



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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5th -6th December 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

“Make his paths straight”. Mark 1: 1-8

Second Sunday of Advent Lectionary Year B. Psalter week 2

The Pope's Prayer intention for December: For a life of Prayer.

We pray that our Personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of Prayer

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| Sat 5 th December | Feast of St Birinus Bishop. Divine healing for Michael and Christopher Bates Vigil for Second Sunday in Advent Divine Healing Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle | Mass 9.15 am In Private Public Mass 5.30 pm Second collection Parish Maintenance |
| Sun 6 th December | Second Sunday of Advent Divine healing, Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle | Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Second collection Parish Maintenance Online Mass + Live Stream via Zoom Password as Previous |
| Mon 7 th Dec | Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church | Mass 9. 00 am In Private |
| Tue 8 th Dec | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patroness of the Birmingham Archdiocese) | Mass 9.15 am In Private (Dominic Alcock RIP) |
| Wed 9 th Dec | Advent Feria | No Mass |
| Thurs 10 th Dec | Advent Feria | Mass 9.15 am In Private |
| Fri 11 th Dec | Advent Feria | Mass 9.15 am In Private |
| Sat 12 Dec | Advent Feria Public Mass Vigil for Third Sunday in Advent Second collection Catholic Evangelisation. | Mass 9.15 am In Private Public Mass 5.30 pm Second collection Catholic Evangelization |
| Sun 13 Dec | Third Sunday of Advent Nora Burke (RIP) Online Mass + Live Stream via Zoom Password as Previous | Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Second collection Catholic Evangelization |

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 our family and friends who have died, We pray for repose of the soul of Jan Wright who died recently and for all our parish anniversaries, Dominic Alcock, Jessie Harrop, Leslie Wright, Lucy Hood Phillips, and Norah Burke, they all shared in the baptism of the Lord may they share the eternal life with him.

Second Collection Weekend 5-6 December. Parish Maintenance Fund

This week can you all please consider supporting our own parish Maintenance fund.

Second Collection Weekend 12 – 13 December Catholic Evangelisation.

This fund assists parishes in the work of adult formation, the training of catechists and helps to spread the good news of Jesus Christ (evangelization).

The Sower Magazine.

The Diocesan Magazine, The Sower, is available for collection for the church. Please do take a copy if you are at church. It can also be downloaded from the Diocese webpage

[.https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine)

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234

Masses at Christmas Pre-booking needed.

Although we will still have to follow our Covid policies and maintain space between social or family "bubbles". We are planning to have an additional mass at 5.30pm along with our normal Christmas eve mass at 7.30pm. On Christmas Morning we hope to have mass at 8.30 am and at 10.00 am.

We have set up a booking system for all masses through an online poll, and will try to accommodate as many worshippers at each service as distancing will allow on a first come first served basis and with all the health and safety measures currently in place.

We will be sharing one of our masses on Christmas eve along with our 10.00 mass on Christmas Morning via Zoom.

Can you please return the online poll form or a paper copy which we will have in Church by 16th December Many thanks?

Christmas Tree Collection for the Stratford Foodbank

Our Christmas tree gifts this year will be for the Stratford Foodbank, can you please help to support this very worthwhile cause. Why not think of doing an Advent calendar in reverse? Get a box and fill it with one item each day, starting this week! As well as food the Foodbank are looking for toiletries, razors, shaving foam and washing powder/liquid etc. Then at Christmas bring your box to Church.

If you cannot get out, you can still help by donating money through their JustGiving page

[:https://www.justgiving.com/stratforduponavon-foodbank](https://www.justgiving.com/stratforduponavon-foodbank)

Message from Fr Damian. Remember we are open this weekend for Mass.

Thank you to the kind Parishioner who has donated a new laptop, speakers, and an engineer to set it up We are truly blessed by your kindness.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Church this weekend 5th / 6th December and to share the rest of this Advent season with you in person. I am still at Church on a Saturday morning from 11.00 - 12.00 if anyone wants to come along for Confession as part of their preparation for Advent. Please just ring the Bell

Daily Prayer for the ending of the pandemic

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have urged us to join in a shared moment of prayer each day at 6.00 pm for an end of the Pandemic. Can we join as a parish in the wonderful prayer? The Angelus.

2021 Diaries

To avoid unsold stock, if you would like to order a 2021 Catholic Diary can you please drop the parish an email.

2021 Diocesan Directories

These are available for the church. If you would like a copy, please ask one of the stewards when visiting the church.

Catholic Universe / Catholic times

You can get this delivered direct to your home every week, post free. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. Special offer 3 months: -£22.00 or 12 Months: - £80.00.

Please find a link to a sample copy. <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news-from-the-universe/>

Needed! Sewing machines for Nanka Nigeria.

Have you got a sewing machine you no longer use taking up space in your attic? Please email me Louise at louisesandford@btinternet.com if you have a machine or supplies to donate to send to Nanka.

Missio Red Box

If you have a Red Box it is time to get it emptied to send on, please contact **Mary Clarke on 01564 79539** or leave the box with Fr Damian. If you would like to have a Red box in your home to collect for Missio throughout the year, there are spares in church.

Church Opening for Mass Saturday 5-6 December 2020. HANDS- FACE- SPACE

Can we ask all attending to please follow the guidance we have issued; this is for your own benefit as well as other worshippers attending for prayer. Please follow the steward's directions.

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

Warwick Deanery Website:

www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk.

Follow the daily Readings at Mass

<https://universalis.com/mass.htm> or <https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk>