

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

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

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY YEAR B – 17th June 2018

“What can we say the Kingdom of God is like?” (Mk 4:30)

In a sermon by Blessed John Henry Newman, which we heard at vigils recently, he says ‘This is the very definition of a Christian, one who looks for Christ; not who looks for gain, or distinction or power, or pleasure, or comfort, but who looks for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. This, according to scripture, is the essential mark, this is the foundation of a Christian, from which everything else follows.

In our daily lives are we always looking for Christ? Or do we allow ourselves to be distracted by our worries and anxieties?

Everyday we need to listen for the ‘still small voice’ of God, who spoke to the prophet Elijah. In order to hear it we need silence in our busy lives.

Dom Boniface Hill,
Assistant Parish Priest



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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Many thanks to all those who have been at the **Sycamore course** over the past 10 weeks. Everyone seems to have enjoyed the sessions and we had a good opportunity to talk about our faith and to meet new people. We are probably going to run follow-up sessions in the Autumn for those who attended, and anyone else who is interested.

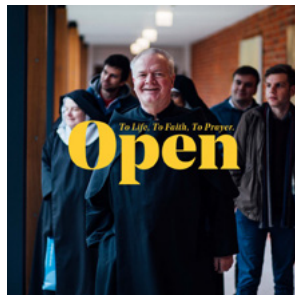
There will be a **second collection for Day for Life** today. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The proceeds of the *Day for Life* collection assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church, including victims of trafficking as well as other life issues.

The **St Benedict's Catholic Primary School** Camino Mass will take place on **Sunday 24th June** 2018 at 12.30pm at All Hallows School followed by a bring your own picnic at 1.30pm

There will be a meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** on Wednesday, 27th June at 7.30pm in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

29th June is the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul. This is a holy day 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 or go to 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!

St. Vincent de Paul Society update Our conference group has been meeting fortnightly since January and visiting regularly since February. If you know of anyone who is in need of and would like visits or practical help, such as shopping, please can you give their name(s) and contact number to either Fr Michael or Fr Boniface. Thank you. If you would like any information on the SVP please contact Rosemary at bluerabbit70@hotmail.co.uk

Martyrology: St John Fisher (1469-1535) was Bishop of Rochester and confessor to Queen Catherine of Aragon, first wife of Henry VIII. He maintained the validity of Henry's marriage to Catherine, refused to take the Oath of Supremacy and died a martyr. He forgave his executioner and declared that he was dying for Christ's holy Catholic Church. **St Thomas More** (1478



-1535) was a barrister who became Chancellor of England. He resigned this position over Henry's marriage and opposed the Act of Succession, which constituted an act of high treason. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London and executed on 6th July 1535. His last words were that he died for the faith of the Holy Catholic Church and was 'the King's good servant, but God's first'. Their feast is celebrated on 22nd June.

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.

Diocesan prayer intention: Sacred Heart, Tisbury with Wardour

Ecumenical prayer intention: Trinity Church, Radstock

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. The only Regular slots left are Monday 10am and 11am, Tuesday 10am, Wednesday 10am and 2pm, Friday 12pm, and Saturday 10am.

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

The Parish Collection: Priest Retirement Fund Clifton Diocese £138.87 and £350.98