



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Easter Sunday Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

"He must rise from the dead. John 20: 1-9

***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 3 rd April	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle,	Public Mass & Mass Online 7.30 pm. Easter Collection for our Priest
Sun 4 th April	Easter Sunday Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Divine healing for Gerard McMahan	Public Mass 08.30 AM Easter Collection for our Priest.
Sun 4 th April	Easter Sunday Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Easter Collection for our Priest People of the parish.	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom
Mon 5 th April	Easter Monday Solemnity, Octave of Easter	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom
Tue 6 th April	Easter Tuesday Solemnity, Octave of Easter	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Wed 7 th April	Easter Wednesday Solemnity, Octave of Easter	No Mass
Thurs 8 th April	Easter Thursday Solemnity, Octave of Easter	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Fri 9 th April	Easter Friday Solemnity, Octave of Easter	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Sat 10 th April	Easter Saturday Solemnity, Octave of Easter	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Sat 10 th April	Vigil for the Second Sunday of Easter Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle,	Public Mass 5.30 pm Divine Mercy Sunday
Sun 11 th April	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Divine healing for Gerard McMahan	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom

Collections Easter Weekend: The Collection at our Easter Masses are you offering for your Priest.

Message from Fr Damian: As we shared the passion this week, we are reminded of the despair and darkness that came down over the early church with the death of the Lord. Then the joy and celebration with the resurrection on Easter Sunday. This year especially as we start to recover from the Covid Pandemic, I pray that like the early church the light of Christ will come your lives and families from the Risen Christ. May the love and message of Jesus shine in our homes, Family, Parish, and all in our community.

My ongoing thanks to all who help prepare our church for our services, the wonderful contribution from our flower team both for the decoration of our church and for the collaboration with our school to produce the wonderful field of crosses in front of the Church. To our stewards, cleaners, readers and all who help us to continue to worship at Our Lady and St Benedict's, we could not do without you.

I am very grateful for all your cards gifts and the donations left for me as your Easter offering, I cannot offer much in return except my gratitude and prayers.

May God bless you all.

Monday 5th April. As part of our Easter Celebrations, we will have mass on Easter Monday at 10.00. This will be in Church. We will also share it on Zoom.

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, and for our parish anniversaries, Charlie Mander, Alan Ross, Patrick Barrett, Bridget Cziok, Leo Berry, Mayou McCall, Leo Taylor, and William Coulson, may they join the risen Christ in his promised kingdom.

St Mary's Primary School: The school were very busy this week with Children and Staff, preparing crosses for the front of our Church, decorations for our Easter Tree and some beautiful painted rocks to brighten up our window ledges for Easter. They had a very moving and insightful online Holy Week assembly on Friday, where each class and almost every child contributed to the story of Holy Week. They were joined virtually by Fr Damian from our field of crosses at church.

Financial support for your parish and Gift Aid Envelopes. There are still some of the new planned giving envelopes available for collection. If you cannot see your envelope box, please contact Mary and she will get a box for you.

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

Just a reminder that if you need a statement regarding individual tax paid to help 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

Virtual Pilgrimage to support St Chad's Sanctuary: Our School as part of the MAC has joined in to complete a 7500km virtual pilgrimage from Santiago de Compostela to Jerusalem to raise funds for St Chad's Sanctuary. Although the Walk has finished there is still time to donate to St Chad's Sanctuary. There is a go fund me page if anyone wants to donate to help St Chad's Sanctuary care for the poor and disadvantaged in the diocese. gofund.me/3b2998d2

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.

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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