



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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27th – 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

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Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a cross.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental Rights *We Pray for those who risk their lives fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships authoritarian regimes and even democracies in crisis.*

Sat 27 th March	Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle, CLOCKS GO FORWARD @ 1.00 am Sunday	Public Mass 5.30 pm
Sun 28 th March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Special Intention of Jimmy Walsh	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom
Mon 29 March	Monday of Holy Week	Mass 9. 00 am In Private
Tue 30 March	Tuesday of Holy Week	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Wed 31 March	Wednesday of Holy Week	Public Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm Live Stream via Zoom
Thurs 1 st April	Maundy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper	Public Mass & Mass Online 6.30 pm.
Fri 2 nd April	Good Friday: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Retiring collection for Holy Places	Solemn service 3.00 pm in Public and Via Zoom
Sat 3 rd April	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle, Easter Collection for our Priest	Public Mass & Mass Online 7.30 pm.
Sun 4 th April	Easter Sunday Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Easter Collection for our Priest. Gerard McMahan	Public Mass 08.30 AM
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Collections Easter Weekend: The Collection at our Easter Masses are you offering for your Priest.

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, Stan Linden, and for our parish anniversaries, Peter Jefferies, Charlie Mander, Alan Ross, Patrick Barrett, Bridget Cziok. May they join Christ in his Kingdom.

National Day of Reflection for Covid-19 Tuesday 23 March: Thank you to all who came along to share this reflection and to gather for our short reflection of light last Tuesday.

Parish Stations of The Cross 6.30 pm this Wednesday: This is the last of our weekly Stations to prepare for Lent, please do join us in person or log on to Zoom. We will be using our usual Zoom link and Password.

St Marys Primary School Henley in Arden. Diamond Anniversary and Walk of Faith: The school had a cake on Thursday and the children were out in the playground to sing happy birthday to celebrate its Diamond Anniversary. Later in the day the whole school all 110 of them, walked up the mount to re-enact Jesus' last steps. They even carried a cross. It was a poignant, effective journey of witness. The builders have made a great start to take down the old hut and start on the new build.

Holy Week and Easter Services: These services are our public celebration of Holy Week. You did not have to prebook for Wednesday or Thursday.

Wed 31st March Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm

Thurs 1st Apr Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.30 pm * Zoom

Fri 2nd Apr Good Friday: Celebration of the Passion of the lord. 3.00 pm * Zoom

Sat 3rd Apr Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass, Blessing of the Fire and Holy Water 7.30 pm * Zoom.

Sunday 4th April Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord 08.30 am and 10.00 am.* Zoom.

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

Although the lockdown measures are easing, we will still have to regulate the numbers that can attend our principal services at Easter to follow our Covid policies and maintain space between social or family "bubbles". Our easter services this year all be slightly different from our normal for this reason.

Thank you to all who responded to our poll to book seats at the services.

If for any reason your plans change and you cannot make the booking, please advise as soon as possible. Or if you have not made a booking please check with John Burke if there any spaces have come up. olandsb@gmail.com or 01564793692

Children's Easter Decorations for Church. It is not too late for children to bring along a decoration for our Church.

1. **Make a small Easter Decoration to hang on the Easter Tree in the Porch of the Church** – this should be no bigger than the size of a hen's egg please.

2. **Paint a Rock telling a part of the Easter Story** – these will be placed on the windowsills of the church and perhaps also on the lawn – so needs to be made waterproof (easiest way is to paint over the decoration with diluted PVA glue)

3. **Make a rustic cross to go outside the church** – these can be any size up to 50cm. The Cross can be decorated or left plain.

Financial support for your parish and Gift Aid Envelopes. The new planned giving Envelopes are available for collection, while some of you are donating by standing order the envelopes are still in use for second collections. If you cannot see your envelope box, please contact Mary and she will get a box for you.

The Diocese will not be sending out a statement regarding individual tax paid to help parishioners with tax returns up to 05/04/2021 If anyone wants these figures please contact Mary and she will provide a statement. Mary Mayo mary.mayo1@btinternet.com

If you would like to start a regular donation through your bank to our parish or help though Gift aid, please contact Mary.

Our Lady and St Benedict's Virtual Church Repository: <https://www.holystore.co.uk/>. As most of the piety stores in our churches are closed. We have joined with HolyStore to set up an online virtual piety store for all your devotional needs.

Our Virtual Church Repository makes use of [HolyStore](https://www.holystore.co.uk/), a beautifully designed online Catholic store already stocking over 1,500 devotional items and increasing daily, from greetings cards and prayer cards to rosaries and crucifixes. Items are delivered fast to your delivery address (and delivery costs are low).

By ordering from [HolyStore](https://www.holystore.co.uk/) you are supporting our parish [HolyStore](https://www.holystore.co.uk/) makes a donation to the parish of 10%* of each and every order you place on the site (using our "promo code" OLSB-WW21). [* excludes VAT and postage costs] Please do check out the HolyStore webpage

Virtual Pilgrimage to support St Chad's Sanctuary: Our School as part of the MAC is joining in to complete a 7500km virtual pilgrimage from Santiago de Compostela to Jerusalem to raise funds for St Chad's Sanctuary.

There is a go fund me page if anyone wants to sponsor a few miles to help St Chad's Sanctuary.

gofund.me/3b2998d2

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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