



**OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

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**Second Sunday after Nativity**

“The Child grew filled with wisdom”. Luke 2: 22-40

**Second Sunday after Nativity Year B.**

**Psalter week 2.**

***Pope's Prayer Intention for January (Human Fraternity):***  
*May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.*



Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	<b>Vigil for Second Sunday after the Nativity</b> Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle, Stan Linden	<b>Public Mass 5.30 pm</b> Maintenance Fund collection
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	<b>Second Sunday after the Nativity</b> Margaret Caray RIP	<b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom</b> Maintenance Fund collection
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Feria	Mass 9. 00 am In Private
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Feria John Alcock RIP	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord</b> People of the Parish	<b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 9.30 am Live Stream via Zoom</b>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Feria Divine Healing Barbara Cookes	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Feria	No Mass
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Vigil for Feast of the Baptism of the Lord,</b> Divine Healing Barbara Cookes	<b>Public Mass 5.30 pm</b>
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b> Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle, Stan Linden	<b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom</b>

**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, for all our parish anniversaries, Margaret Caray, Christine Harris, Margaret Edwards, Margaret Jones, John Connell, Paul Lavelle, Percival Moulder, James McKeever, Edwin Harrop, Rose Reilly, Gordon Hall, and Edward Hollywood

by the power of Christ's birth on earth, may they all be born in heaven.

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

## **Feast of the Epiphany**

This Wednesday we celebrate the Solemn Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. On the Epiphany the Church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, he is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him.

This Feast is large celebration, especially in Spanish speaking countries, the infant Jesus in the manger is represented with a small gold crown and is wearing regal robes. The figures of the wise men have reached Bethlehem, completing the nativity scene.

**We will be having a public mass at 9.30 on Wednesday and will be sharing this via our usual Zoom Link**

*I pray that through this Feast that the New Year will bring peace, good health, the Lord's, love, and goodness for you and your families.*

**Fr Damian.**



## **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.

We will be bringing the gifts to the foodbank after Wednesday so there is still time for you to help to support this very worthwhile cause.

A lot of families in our area have been and will be 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](https://www.justgiving.com/stratforduponavon-foodbank)

## **Parish Maintenance Collection.**

This Sunday we are having our Parish maintenance fund collection, which we are hoping to repeat on the First Sunday of every month, this fund helps us to maintain our Church, Chapel and Cemetery. Please help donate you can. There are gift aid envelopes available, if you can gift aid your donation the parish can claim the tax from the government

## **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.

## **Missio Collections for 2020.**

We have had a letter from Missio to thank us for the parish donations of over £1000.00 in 2020.

Many thanks to all who contributed, to our parish collectors and organisers, including the support and work done by the late John Anderson for this great cause before he sadly died last year.

## **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.

## **Church Opening for Mass this weekend 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.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE TIER 4 RESTRICTIONS AND DO NOT MIX WITH OTHER HOUSEHOLDS IN CHURCH**

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

**Visitor Guidelines for Mass @ Our Lady and St Benedict's**