

# 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 9.30-12.30 Monday to Saturday and 11.15-5.45 on Sundays during the summer

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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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR B – 15th July 2018

“Go, prophesy to my people Israel” (Amos 7:15)

Amos came from Judah, but prophesied to Israel and principally the royal shrine at Bethel, in the eighth century BC, a period that has been called ‘the silver age of Israelite history’. This was the reign of King Jeroboam II (786-746 BC), a time of prosperity; and prosperity tended to be bad for Israel's faith: it tended to lead to syncretism, the merging of pagan elements with Jewish religion. Amos' message was never going to be popular. There are 9



chapters and every chapter points out the ways in which the gentile nations broke the natural law (1:1-2:3) and in which Judah (2:4-5) and especially Israel broke God's law (2:6-9:10). At this stage of the book Amos has prophesied the death of Jeroboam by the sword and the exile of Israel. This is why Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, tells him to go and prophesy somewhere else. The message of most biblical prophets is usually unpopular, and Amos confirms that God calls all sorts of people to a prophetic ministry: “I am not a prophet, nor a prophet's son” (7:14). In other words, he is not from the professional class of prophets associated with the official shrines. Yet God is not bound by such limitations. All Christians are baptised to be prophets. We are to be like Amos: to see the world with God's eyes and fearlessly to announce the word of the Lord, even where it is unpopular.

Dom Anselm Brumwell  
Sub-Prior

### July Needs

Brown sauce & ketchup  
Steam puddings/Rice puddings  
Tinned meat pies/Instant mash  
Long life fruit juice/Milk powder  
Coffee  
Conditioner/Deodorant  
Shower gel/Kitchen rolls



### 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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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the crypt chapel will be from 9.30-12.30 Monday to Saturday, and from 11.15-5.45 on Sundays during the summer.

The next **Mass in the Extraordinary Form** will be at 11.15am on 5th August.

**CAFOD Share the Journey:** Inspired by Pope Francis' special concern for migrants and refugees, CAFOD is inviting us to join the "Share the Journey" campaign. The Church worldwide is committed to sharing the journey of people on the move. World leaders must be moved to do the same as they negotiate two global agreements on refugees and migration in Autumn 2018. As an act of solidarity to Share the Journey with our global neighbours fleeing their homes, CAFOD is asking us to help to walk 24,900 miles - the distance around the whole world. As I write, this distance has just been achieved by the Catholic parishes and schools in England and Wales. So we are now attempting to walk around the world again! We are also being asked to urge the Prime Minister to ensure the human dignity of migrants and refugees is at the heart of the UN Global Compacts (agreements) which are being negotiated in the Autumn. At St Benedict's, we are planning a 1 mile walk on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm from the Church towards the Abbey and through the Abbey grounds, then towards Chilcompton and back. We will make sure we do not go on any roads and the walk will be as accessible as possible to wheelchairs, buggies and families. Every mile completed by every individual will count towards the CAFOD grand total. We will start off at the Parish Centre with some words of introduction and reflection, do the walk, stopping for reflective readings on the way and returning to the Parish Centre where we will invite all participants to sign the campaign cards. After the walk we will have a shared tea in the Parish Centre, so all contributions of sandwiches, scones and cakes would be gratefully received. If anyone is unable to walk the distance we would like to invite them to join us in spirit and in prayer and then to share tea with us in the Parish Centre. We would expect to finish the walk by 3.30pm.

We do hope that you will put this date in your diaries and join us to "Share the Journey".

The **annual parish BBQ** will be after the 6pm Mass on Sunday, 2nd September.

During the weekend of the 7-9 September 2018, **Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey**, featuring Fr Lawrence Lew O.P. and Canon Poucin. The weekend will be full-board. YCA will be running the weekend with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops.

There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (on the beauty of silence in the Mass plus social media and evangelization) and socials. All Masses will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form. Please note to guarantee your place this year Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend i.e. 17th Aug 2018. To book visit [bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2018](http://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2018)

**Martyrology:** The feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** is on 16th July. The prophet Elijah proclaimed the faith of Israel from Mount Carmel, which is well known as the place of Elijah's famous contest with the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). During the Crusades a group of Christian hermits established themselves in caves on the mountain and in the thirteenth century they joined together in a religious community, which we now know as the Carmelites. They built a chapel in the middle of their community dedicated to "the Lady of the place". The Carmelites venerate Our Lady as the perfect model of prayer and the interior life as well as a model of virtue, as the person who was the closest to Christ.



**We pray for the sick of our parish**, especially Margaret Reynolds, 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.

**Please pray for Kathleen Kidman and Muriel Colebourn**, who died recently. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

**Diocesan prayer intention:** St Luke and St Teresa, Wincanton with Mere, Milbourne Park, Milbourne Port, Castle Carey and Bruton

**Ecumenical prayer intention:** Bath City Church Local Group

**The Parish Collection:** Last week raised: £302.55 and the collection for the Apostleship of the Sea raised £142.68

**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!