



## OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

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

"They all ate as much as they wanted" Matt 14 13- 21

**18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Lectionary Year A. Psalter week 2**

***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 1 Aug	Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary deLiouri, Bishop, Doctor of Church. <b>Opening of Church for Private Prayer 4.00 – 5.00 pm</b>	Mass 9.15 am <b>4.00 pm – 5.00 pm</b>
Sun 2 Aug	<b>Eighteenth 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>
Mon 3 Aug	Memorial of St John Vianney Priest	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 4 Aug	Feria in Ordinary time	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 5 Aug	Feria in Ordinary time	No Mass
Thurs 6 Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 7 Aug	Feria in Ordinary time	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 8 Aug	Memorial of St Dominic Priest <b>Opening of Church for Private Prayer 4.00 – 5.00 pm</b>	Mass 9.15 am <b>4.00 pm – 5.00 pm</b>
Sun 9 Aug	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Day of Prayer for Europe</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>

### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

We are still following the Gospel of Mathew. The common theme this week is the boundless generosity of God, God gives freely and in abundance. In the first reading the Israelites are told by the Lord not to rely on earthly goods but to come to him he will give them wine milk honey bread, to listen to him and their souls will live. In St Paul we are reminded that nothing can come between us and the love of God. In today's Gospel Jesus follows on from the reading from Isaiah when he manifests his love for his followers as he feeds the Five thousand with five loaves and two fish. Jesus freely provides more than enough food for the whole multitude through the miracle of the multiplication.

### **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 John Knott, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Agnes Phillipson, Mary Brookes, Catherine Hallahan, Henry Cziok, Alice Griffith, James Miller, grant them eternal rest in the Kingdom of our most generous Lord.

## **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.

## **URGENT APPEAL FOR MORE VOLUNTEER STEWARDS FOR MASS.**

Thank you to the Stewards who have come forward to volunteer so far. As we move forward in the hope of restarting mass in the next few weeks, we do need more stewards. We cannot have a mass without enough stewards on duty.

I am urging 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 that unless we have Stewards, we will not have mass or start to return to the new normal. 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 .

## **Church Reopening for Mass.**

We hope in the next few weeks to be able to reopen our Church for Mass, we will update you with details when they are finalised. Thank you for your patience

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

It was wonderful to see some more of our parishioners able to return again last weekend for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Note the new time, from 4.00 – 5.00 on a Saturday.

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.

You will be asked for your Family Name and phone number as part of the Government's Track and Trace procedure. This is voluntary and does not have to be given to come into the Church. The details will be kept by the parish and destroyed after 21 days.

## **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.

## **More volunteers needed.**

### **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.

### **Message from Fr Damian**

We pray for all those taking a holiday at this time that they will come back safe and refreshed.

Can you all pray for all whose lives are affected and changed with though Covid 19, those who are ill, those who are lonely or feel isolated on lockdown, Please remember those who are starting to get back to work and for those who face an uncertain future because of the lockdown and the effects on business.

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.

### **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).

### **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. CAFOD is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal, the UK Government has pledged to match fund donations. You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://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](http://cafod.org.uk/summerofhope)

### **Warwick Deanery Website:**

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

### **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 always be available.

To determine the demand for worshippers 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 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.

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

## 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 4.00 – 5.00  
No more than 20 persons at once.

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.**

**You will be asked for your Family Name and phone number as part of the Government's Track and Trace procedure. This is voluntary and does not have to be given to come into the Church. The details will be kept by the parish and destroyed after 21 days.**

**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.