



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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19th -20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.”. Luke 1: 26-38

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B. Psalter week 4

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 20 th December	Vigil for Fourth 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
Mon 21 st Dec	Advent Feria Freya Chapman RIP Funeral Reception Jan Wright	Mass 9. 00 am In Private 4.30 pm
Tue 22 nd Dec	Advent Feria Funeral Jan Wright family invite only	No morning Mass 1.00 pm
Wed 23 rd Dec	Advent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Thurs 24 th Dec	Advent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Thursday 24 th December	Vigil of the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Collection for the Clergy	Public Mass 5.30 pm Online Zoom Public Mass 7.30 pm
Friday 25 th December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Collection for the Clergy	Public Mass 8.30 am Public Mass 10.00 Online Zoom
Sat 26 th December	Feast of St Stephen First Martyr Patron Saint Alter Servers	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 26 th December	Vigil for Feast of the Holy Family Divine Healing, Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle.	Public Mass 5.30 pm
Sun 27 th Dec	Feast of the Holy Family John Simpson RIP	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom

Second Collection Weekend 20th 21st December Apostleship of the Sea.

This fund supports those at sea through Chaplains and Seafarer centres throughout the world. Over 90% of our goods is still moved by sea.

Christmas Offering to our Clergy

The collection at the Christmas Masses will be the collection for your Clergy.

The Parish Chair has asked parishioners if they can be generous in their Christmas offering for our Parish Priest, please consider that because of the Covid restrictions we did not have our usually Easter offering for the Clergy, we have not been able to reschedule this because of the other pressing calls on your generosity.

The support for Father Damian has also fallen as our weekday masses are mainly in private, fewer parishioners are getting out and have made donations for weekday masses.

Jan Wright's Funeral Arrangements

The remains of Jan will be brought to Church at 4.30 pm on Monday 21st December Any parishioners wishing to share in the reception into the Church are welcome to come along. The funeral will be at 1.00 pm on Tuesday 22nd December.. This will be by family invite only because of Covid restrictions. Donations, if desired in memory of Jan can be made to The Shakespeare Hospice online at <https://janet-wright.muchloved.com>.

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

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 whose funeral is this week, and for all our parish anniversaries, Freya Chapman, Edna Goodfellow, Adrian Harvey, Stephen Cleary, Terence O'Sullivan, Rose Behan, John Simpson and Paul Goodwin may they join our Lord Jesus Christ in his eternal Heavenly Kingdom.

Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Our Masses at 5.30 pm on Christmas Eve and at 10.00 on Christmas Day are full. Both masses will be live streamed by our normal Zoom link and Password. Please email olandsb@gmail.com if you need the link or password. Please do not turn up on spec at these two masses as we will have to turn you away to comply with Covid regulations. If you have not got around to booking there are some spaces at the 8.30 Mass on Christmas day, if you would like to book a space please email the parish email or speak to Fr Damian by Wednesday 23rd December.

Christmas Tree

A big thank you to Ben from Wootton Wawen Christmas trees at Yew Tree farm for his kind donation of a superb tree to our Church. Many thanks to Robin and Lin goodfellow for setting it up and to Annette Howell and her family for decorating it. As usual it looks stunning even at the back of the sanctuary.

Christmas Tree Collection for the Stratford Foodbank

Thanks to all those who have dropped off bags and boxes of food and other donations at the church or to Fr Damian for our Christmas tree collection for the foodbank, they look impressive.

There is still time for you to help to support this very worthwhile cause. As well as food the Foodbank are looking for toiletries, razors, shaving foam and washing powder/liquid etc. A lot of families in our area have been heavily hit by the effects of Covid on work with loss of jobs and much shorter hours and will need the foodbank for support.

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

:<https://www.justgiving.com/stratforduponavon-foodbank>

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.

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.

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 LAST CALL

Last Call 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. Missio would like the totals by 31st December 2020

Church Opening for Mass this weekend and over Christmas 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.