



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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19-20th September 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary time

“Why be envious because I am generous” Matt 20: 1-6

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The Pope's Prayer intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources may not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Sat 19 Sept	Optional Memorial Our Lady on a Saturday Vigil mass for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady and St Benedict. Second collection for Holy Places	Mass 9.15 am in Private Public Mass: 5.30 pm Divine healing, Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Andrew Doyle
Sun 20 Sept	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady and St Benedict. Second Collection for Holy Places Online Mass Live Stream via Zoom Password as Previous	Public Mass @ Mass Online 10.00 am Enrique Olmos RIP Baptism 11.30 Arlo & Reuben Driver
Mon 21 Sept	Feast of St Matthew. Apostle Evangelist	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 22 Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 23 Sept	Memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcinca (Padre Pio)	No Mass
Thurs 24 Sept	Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 25 Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 26 Sept	Optional Memorial Our Lady on a Saturday Vigil mass for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady and St Benedict. Second Collection for Fr Hudson's Society	Mass 9.15 am in Private Public Mass: 5.30 pm Divine healing, Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Andrew Doyle
Sun 27 Sept	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady and St Benedict. Second Collection for Fr Hudson's Society Online Mass Live Stream via Zoom Password as Previous	Public Mass @ Mass Online 10.00 am

Birmingham Archdiocese Second Collections

The Archbishop has asked parishes to help our Catholic charities by holding a second collection for some of them over the next number of weeks. If you can help, please leave a donation by a marked envelope, or indicate on your standing order.

Second Collection for Holy Places 19-20th September

This week Pope Francis has asked the church to support Christians in the Holy Land. The church in the Holy Land relies heavily on the help that comes to them from this collection to support both the shrines and the Christians living in a land that is filled with a majority Jewish and Islamic population. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that the church can conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centres in the Holy Land.

Second Collection for Fr Hudson's Society 26-27th September

This is for the principal social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, they provide a range of services for people who are disadvantaged, marginalised, or experiencing need. They work with people from all walks of life, offering friendship, care, and support.

Baptism Sunday 20th September

This Sunday we welcome Tom and Nina Driver who are having their sons Arlo and Reuben baptised. Please pray for the family at this special time for their sons.

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

Message from Fr Damian

I was thrilled this week to be asked by our Headteacher Rachel Greenway to join the school with the Chair of Governors John to share an outdoor liturgy. It was super to be back talking to the children at our primary school. God looked down on us all with great weather.

I am missing sharing weekday masses with our parishioners, we need stewards to help to hold at least one midweek mass as we cannot restart midweek masses until they are in place. Please if you can offer help in this way email the parish at olandsb@gmail.com , or speak to John Burke on 01564 793692 .

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

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 *for* those whose anniversaries occur at this time Enrique Olmos, Bernard Mulloy, William Hadland, Andrew Nevin, Basil Hall, , Tom Stackpoole, Irene Robinson, Lilian Moore, Mary Brickell, A.N. Jackson and John Thompson may they will find rest and peace in God's presence forever

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. The dedication for this month is Our Lady of Sorrows, Mary as the mother of God knows pain and suffering as she stood at the foot of the cross, Let us ask her to share our prayers with her son our blessed Lord.

Public Masses for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Can All attending please wear a face mask unless you have a medical condition. While visors are useful, they do not provide the protection to both the user and those around them that a face covering does.

Stay alert, Control the Virus Save Lives.

While we are still learning and adapting, we must still follow the guidance to maintain social distancing.

We will open the church around 15 minutes early to allow worshipers to settle and to pray in silence.

Can I ask all attending the church to please wait and the back for the steward to direct you to your seat.

To maximise the number of people able to attend, they will try and fill from the right-hand side back to front to minimise people passing close to one another and from the centre aisle seats to the outer seats.

Please remain seated do not move from your seat or turn to talk to neighbours. If you need a candle lit a newsletter or missalette please signal the steward, they will help?

When you are called forward for communion please follow the directions of the stewards who will call you forward from your seat, do not get up and cross the central aisle. Please wait to return to your seat before consuming the host

After the final blessing please dismiss as soon as possible in an orderly manner to allow the stewards to clean up and sanitise. 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

Online Newsletter Any Parishioners not getting a copy

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. Although we do not use collection baskets during mass there is a tin at church for you to drop and donations to support Our Lady and St Benedict's

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.

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/>

Fundraising for School Water Project Nanka Nigeria

As many of you know, we have spent the last 2 years fundraising for a project to support St Michael's in Nanka, Nigeria. Father Damian comes from Nanka and attended this school as a child. Through direct communication with the Parish Priest in Nanka, Father Peter Chawdry we started fundraising on their behalf after they sent us a video of a day in the life of their school. Only when we saw this video did we realise how little they have.

When Father Peter asked the Head teacher what they need the most, she replied - water. There is no drinking water for any of the pupils at this school. The majority of children go all day without a drink where temperatures rarely dip below 30 degrees. After a joint fundraising project between our parish and St Mary's we managed to raise £8000.

Whilst we have been in lockdown, we can confirm drilling has started in Nanka – see photos. Ordinarily £8000 would be enough to install a water pump, but unfortunately the land in this region of Nigeria is so arid it is necessary to dig 330 metres deep to reach water so the project will end up costing between £16 - £17k. We are delighted the work has started but we cannot leave this project unfinished, so our fundraising efforts are not over



Rachel Saltmarsh has set up a Crowdfunder page in anyone would like to help.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/water-for-nanka-1?tk=2d642f07f9c67639a109cbcd2321e467f122b6b4>

If you want to help the old-fashioned way by Cash or Cheque please leave your donation in a clearly marked envelope, we will pass it on. Many Thanks