



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

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**17<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

“So, you see how it is written that Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.” John 24: 34- 48

Psalter week 3

**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 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter</b> Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle,	<b>Public Mass 5.30 pm</b>
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> John Anderson RIP	<b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Feria	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Feria	No Mass
Thurs 22 April	Easter Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Fri 23rd April	Solemnity of St George Martyr Patron of England	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle,	<b>Public Mass 5.30 pm</b> <b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b> Collection for Clergy Training Fund
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b> Collection for Clergy Training Fund	<b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom</b>

**Message from Fr Damian:** We welcomed some more families to our masses last weekend; it was good to see them. Our flower team are continuing to maintain the superb decorations put up for Easter.

Lesley and Nick have been busy again planting up our hanging baskets and planters, which are making our outside space look cheerful and inviting, many thanks to them both.

Although some of the restrictions have started to be lifted and some of you have been out and about visiting one another, meeting up in small groups outside in this good weather, been able to go for a coffee or even a beer which is great. Please spare a thought for those who still cannot get out and about and can still not have visitors or meet up. I am continuing to offer mass in private for your intentions, during these difficult times, I want to continue to offer support and prayer to parishioners with concerns, or who are self-isolating, please give me a call on 01564 792647, Leave a message if needed or drop me an email if you would like a chat.

**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, John Anderson, Faith Ferraz, Francis Keyte, Muriel Ward, John Jefferies, William Kerr, James Metcalfe, Pearl Bullivant, Doris Anderson, Theresa Bartholomew, Anne Cowan, and Pat Maisey, may they join our risen Lord in his Kingdom.

**The Clergy Training Fund: Second collection 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April:** The Clergy Training fund exists primarily to support our seminarians – men in formation to be our future priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The CTF also supports the permanent diaconate for our diocese – providing for the training of men who serve as deacons in our parishes. It costs approximately £30 000 a year to support each seminarian. This covers seminary fees, living costs, essential study materials, travel and pastoral placements. Please support this fund to help train our future priests and deacons.

**Support for St Chad's Sanctuary:** *I was a stranger and you made me welcome Matt 25:35.*

St. Chad's Sanctuary is a voluntary project supported by many friends, including St. Chad's Cathedral and The Salvation Army. It is a place of welcome and hospitality for Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and Immigrants in the Birmingham Area.

It is not too late to support our school and the wider MAC to raise funds for the work of St Chads Sanctuary. Their virtual walk has finished but you can still donate through the go fund me page to help St Chad's Sanctuary care for the poor and disadvantaged in the diocese. [gofund.me/3b2998d2](https://gofund.me/3b2998d2)

**Regina Caeli:** Just a reminder from Easter to Pentecost 'The Regina Caeli' is normally said instead of the Angelus. **The Regina Caeli**

O Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia. For he whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia. V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St Mary's Primary School:** The School currently has vacancies for two class teachers from September 2021. These vacancies are fixed term for one academic year. There is still time before the closing date which is this Wednesday 21st April 2021 for applications. Interviews will be held on Friday 23rd April 2021. If you would like to look around the school prior to submitting your application, please contact the school on Monday 19th April 2021 for an after-school tour on that same day.

The building work to replace the two classrooms is progressing well. The old building was demolished before the holidays and all the rubble cleared from the site last week. This week the new materials started to be delivered with the builders busy clearing the ground to level and prepare the footings.

**Financial support for your parish and Gift Aid Envelopes.** If you had not had a chance to collect your planned giving envelope box, there are still some left in the porch. If you cannot see your box or you would like to start making a regular donation to our church, please contact Mary Mayo our parish treasurer she will assist you. Mary Mayo [mary.mayo1@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.mayo1@btinternet.com)

**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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