



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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12th – 13th December 2020

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

“There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.”. Mark 1:6-8, 19-28

Third Sunday of Advent Lectionary Year B. Psalter week 3

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

Sat 12 th Dec	Advent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private Confessions 11.00 12.00 am.
Sat 12 th December	Public Mass Vigil for Third Sunday in Advent Divine Healing, Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle	Public Mass 5.30 pm Second collection Catholic Evangelization
Sun 13 th December	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
Mon 14 th Dec	Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	Mass 9. 00 am In Private
Tue 15 th Dec	Advent Feria	No Mass
Wed 16 th Dec	Advent Feria Margaret Chapman RIP	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Thurs 17 th Dec	Advent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 18 th Dec	Advent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 19 th Dec	Advent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private Confessions 11.00 12.00 am.
Sat 20 th December	Public Mass Vigil for Third Sunday in Advent Divine Healing, Gerald McMahon	Public Mass 5.30 pm Second collection Apostleship of the Sea
Sun 20 th Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent Divine Healing, Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom Second collection apostleship of the Sea

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 the repose of the soul of Jan Wright and Trevor Mander who have died recently and for all our parish anniversaries, Nora Burke, George Evans, Elsie Ashcroft, Raymond Saunders, Frances Barrett, Josephine Thomas, Joseph Mahon, Mary O'Donnell, Christine Hands, James Ross, Margaret Chapman, and Edna Goodfellow, may they join our Lord Jesus Christ in his eternal Heavenly Kingdom.

Second Collection Weekend 12th – 13th 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>

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.

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

Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Pre-booking needed.

We have set up a booking system for all masses on for the Christmas Festivity, through an online poll and through the paper forms available in Church, we will try to accommodate as many worshipers 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.

So far, we have been able to all meet the requests that have been made and at the time people requested. While there are spaces at the other masses, we cannot take any more bookings for the 5.30 pm mass as the spaces are all booked.

If you have not yet completed the online poll or returned your paper form can I ask you to return it as soon as possible but no later than 16th December.

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

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)

St Mary's Primary School Virtual Carol Service/ Fundraising for Nanka Water

Father Damian visited St Mary's on Tuesday to film a welcome message for the school Carol Service. Usually, the service is held in church, but as that cannot happen this year nor can parents be invited into school to watch any performances, the school has found alternative means. The Carol Service was filmed in school and the link to the video will be sent to all parents to watch from the comfort of their homes. Thank you, Father Damian, for your warm welcome and lovely Christmas message.

Nanka water Project: Fr Chudi Peter Akaeni has sent a note to confirm that the €8725 had been transferred and that work can start forthwith towards the realization of our goal in no distant time. That both the Primary School and the St. Michael's Parish will in due course write to acknowledge the wonderful kindness you and your people have undauntedly visited upon them. May God Almighty bless you all, for us. Amen.

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

Special offer 3 months: £22.00 or 12 Months: £80.00, delivered. Please find a link to a sample copy.

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news-from-the-universe/>

For further details Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722

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 12th – 13th 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.