards will be controlling this and directing worshippers.

Can I ask you please to remember if you visit to wear a face covering and observe social distancing, if you see a queue, please wait for it to go down before entering the porch and church?

Some other important points, **please remember that others are in prayer and keep silence in the church.** If you or your family have the symptoms of COVID 19 please do not come to the church, the Stewards will light candles, there are more details further on in our newsletter.

### **Rosary**

The Pope is still urging us to pray the Rosary during this pandemic to ask the Lord and our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary for their intercession in this global crisis.

### **Volunteer Stewards.**

Thank you to those who have come forward it was great to meet up with them and we are covered to open the Church for Private Prayer. We do need more Stewards if we are to consider a resumption of mass at Our Lady and St Benedict's. If we have no Stewards "on Duty" we will not be able to open for mass. We need the younger members of our parish over 16 and under 70 to step forward to join our rota to help. Sadly, we cannot take up offers for this task for those "at risk" or over 70 please offer support in prayer or encouragement to younger members of our parish. Please if you can offer help in this way email the parish at [olandsb@gmail.com](mailto:olandsb@gmail.com), speak to John Burke on 01564 793692

### **More volunteers needed.**

#### **Safeguarding Lead**

After a number of years our Safeguarding lead Collette would like to step down, we need someone from the parish to take on this role.

#### **GDPR Lead**

With all the changes brought about by the pandemic and the response needed to continue especially with online worship, the parish need someone to advise lead on GDPR matters.

**IT Help.** We are always looking for help for our zoom mass, if you are interested or would like to help in any of these roles to support our parish or for some more information please contact Fr Damian.

### **Online Newsletter Any Parishioners not getting a copy?**

We are still trying to reach as many of our Parishioners as possible. 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).

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.

### **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. 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](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).

### **Message from Parish Chair re Resumption of Public Services**

Hello there! As ministers have been liaising with faith leaders, we are aware there is a chance that we may be able to resume Holy Mass with a congregation in the foreseeable future.

Opening Our Lady and St Benedict for Mass will ONLY happen when we know all the guidelines are met and it is safe to do so. Online Mass will be available at all times.

To determine the demand for worshipers to attend mass and the stewards and resources we will need as a result of the demand, I have set up an online questionnaire

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NW8KRFH>

Can you help out by filling this in, we will look at the results of the quiz and then, along with the committee decide how we can best facilitate a return to Mass.

We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you, x Love, and God Bless, Rebecca.

### **Warwick Deanery Website:**

[www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)

The Deanery website has also linked 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/>

## Visitor Guidelines for Private Prayer Our Lady and St Benedict's



Thanks to the parishioners who have volunteered as stewards, the church will be open for private prayer as follows:

Saturday afternoon from 3.00 – 5.00  
No more than 20 persons at once.

If there is a queue at the door way please wait for it to clear.

**For everyone's peace of mind and safety, please follow the guidelines below.  
Note there are no toilet facilities available.**

**The Blessed Sacrament is exposed please respect other worshipers at prayer.**

- Please follow the directions of the stewards. Keep to the social distancing guidelines.
- Please do not visit if you or your family have Covid 19 symptoms.
- Enter through the Porch keep left, and sanitise your hands on arrival. You are advised to wear a face covering.
- The area inside the main door near the baptism font and piety stall is reserved for the wardens. Please carry on through to main body of Church
- Follow the arrows round the church:
  - Through porch and into the body of the church Keep left, towards side chapel entrance. Please take the first available row
  - across the front of the Altar and Sanctuary
  - leave via the right-side isle (Statue of St Benedict side) and right-side exit
- Only sit where there is a green card, turning it over when you leave (so that it is red).
- If you wish to offer votive candles, please leave a candle in the stand. The steward will light it do not try to light off another candle.
- Keep 2 metres apart from other visitors where possible.
- Sanitise hands on departure
- Only 1 visitor either end of a row. Please leave 2 seats clear between family groups.
- If standing to pray allow where possible 2m for people to pass behind you
- Do not enter the Sanctuary, side Chapel or Choir loft.
- The piety stall and cards are closed off.
- Observe any requests from stewards if they ask you to move.