

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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR B – 1st July 2018

“God made man in the image of his own nature” (Wisdom 2:23)

The first questions in the old *Penny Catechism* deal with many of the themes that emerge from today's first reading in particular: “God made me to know him, love him and serve him in this world and to be happy with him forever in the



next” (qu. 2). “My soul is like to God because it is a spirit and is immortal” (qu. 4). “To save my soul I must worship God by Faith, Hope and Charity; that is, I must believe in him and I must love him with my whole heart” (qu. 8). Although we are made in the image and likeness of God and therefore have the potential to become ever more Godlike, nonetheless this is a lifetime's work and one which can be achieved only with his help. As we pray we are changed and we become more and more like Christ. We come to see people and events as Christ would see them and thus we can seek to change the world for the good as we are changed. As we come to be closer to Christ, so we are close to his Church and we seek to receive the sacraments regularly. By reception of his Body and Blood in holy communion and his forgiveness in confession, we are given the grace to change and to follow Christ more closely.

Dom Anselm Brumwell
Sub-Prior

July 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:
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There will be a **second collection this week** for Peter's Pence, to help with the considerable expenses of the Holy See, and **next week** for the Apostleship of the Sea.

There will be **coffee** after the 9am Mass this weekend, as well as the 11am Mass. Please come along!

The monthly Extraordinary Form Mass will be **this Sunday** at 11.15am in the Crypt Chapel. The Mass will be of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord.

On **Monday, 2nd July** the monastic community will sing Vespers at 6pm with the St John's Festival Choir in the chapel of St Michael Within, Broad Street, Bath BA1 5LJ. All are welcome.

Next weekend, 7th and 8th July, the Parish Pastoral Council would like everyone to fill in a **short questionnaire** in order to find out what you think about the parish, the Mass you attend, what we can do better and what we do well. We can then use this information in order to consider future developments.

This year's **Glastonbury Pilgrimage** will be on **Sunday, 8th July**. Please put the date in your diary. The timetable for the day is: 12-3: Confessions and Healing Prayer; 2.15pm Rosary Procession from the abbey grounds; 3.30pm Mass in the abbey grounds celebrated by the Bishop.

We **congratulate Tony and Jose Jones** who are celebrating 65 years of marriage on the feast of St Benedict 11th July. Mass will be offered for them.

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

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!

Martyrology: St Maria Goretti was born in 1890. She was a devout and cheerful Italian girl and the eldest daughter of a poor father, who died in 1900 and they had to share a house with the Serenelli family. Her widowed mother worked, whilst Maria looked after the household. In 1902, Alessandro Serenelli, the son of that family, tried to rape her and threatened to kill her if she resisted. She resisted, but he stabbed her 14 times and she died the following day, forgiving Alessandro. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. He repented after 8 years and was released after 27 years. He lived to see Maria Goretti canonised in 1950 as a martyr for chastity and the Christian life. He became a Franciscan lay brother and died in 1970.



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 Dom Raphael, who died on Sunday. His funeral will be at 2pm on Wednesday, 4th July. His family have asked that it be a quiet family/monastic Mass.

Diocesan prayer intention: St George, Warminster

Ecumenical prayer intention: St Peter's, Westfield

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.

Over the past 3 months the **donations for coffee** after the 11am Mass have raised £125 for **Mary's Meals**. This will feed 8 children for a whole year. See the notice board in the parish hall for more information.

The Parish Collection: Last week raised: £457.19