

# Downside Abbey St Benedict's Parish Newsletter

## Mass & Office Times

*Everyone is welcome*

### Masses in St Benedict's church

Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday Masses 9am, 11am & 6pm

### Weekday Masses in Holy Ghost church, Midsomer Norton

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at 9.45am

### Confessions

Saturdays at Holy Ghost from 10.15-11am

Sundays in St Benedict's from 10.15-10:45am

Sundays in the Abbey church from 9.35-9.55am

### Regular events

Adoration Monday-Friday after Mass until 6pm; Saturdays after Mass until 7pm; Sundays after Mass until 5.45pm in the Crypt Chapel

Prayer group on Mondays at 7.30pm in Holy Ghost church

Rosary on Thursdays at 7pm in St Benedict's

### The Abbey Church

#### Weekdays

Vigils 6am  
Lauds 7.10am  
Mass 8.35am  
Midday Office 12.30pm  
Vespers 6pm

#### Sundays

Lauds 7.30am  
Mass 10am  
Midday Office 12.30pm  
Vespers/Benediction 5pm

### Do you find the Newsletter hard to read?

A large-print edition is available on request by filling in a form in the church porch.

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## 10th SUNDAY YEAR B – 10th June 2018

“With the LORD there is mercy and fullness of redemption” (Psalm 129:7)

Today's first reading from Genesis is a famous story telling the aftermath of the sin of Adam (whose name simply means 'man' in the sense of human) and Eve (whose name in Hebrew is 'Havva', which means 'life'). The Old Testament continually reminds us of God's constant love for his people and his continual efforts to engage with them. Here, he engages them in conversation in order to establish what had happened. Since he is all-knowing, he knows all about the serpent, but he gives Adam and Eve the opportunity to tell him themselves. They all blame each other, but in the end each person has to take responsibility for their own life, and their own sin. The sin of Adam and Eve results in punishment, but this punishment is never the end. God always wants his people to return to him, and he even seeks them out in order to help them onto the right path. This pattern of sin-punishment-return is repeated again and again throughout the Old Testament. Jesus, by his death on the cross, corrects the sin of Adam and opens the way to the garden of Eden (heaven); Mary, by her obedience in agreeing to bear the Son of God, corrects the disobedience of Eve and thereby brings life into the world.



Dom Anselm Brumwell  
Sub-Prior

### June Needs

Tinned meat pies  
Sponge puddings/Tinned rice pudding  
Long life fruit juice  
Tinned vegetables /Tinned tomatoes/Tinned spaghetti (pasta)  
Tea 40's and 80's/Tinned potatoes  
Shaving foam



### Items for the Newsletter

If you would like to contribute items for consideration for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter, please send to: sparsons@downside.co.uk or call (01761 235323)

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This **Tuesday** is the tenth and final session of the **Sycamore course**. It is not too late to come, and this week we will look at "How do I discover the purpose of my life?" A great question to get us thinking!

**Next Sunday**, there will be a second collection for Day for Life.

**29th June is the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul**. This is a holyday of obligation and Mass will be in the abbey at 10am and in St Benedict's at 6.30pm.

On **Saturday, 30th June** the English Benedictine Congregation is organising a day called "Open" for men and women aged 18 – 29, who are interested in learning more about vocations, discernment and prayer. It will be held at Douai Abbey near Reading, from 10.45am until 5pm. There will be talks and workshops and lunch is included. Contact Dom Anselm for more details ([domanselm@downside.co.uk](mailto:domanselm@downside.co.uk)) or go to [www.benedictines.org.uk/post/open](http://www.benedictines.org.uk/post/open) to register.



This year's **Glastonbury Pilgrimage** will be on **Sunday, 8th July**. Please put the date in your diary. More details nearer the time, or see the poster on the parish notice board.

**Lectio Divina Group** A small group of Parishioners, and others, meets in the Visitor Centre at 10am every Monday to prayerfully read the following Sunday's Gospel passage. If you would like to join them, please do! Lectio Divina is not difficult, and training will be given. It is a good way to get to know other people too!

**The Parish Collection** was £300.66

**Many thanks** to all those who made the Vespers and Corpus Christi Procession last Sunday such a success. The church was nearly full, and the singing was great! Special thanks go to the choir and servers.



### **Martyrology: St Richard of**

**Chichester** was born in Droitchich in 1197. As a boy he worked on his father's farm. He was then educated at Oxford, Paris and Bologna, the foremost universities of his time, and was ordained a priest at the age of 45, being appointed Bishop of Chichester only 2 years later. The King opposed his appointment, and so he did not actually take over the See until 1247. He did not just sit back however, but he lived in a priest's house and visited the parishes of his diocese on foot and looked after an orchard. He is particularly remembered for his generosity to the poor, his mercy to sinners and the reform of liturgical life in his diocese. He died in Dover on 3rd April 1253.



**We pray for the sick of our parish**, especially Eve Nuttall, Dolores Niles, Sheila Noad, Rob Butt, Marie-Louise McGarvey, Jake Francis-Jones and Emmi di Maggio. If you know someone who would like to be added to this list, please let the priest at Mass know their name.

**Diocesan prayer intention:** Christ the King, Thornbury; Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge

**Ecumenical prayer intention:** St Benedict's, Stratton-on-the-Fosse

**Adoration Update.** The Crypt Chapel is open to anyone to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament during the following extended hours; Monday to Friday after Mass until 6pm; Saturday after Mass until 7pm; Sunday after Mass until after Benediction, about 5.45pm. On week days, a small group has now formed to recite the Rosary in the Crypt Chapel. If you would like to join them, please just turn up! If you would like to help with the rota as a Regular or Occasional Adorer, please contact Rina [rinabird@outlook.com](mailto:rinabird@outlook.com). The only Regular slots left are Monday 10am and 11am, Tuesday 10am, Wednesday 10am and 2pm, Friday 12pm, and Saturday 10am.

Over the past few months, **St Benedict's Catholic Primary School** has been working in connection with our local Catholic Partnership Schools – The Camino Partnership. This has recently included the creation of a school banner celebrating what is special about our school and its heritage. As part of The Camino Partnership, we are working together to organise and share a Mass to celebrate the Partnership, the banners and our work around Refugee Week in response to the Pope asking us to think about the plight of these displaced people around the world. This Mass will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at All Hallows School, Cranmore. The Mass will be at 12.30 followed by a short walk to represent 'The journey of the refugee'. There will then be a bring-your-own family picnic starting at approximately 1.30 – 1.45pm.