

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

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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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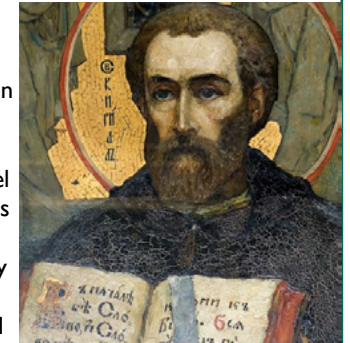
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Twentieth Sunday Year B – 19th August 2018

“He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him” (Jn 6:56)

Today's Gospel is extremely important for Catholic Eucharistic theology, since it is here that Jesus changes his vocabulary when speaking of eating his flesh. Earlier in John 6, he has used a word (*esthiō*) which can be used to refer to spiritual eating of wisdom (as in today's first reading from Proverbs), as well as physical eating. In today's Gospel he uses a different verb (*trōgō*), which more literally means 'to chew' and is never used in a spiritual sense, but always of eating food. Some might argue that this change is purely a matter of literary style, but this does not really make sense, since John is consistent in his use of vocabulary and the indications are that he has deliberately used this word ('to chew') in order to make a point about the nature of the Eucharist. St Cyril of Jerusalem sums everything up well in the *Jerusalem Catecheses*, written in about 350 AD: "Having learned these things, and been fully assured that the seeming bread is not bread, though sensible to taste, but the Body of Christ; and that the seeming wine is not wine, though the taste will have it so, but the Blood of Christ; and that of this David sung of old, saying, *And bread strengthens man's heart, to make his face to shine with oil*, strengthen your heart, by partaking thereof as spiritual, and make the face of your soul to shine. And so having it unveiled with a pure conscience, may you reflect as a mirror the glory of the Lord (2 Cor. 3:18), and proceed from glory to glory, in Christ Jesus our Lord:— To whom be honour, and might, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen."



Dom Anselm Brumwell
Sub-Prior

August Needs

Tinned tomatoes/Meat soups
Sponge puddings/Coffee
Drinking chocolate/Brown sauce & ketchup/Powdered milk/UHT milk
Deodorants (not aerosol)/Razors/ Household cleaners (not bleach)/Toilet cleaner/Washing up liquid/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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Last Sunday afternoon 29 people braved the elements to take part in a **CAFOD Share the Journey** walk. This year Pope Francis has encouraged us all to 'welcome our brother and sister migrants and refugees with arms wide open' and to call on world leaders to do the same. We responded symbolically, sharing the journey with those who have been forced to flee their homes, by walking just one mile in the Downside Abbey grounds. During our walk, we heard the stories of five people on the move in different parts of the world and were able to reflect on the plight of so many of our global neighbours. Our 29 miles have been added to the CAFOD totaliser, which, as I write, stands at 99,790 miles walked by people across England and Wales. Initially it was hoped that CAFOD supporters would walk 24,900 miles, once around the world, but that was achieved in June and July. On the completion of our walk we returned to St Benedict's Parish Centre, where everyone was invited to sign cards to the Prime Minister, urging her to ensure that the human dignity of migrants and refugees is at the heart of the UN global agreements. Finally we sat down to a delicious shared tea and lots of pleasant chat. Many thanks to all who came to support and for the good wishes sent by those who were unable to attend. And many thanks to Caroline Lane, the CAFOD volunteer for our parish, who organised and co-ordinated everything.

Congratulations to Adrian and Leila who were married in St Benedict's on Friday.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be on Wednesday, 22nd August at 7.30pm in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

Daniel Justin, Director of Music, for the Diocese of East Anglia is holding a **hymn singing evening** on Wednesday 29th August in the church at 7.30pm. This is a chance to learn some new hymns and sing some of the old favourites. Everyone is welcome and no music ability is required. Daniel is one of the country's leading Catholic musicians so this is a great opportunity for our parish music.

The **annual parish BBQ** will be after the 5pm Mass on Saturday 1st September.

The next monthly **Mass in the Extraordinary Form** will be on Sunday, 2nd September at 11.15am in the crypt chapel of the abbey church.

Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass will start again in September.

Hear about CAFOD's work for this Harvest Fast Day! from one of our CAFOD staff members who have in-depth knowledge about our work overseas. Three dates to choose from:

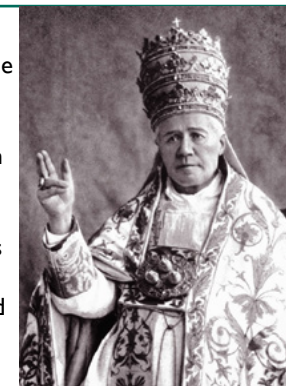
Saturday September 8th – 1.30pm-3.00pm: English Martyrs Parish, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX with main speaker Giovanna Reda, CAFOD Head of Humanitarian Programmes Asia, Middle East, Latin America & Caribbean (AMELAC);

Thursday September 13th – 7.00pm-8.30pm: St Bonaventure's Parish, Egerton Rd, Bristol BS7 8HU with main Speaker Zoe Corden, CAFOD Emergency Response Officer

Saturday September 15th – 2.00pm-3.30pm: St John the Baptist Parish, 2 Wingfield Rd, Trowbridge BA14 9EA also with Zoe Corden. Contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD to book: 01179 428 328; ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk

Martyrology: St Pius X (Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto)

was born into a poor family in Rieti, northern Italy in 1835. He was the second of ten children and his father was the village postman. His parents laid great value on the importance of education and he walked nearly 4 miles to school every day. In 1850 he received the tonsure from the local bishop and received a scholarship to study at the seminary in Padua, where he completed his studies with great distinction. He was ordained a priest in 1858 and became a chaplain at Tombolo, where he also had the opportunity to study more Aquinas and Canon Law, whilst also fulfilling many of the duties of the parish priest, who was ill. He progressed in the Church, becoming a parish priest, canon and chancellor of the Diocese of Treviso, where he particularly struggled with the problem of providing religious education to those who did not attend Catholic schools. After 1880, he taught theology in the seminary and in 1884 he was appointed Bishop of Mantua by Pope Leo XIII, who dispensed him from the usual requirement of having a doctorate; the last Pope not to have a doctorate until Pope Francis. In 1893 Pope Leo XIII made him a cardinal and Patriarch of Venice. In 1903 Pope Leo XIII died, and Sarto was elected to succeed him, taking the name of Pius X. His motto was "to restore everything in Christ" and he cut down the papal ceremonies and abolished the custom of the Pope eating alone. He is perhaps best known for promoting the frequent reception of holy communion, and for changing the order of sacraments allowing children to receive holy communion before confirmation. He also promoted Gregorian Chant and expected it to be known throughout the Church and wrote the Catechism of Pope Pius X. He died on 20th August 1914 and was canonised in 1954.



We pray for the sick of our parish, especially Basil Durnford, 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: Christ the King, Amesbury

Ecumenical prayer intention: Trinity Church, Radstock

The Parish Collection: Last week raised: £336.82

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 **IICSA Inquiry** published its findings on the case study relating to Downside and Ampleforth last week. A statement from Downside can be found on our website www.downside.co.uk/iicsa-report-publication/