



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

“The Almighty has done great things for me; He has exalted up the lowly”. Luke 1:39-56

Lectionary Year A. Psalter week 4

The Pope's Prayer intention for August: The Maritime world.

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them, sailors, fishermen and their families.

Sat 15 Aug	Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday Vigil Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Our Lady and St Benedict.	Mass 9.15 am in private Public Mass 5.30 pm Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, & Andrew Doyle Divine Healing
Sun 16 Aug	Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Our Lady and St Benedict. Online Mass Live Stream via Zoom Password as Previous	Public Mass @ Mass Online 10.00 am Declan Marion Travers RIP
Mon 17 Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 18 Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass 9.15 am In Private Collette and Family for Divine Healing.
Wed 19 Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Thurs 20 Aug	Memorial of St Bernard Abbot, Doctor of the Church	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 21 Aug	Memorial of St Pius X Pope	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 22 Aug	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil mass for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady and St Benedict.	Mass 9.15 am in Private Public Mass: 5.30 pm
Sun 23 Aug	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady and St Benedict. Online Mass Live Stream via Zoom Password as Previous	Public Mass @ Mass Online 10.00 am Tom Higgins (RIP)

Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

This weekend we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven this is a great solemnity in the church and the feast has been moved to a Sunday.

This feast has been celebrated since the earliest times in the Church as the birthday of Mary when she was taken into Heaven.

The Church teaches that when her earthly life was complete, Mary was taken up body and soul into Heaven. She is in Heaven with the angels and saints able to pray for us and to intercede for us, her spiritual children. It makes compelling sense that she who was safe from original sin by God from the time of her conception of the Lord and who lived a life of willing acceptance of God's will— “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38) —should now be in Heaven to intervene for us her Children.

The 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. Let us celebrate her great feast with this prayer for her intercession.

Church reopening for Mass, this Weekend Saturday 15th August Sunday 16th August

We are reopening our church for Public Mass from this weekend the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary our Parish Co patron. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have worked hard for this.

I am sure you will all rejoice with me that we are able to resume our worship at Our Lady and St Benedict's.

We have had to introduce some changes in line with the Government's Covid advice. Everyone attending will be expected to wear a face covering unless medically exempt. We will be following social distancing guidelines. You must maintain a 1m+ distance from others not in your family or social bubble. This will equate to two seats on a row. Therefore, the numbers are limited.

The doors will open 20 minutes before mass to allow the congregation in and to settle before mass. Please wait outside if there is queue until the Stewards call you in. The Steward will direct you to the first available seat. Please respect others at prayer while in the church.

Can you please remain in your seat until you are called forward for communion? Return directly to your seat after communion and leave promptly in an orderly manner after the final blessing. The Stewards must sanitise the area when the church is empty.

It is recommended as part of The Government's Track and Trace that all attending leave their name and phone number please bring a piece of paper with your family name phone number and date., or use the form sent in our email. The details will be kept by the parish and destroyed after 21 days.

If you or your family have the symptoms of COVID 19 please do not come to the church

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 especially *Declan Marion Travers* John Knott, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Leslie Shill, David Finlayson and Tom Higgins may they share the heavenly Kingdom with our Lord Jesus Christ and his mother Mary the Queen of Heaven

Message from Fr Damian

We pray for all those taking a holiday at this time that they will come back safe and refreshed, I hope if you have not been able to get away you can all have a break and rest closer to home. We pray for all those who are due or have had their exam results this week, that they have achieved the outcomes to allow them towards their goals in life.

Although we are all glad to be restarting our public masses, and we have complied with all of the advice given to stop the spread of the virus, there will be a lot of you who cannot join in for a number of reasons, we will continue to miss you and try and keep up with you though our virtual link.

Please continue to pray for all whose lives are affected and changed with though Covid 19, those who are ill, those who are lonely worried or feel isolated with the continued restriction.

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

CONTINUED APPEAL FOR MORE VOLUNTEER STEWARDS FOR MASS.

We are still looking for the younger members of our parish over 16 and under 70 and not in an at-risk group to step forward to join our rota to help. I cannot stress strongly enough unless we have Stewards, we will not be able to continue to have mass or start to return to the new normal. **We are looking for some stewards to help us during the week to have a midweek mass** Please if you can offer help in this way email the parish at olandsb@gmail.com , speak to John Burke on 01564 793692 .

More volunteers needed. We are still looking for help with GDPR matters and for someone to help with our IT. Do not be shy any help at all will be welcome.

Online Newsletter Any Parishioners not getting a copy?

We are still trying to reach as many of our Parishioners as possible and every week sign up a couple more. 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 .?

Financial support for your parish.

Thanks to those who are still dropping envelopes and donations off, those of you who are paying by bank transfer or standing order.

if you can and have not got around to doing a bank transfer or standing order and want help, please contact Mary Mayo on mary.mayo1@btinternet.com, for further details.

Stratford Almshouse Charity are Looking for Residents

The trustees of the St Joseph's Homestead which is part of the Municipal Charities of Stratford-upon-Avon, are looking to attract two female residents over 55 to their property.

Their Chief Officer William Clemmey said "Our trust deeds require us to proactively recruit members of the Roman Catholic faith to balance out the residents and so to adhere to the terms of the original benefactors will" If you are interested, or know of another who may be, please contact Doug Evans on grants@municharities.org.uk, 07539 459210

CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal and support for those caught in Beirut explosions

CAFOD is working in Libya to provide support during the Coronavirus pandemic they have also set up a fund to help those affected by the explosions on 4th August.

CAFOD is part of 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. The UK Government has pledged to match fund donations. You can donate at 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

Zoom Mass online Security

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

To comply with data protection and security we will not be publishing the link or password to our online Mass, if you need the link of the password please email the parish email 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 interrupt 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.

Warwick Deanery Website:

www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

The Deanery website has also linked to several 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/>

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234216

Visitor Guidelines for Mass @ Our Lady and St Benedict's

The Church will be open for around 20 minutes before mass

If there is a queue at the doorway, 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.

- 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 should wear a face covering unless you are medically exempt.
- 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. You will be directed to a seat by a steward
 - across the front of the Altar and Sanctuary
 - leave via the right-side isle (Statue of St Benedict side) and right-side exit
- Please leave 2 seats per row clear between social and family groups.
- 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.
- Sanitise hands on departure
- Do not enter the Sanctuary, side Chapel or Choir loft unless directed by a steward.
- The piety stall and cards are closed off.
- Observe any requests from stewards if they ask you to move.
- Can all family member remain in their seat until they are called forward for Communion?
- At the end of Mass please leave as soon as possible in an orderly manner under the direction of the Stewards

Our Lady and St Benedict's Church Track and Trace Compliance

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we are collecting details of those who attend our church. We will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, if it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you agree to providing your information for this reason, please complete the following form and leave it in the box at church when you attend:

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Our Lady and St Benedict's Church Wootton Wawen Track and Trace

Date Attended _____ Time _____

Family Name _____

Tel. No _____

Signature _____

Date _____