



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

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**9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

“You are my son, the beloved, my favour rests on you” Mark 1: 7-11

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord B. Psalter week 3.**

***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 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</b> <b>Live Stream via Zoom</b>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass 9. 00 am In Private
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 13 <sup>h</sup> Jan	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Thurs 14 Jan	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Optional Memorial of Our Lady of a Saturday	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Vigil for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle, Stan Linden	<b>Public Mass 5.30 pm</b> Second collection Pax Christi
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 10.00 am</b> <b>Live Stream via Zoom</b> Second collection Pax Christi

**Mark Hampton RIP**

We had the sad news on Wednesday that Mark Hampton from Wootton Hall had died suddenly, Mark was an artist and produced some wonderful paintings of our church, the clip art logo on our newsletter is from his work, He was a regular at our Saturday Night mass with his father Phil before the Covid lockdowns. Our condolences go to Phil and the rest of Mark's family.

**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 recently died Patrick Lynch, and Mark Hampton and for all our parish anniversaries, Gordon Hall, Edward Hollywood, Bridget Gamble, James Leon, Arthur McAnulty, and Edward Ward

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

### **St Mary's Primary School Henley in Arden**

At Christmas we were sad to say goodbye to two stalwarts of our school. Mr Wong the senior class teacher who has moved on to a larger school in Solihull. After 9 years, following the birth of her third son in 5 years, our very popular and inspirational headteacher Mrs Greenway had also decided to leave at Christmas. We wish them both all the very best in the Future. We welcomed on Monday Mrs Charlotte Miller to our School from Corpus Christi in Coventry who has joined us as interim Head Teacher.

### **Message from Fr Damian**

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This ends the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred with His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to lead us through his baptism, to be children of God.

On the feast of the Epiphany last Wednesday, many thanks to all who joined our mass in Church and to the parishioners by Zoom. It was lovely to be joined by our new Head teacher Charlotte Miller from St Mary's and the children who were in school for this special feast.

### **Latest Covid Measures.**

The Area was moved into tier 4 before the new year, on Monday the Government announced further national restrictions to contain the spread of the Covid Virus,

The Church reminds us all that currently there is no obligation to be at mass in person. We continue to encourage those who are vulnerable or at any risk to themselves to stay at home and join us by Zoom, we can still chat on Zoom. There are plenty of opportunity for worshipers to join spiritually or virtually in mass daily or weekly if they wish. The Deanery website <https://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/> has links to local Churches which have webcams for worshipers to join them on a web browser.

Places of worship are recognised as essential and people can still travel to and attend church and public services if we all follow the Covid rules. The Guidance for those attending remains important.

### **HANDS- FACE- SPACE.**

#### **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.

It is very important that we maintain as much space from other family groups as possible.

Can I reiterate to everyone to wear a mask when you enter the church, we all need to follow the guidance issued and wait for and follow the steward's directions., this is for your own benefit as well as other worshippers attending the Church.

### **Christmas Tree Collection for the Stratford Foodbank.**

The foodbank was overjoyed with your contribution of food, tins cakes toiletries and other essentials. We delivered 13 boxes of donations to the foodbank on Wednesday the Feast of the Epiphany, this was a well-timed boost to their stock to help local families.

Many thanks to all who left donations at the church. We had also £158.00 left in the tin and will send on as a cheque. Below is the link to the Foodbanks website if anyone wants to continue to help this worthwhile cause. <https://stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk/> most of the supermarkets in the area do have a collection point in store.

### **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.

**Visitor Guidelines for Mass @ Our Lady and St Benedict's**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January @ 5.30 pm, Sunday 10<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 @10.00 am.**

**PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE CHURCH IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAVE COVID 19 SYMPTOMS OR HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SELF ISOLATE.**

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.

Wrap up warm as the doors and windows will have to be kept open to allow fresh air.

If there is a queue at the doorway, please wait for it to clear and the stewards to direct you.

For everyone's peace of mind and safety, please follow the guidelines below.

Note there are no toilet facilities available.

- Please follow the directions of the stewards. Keep to the social distancing guidelines.
- Enter through the Porch keep left and sanitise your hands-on arrival.
- The area inside the main door near the baptism font and piety stall is reserved for the wardens. Please carry on through to main body of Church.
- Please leave any track and trace information, or scan the poster with the NHS App.
- Collect any newsletters, from the table inside the entrance.
- Follow the direction of the Wardens round the church:
- Move to the inside of the row, please leave 2 seats per row clear between other social and family groups.
- Only sit where there is a green card,
- Please do not move from the seat allocated. If you wish to offer votive candles, please ask a steward.
- The steward will light it. Do not try to light off another candle.
- Do not enter the Sanctuary, side Chapel or Choir loft unless directed by a steward.
- Please remain seated during mass.
- The Warden will direct you to communion please follow their directions, keep you mask on.
- When you receive communion wait until you have returned to your seat before consuming the host.
- Turn over the card on your seat as you leave (so that it is red).
- Sanitise hands on departure

**Our Lady and St Benedict's Church Track and Trace Compliance**

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we are collecting details of those who attend our church. We will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, if it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you agree to providing your information for this reason, please complete the following form and leave it in the box at church when you attend:

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Our Lady and St Benedict's Church Wootton Wawen Track and Trace

Date Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_