



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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6-7 March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

“Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up” John 2: 13-25

Third Sunday of Lent. Psalter Week 3

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation *Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

Sat 6 th March	Vigil for Third Sunday in Lent Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle, Stan Linden	Public Mass 5.30 pm Parish Maintenance Fund
Sun 7 March	Third Sunday in Lent Intentions of John Mitchell, M. Cronin, Ann Bevan	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom Parish Maintenance Fund
Mon 8 March	Lent Feria	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 9 March	Lent Feria Funeral service for Marion Teresa Fletcher	Mass 9.15 am In Private. 2.30 pm Family Only
Wed 10 March	Lent Feria	Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm Live Stream via Zoom
Thurs 11 March	Lent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 12 March	Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week Starts	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 13 th March	Lent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 13 th March	Vigil for Third Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday) Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle, Stan Linden	Public Mass 5.30 pm Cathedral Maintenance Collection
Sun 14 th March	Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday) James Murray RIP	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom Cathedral Maintenance Collection

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 Jim Murray and Marion Fletcher, and for our parish anniversaries, John Gamble, Dorothy Bartholomew, Michael Coleman, Joan Harvey, Bernard Duffy, Margaret Miller, and Joan Fitzmaurice

Marion Teresa Fletcher. Marion died at her home in Earlswood last week. Her funeral will be this week on Tuesday 9th March at 2.30 pm followed by internment at St Mary's Tamworth in Arden. Our condolences go to her husband Nigel, her daughter Lucy, son Thomas, and sister Breda.

Jim Murray: Jim Murray from Bearley died recently after a long illness. A regular at our Saturday night masses and in lent our Stations of the Cross. For many years Jim was our Parish Missio Co-ordinator. His funeral will be on Wednesday 17th March at 11.00 am., The reception will be the night before at 4.30 pm which parishioners can attend. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife Margaret and his family.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord. May they rest in Peace.

Parish Stations of The Cross 6.30 pm Wednesdays: Thanks to all who joined us last Wednesday to share our mediation on the way of the Cross. We will continue praying and sharing the Stations of the Cross on the Wednesdays in Lent @ 6.30 pm, following Fr Pat's booklet We Walk with the Lord on the Way of the Cross. Please do join us in person or log on to Zoom. We will be using our usual Zoom link and Password.

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

Parish Maintenance Fund Collection Weekend 6-7 March. This weekend is our parish maintenance fund collection. As you are perhaps aware our planning application has gone into Stratford District Council for the replacement of the conservatory and refurbishment of the parish house. The plans are out for consultation now with a decision from the Council by the end of March, the Wootton Wawen Parish Council have approved the plans. Your help with this fund will help support the finance for these plans. The plans can be seen online at <https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=QLC5N9PM0GL00>

Cathedral Maintenance collection. Next Sunday is the collection to support the Maintenance of St Chads.

Financial support for your parish and Gift Aid Envelopes. The new planned giving Envelopes will be available soon. If you are a taxpayer and would like to start to Gift Aid your donations to our Church, please contact our Treasurer Mary Mayo. If you have not done so, you can Gift Aid any donations though bank transfer or standing order. Thank you to all our parishioners for their continued support in these difficult times. Mary Mayo can be contacted by email mary.mayo1@btinternet.com. for further details and the account number.

Diocesan Newsletter: To keep up to date with all the latest news, information, and online events from around our Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to view the latest news and resources.

World Day of Prayer 2021 The Women's World Day of Prayer 2021 was originally planned for Friday 5th March. The churchwardens of St John the Baptist Aston Cantlow, who are hosting the event this year, have postponed it until July or August when hopefully we will be allowed to attend. The new date will be put in this bulletin when it is known.

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

First Holy Communion Confirmation Sacraments 2021: If you have not registered your child for the sacraments this year or want some more information, please contact Rachel Saltmarsh @ admin3508@welearn365.com.

Merger of Our Lady of Lourdes and Holy Family Multi Academy Companies. Our local Catholic schools are part of The Holy Family Multi Academy Company, The Holy Family (MAC) in line with the wider diocesan strategy has agreed to merge with the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic MAC which includes the Catholic schools in the Redditch Area and Trinity School in Leamington. As part of the consultation on this merger there are more details at www.lourdesit.org.uk/working-together

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: Although the good news is that many of our parishioners have had their Covid Vaccination and that our schools will start back next week, we cannot relax our Covid measures yet.

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 worshipers to join spiritually and virtually in mass daily or weekly if they wish.

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 current 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.

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