



## OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another”. Mark 1:29-39

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter week 1**

***Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Violence against Women***

*We Pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their suffering considered and heeded.*

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Vigil for Fifth 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 Parish Maintenance Fund
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> James Gillespie RIP Second collection Parish Maintenance Fund	<b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 10.00 am</b> <b>Live Stream via Zoom</b>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Feria in Ordinary Time Day for the victims of Human Trafficking	Mass 9. 00 am In Private
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Memorial of St Scholastica Virgin	No Mass
Thurs 11 Feb	Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the Sick	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Memorial of St Agatha Virgin Martyr	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Optional Memorial of Our Lady of a Saturday	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Vigil for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Public Mass 5.30 pm</b>
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 10.00 am</b> <b>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 recently died Zoe White, James Gillespie and Mavis Bailey and for our parish anniversaries, Tom McVeigh, Frances Maypothor, Mary Dyer and Margaret Chapman, Margaret Colley, Barbara O'Brien, George Hodge, Bill Jones, and Helen Clarke.

**Message from Fr Damian:** I am urging you again to join me and pray for all whose lives are affected and changed with though Covid 19, those who are ill, those who are lonely or feel isolated on lockdown. Please remember those who are providing essential services our health staff, teachers, and all the other services. Please remember that I am here to offer prayer and support to parishioners at this difficult time, if you need any help, please give me a call on 01564 792647, Leave a message if needed or drop me an email if you would like a chat.

**Lent Walk with Me books:** The Walk with me books are available for collection and use during Lent. Fr Damian will leave some in the Church and in the house porch if you would like a copy.

**Stratford foodbank:** We had a nice letter of thanks from the Foodbank in thanks for your Christmas donations. Please continue where possible to support them.

**First Holy Communion Confirmation Sacraments 2021:** We are looking for the names of new children who qualify in 2021 for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If your child is in year 3 (age 7) or above and wishes to take their First Holy Communion this year, or if your child is in year 6 (age 11) or above and wishes to be Confirmed this year, please let us know.

If you already registered your child in 2020 and their sacrament was postponed due to lockdown, your child's name is still on our list and we will be in touch shortly with arrangements. If you have any questions you are welcome to contact Rachel Saltmarsh. [admin3508@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3508@welearn365.com).

**Help for St Marys Primary School families home and online schooling:** If anyone has an old laptop, chrome book or tablet that is surplus and still works that they no longer need, the school can use them to support families with online home schooling. They need to be no more than 10 years old, the MAC IT Support will ensure that they are completely wiped and a new operating system put on them, if you can help please contact the school on [01564 792316](tel:01564792316) or [admin3508@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3508@welearn365.com).

**Financial support for your parish:** We are very thankful for your continued support and appreciate that many of our parishioners may be struggling financially and we pray they are getting the support they need. Please be assured there is no expectation to donate to the parish for those struggling through Covid.

Although our parish collections were down last year thank you to all those who are still dropping envelopes and donations off either through the door or when they are in Church.

We are very grateful for those of you who are paying by bank transfer or standing order.

If you can and have not got around to doing a bank transfer or standing order and want help, please contact Mary Mayo on [mary.mayo1@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.mayo1@btinternet.com) for further details and the account number.

**Parish Maintenance Fund:** We hope to restart our regular maintenance fund collections for 2021 where possible on the First weekend of each month. If you can Gift Aid your donation there are special envelopes in Church. For those making a standing order or bank payment advise Mary if you want your donation gift aided.

**Legacies:** The Diocese has details online to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church. At the back of our Church, you will find copies of their leaflet. Please do consider whether you, or someone you know, may wish to support the Church in this way. Thank you.

**Latest Covid Measures:** As you all are aware, we are all in a further lockdown to contain the spread of the Covid Virus, and make sure our health service can cope.

The Church reminds us all that currently there is no obligation to attend mass in person.

We continue to encourage those who are vulnerable or at any risk to themselves to stay safe, stay at home and join us by Zoom, we can still chat on Zoom.

There are plenty of opportunities for worshippers to join spiritually and virtually in mass daily or weekly if they wish.

The Deanery website <https://warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/> has links to local Churches that have webcams for worshippers to join them on a web browser. There are regular masses from St Chad's.

The Deanery website has links to several resources for children and young people to use for Children's liturgy at home.

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.

**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.

**Follow the daily Readings at Mass** <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

<https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/daily-mass-readings/>

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