



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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24th – 25th April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

“The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.”

John 10: 1-18 Psalter week 4

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 24 th April	Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle,	Public Mass 5.30 pm World Day of Prayer for Vocations Collection for Clergy Training Fund
Sun 25 th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations Carmel O Looney	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom Collection for Clergy Training Fund
Mon 26 th April	Easter Feria	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 27 th April	Easter Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Wed 28 th April	Easter Feria	No Mass
Thurs 29 April	Feast of St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	Mass 9.15 am In Private. Day of Prayer for Europe
Fri 30 th April	Easter Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Sat 1 st May	Easter Feria Optional Memorial of St Joseph the Worker	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Sat 1 st May	Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle,	Public Mass 5.30 pm Second collection parish Maintenance fund
Sun 2 nd May	Fifth Sunday of Easter Second collection parish Maintenance fund	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom

Message from Fr Damian: I hope you have all had a good week, the weather is improving more of you are getting out and about, our children are back at school. We continue to be encouraged with the numbers joining us for our masses, especially our families. Things are moving forward.

Please remember 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, Pat Maisey, Joseph Baggott, Vernon Flatley, Kathleen White, Zia Esposito, Jack McHugh, and Gertie Johnson. May the Lord the Good Shepherd bring them to his flock in the Heavenly Kingdom.

The Clergy Training Fund: Second collection 25th – 26th 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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday 26th April: Pope Francis asks us on this Vocations Sunday - and always - to continue to promote vocations. This means encouraging people to be like our Mother Mary: to gratefully discover God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all fatigue through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God – for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May our Mother Mary accompany us and pray for us. For more information follow link to our Diocese page. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocation>

St Mary's Primary School Henley in Arden. After a robust recruitment process our interim Headteacher Mrs Charlotte Miller has been appointed to the substantive permanent post as Headteacher. She looks forward to building on the links across the whole school between the parish and our catholic primary school.

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.

Message from CAFOD: Thank you all for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap & handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your support.

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

HELP WANTED: As things begin to open up, we need more stewards both at the weekend and to try and have a morning mass. If you can help, please contact John Burke on olandsb@gmail.com. or Fr Damian.

We also need help with the following **Parish Catechist, Ecumenical contact, It Support, Zoom host** if you would like more information or could help, please contact Rebecca or Fr Damian.

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.

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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