



## OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

“Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.”

John 15: 1-8 Psalter week 1

**Pope's Prayer Intention for May: The World of Finance** *Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with Governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.*

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle,	<b>Public Mass 5.30 pm</b> Second collection Parish Maintenance fund
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Special Intentions of Ann Bevan, John Mitchel & M. Cronin.	<b>Rosary @ 9.40</b> <b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom</b> Second collection Parish Maintenance fund
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Feast of Ss James and Philip Apostles	Mass 9.00 am In Private
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of the English Martyrs	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	No Mass
Thurs 6 May	Easter Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private. Day of Prayer for Europe
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private.
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria First Holy Communion Masses	9.30 11.00 and 12.30 am. <b>Live Stream Via Zoom</b>
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Vigil for the Sixth 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 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Bernard James Molloy RIP	<b>Rosary @ 9.40</b> <b>Public Mass &amp; Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom</b>

**Message from Fr Damian:** There was excitement this week as we had some of our children come to Church for their First Confession. Thank you to the school, staff, and parents for helping to prepare the children for this Sacrament. Most of all thank you to all the children embarking on this stage of their sacramental life, please pray for them.

We look forward to our first Holy Communion Masses next Saturday. Covid restrictions mean that we will be having three masses with only some of the children, parents, and relatives with their catechists present at each mass. If you would like to join us via Zoom, we will be using our usual Zoom Link and password.

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, Gertie Johnson, Alice McVeigh, John Kelleher, Johnnie Reilly, Nora Killourhey, Liliane Keyte, Elizabeth 'Josy' Roche, may the Lord God call them their home in his Heavenly kingdom.

**The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234216**

**Maintenance Fund Collection this weekend** Please be as generous as you can in support of our fund, we have a lot of work needing to be done soon, repairs to fencing, slipping tiles on the roof, repairs to the grotto are just some examples. We have just paid over £100 to Stratford Council to get the green bins emptied, Hand Gel and Sanitiser was over £60 last month.

**Rosary Marathon for an End to covid 19:** Pope Francis has requested that the Church comes together to pray the rosary every day throughout May for an end to the pandemic. The Pope inaugurating this in the Vatican at 6.00 pm (5.00 pm UK) on the May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be joining 30 shrines across the world throughout the month of May, with a different intention to be prayed for each day. The marathon begins at our own national shrine of the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk on May 1<sup>st</sup>: Prayer will be for all the deceased; on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May the Marathon moves to Jesus the Saviour and Mother Mary Sanctuary (Nigeria): Prayer for those who could not say goodbye to their loved ones.

**Our Rosary Group will be praying the rosary on Sunday Mornings at 9.40 through may Please come and join them as our part of the Rosary Marathon.**

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Mass in School.** To celebrate this Holy Day of obligation and as a Second Communion for the children who will make their First holy Communion next weekend, weather permitting, there will be mass in the School playground at 10.45 am. To ensure covid distancing the school will need to know numbers beforehand. Can you drop the school an email [admin3508@we-learn.com](mailto:admin3508@we-learn.com) or fill in the slip of paper in church with your name and the number of seats you will need by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May? If it is raining the school will not be able to host parents or parishioners as the mass will have to move inside to the school hall.

**St Mary's Primary School Henley in Arden. Brick Appeal.** As part of its 60th anniversary, the School would love to offer all its parents, staff, past pupils, parishioners, family members, and neighbours the exciting opportunity to 'buy' a brick to support their new development and as a legacy for the donor. One wall will be dedicated to sponsored bricks depicting personal messages. In exchange for £40, you will receive a brick with your own personal message - up to 32 characters (max 16 characters per line). For more information, please contact the school.

**HELP WANTED: SITUATIONS VACANT!**

**Musical Matters.** Would anyone like to pick and play the recorded music for our weekend masses?

**Musicians,** looking forward to when we can have "congregational singing", are there any musicians or organists who would like to accompany and lead our hymn singing at either our Saturday evening mass or Sunday morning mass, even occasionally on a shared rota would help?  
Is there anyone who could take on and bring together this important Worship Ministry for our Church?

**Stewards:** As things begin to open, 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](mailto:olandsb@gmail.com). or Fr Damian.

We also need help with the following **Parish Catechist, Ecumenical contact, It Support, and Zoom Host.** These are not burdensome posts and with enough volunteers they could all be shared. if you would like more information or could help, please contact Rebecca or Fr Damian.

**Even if you cannot help with any of the above** but would like to help our Church in any way, if you have a skill, talent, or time we could use, please come forward, to paraphrase the bible passage there is plenty of work but few labourers for it? **Please do not be shy, get involved!**

**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)

**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.