

# 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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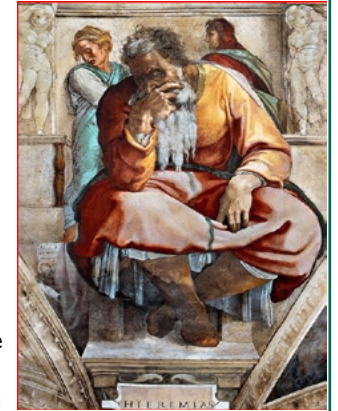
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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR B – 22nd July 2018

“He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd” (Mk 6:34)

Jeremiah's prophetic ministry lasted from 626 BC, during the reign of Josiah of Judah, until his death in Egypt sometime after the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 587 BC, which made him the witness to the reign of 5 kings. The Old Testament had presented the kings of Israel, and God whom they represented, as shepherds, who were expected to take care of their sheep. Jeremiah here condemns the kings and false prophets, who had scattered God's flock and driven them away by their evil deeds. Since human kings and prophets had failed to live according to God's Law and to teach it to the people, God promises to raise up true shepherds, whose concern will be the welfare of the flock. The ultimate shepherd will, of course, be the Messiah, the one who will be 'a righteous branch' (Jer. 23:5) and will save Judah, bringing them back to the land. Jesus

says that he is 'the good shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep' (Jn 10:11) and through his death and resurrection he brings his people into the land, where there will be no more death, no more tears or mourning and where the Lord God will be the light for all peoples (Rev. 21:4.23). In those days (a phrase that refers to the end of time), all people, the new Israel, will indeed live in safety and will acknowledge the Lord, who is our righteousness (Jer. 23:6).



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:  
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From 1st September, **Dom Nicholas Wetz** will become the new Prior Administrator at Downside. He is currently the Prior and Parish Priest at Belmont Abbey and has been appointed by the Abbot President for two years. Dom Leo will continue to be at Downside and will continue to have a role in the community. Dom Oliver Holt, currently Bursar at Douai Abbey, will also move to Downside in order to strengthen the resident monastic community.

We **congratulate Don and Trish Rouse** who are celebrating 50 years of marriage on 27th July.

**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 12th 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 now be after the 5pm Mass on Saturday 1st September.

**Martyrology: St Bridget** was born in 1303, the daughter of a wealthy governor of Upland in Sweden and was married to a young prince called Ulf Gudmarsson at the age of 14. They had 8 children, one of whom was St Catherine of Sweden. In her 30s she was summoned to be the lady-in-waiting to the new Queen of Sweden, Blanche of Namur, with whom she and her husband went on a pilgrimage to Compostela. He died soon afterwards and she founded the Order of the Most Holy Saviour (now known as the Bridgettines), and built a double monastery for monks and nuns at Vadstena. In 1349 she moved to Rome in order to gain approval for her new Order and where she also worked to persuade the Popes to return from Avignon. She impressed the people around her by her austerity and devotion in visiting shrines and her service to the poor and to pilgrims. She died on 23rd July 1373.



**We pray for the sick of our parish**, especially Basil Durnsford, 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 Muriel Colebourn**, who died recently. Her funeral will be at 11am on Tuesday 31st July in St Benedict's.

**Diocesan prayer intention:** Alexander House Diocesan Departments, St Ambrose

**Ecumenical prayer intention:** St Peter's, Westfield

**The Parish Collection:** Last week raised: £317.98

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)

**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!