

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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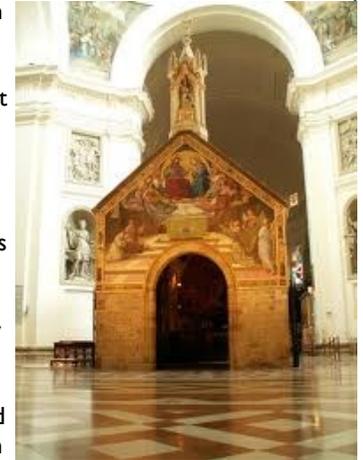
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR B – 29th July 2018

When the heart is pure and simple it cannot help loving, because it has discovered the source of love which is God.' (St John Vianney)

On Thursday August 2nd, all Catholics are invited to gain that special Indulgence which Saint Francis of Assisi established, with Papal approval, at the Portiuncula. An indulgence is a special gift of God's love and mercy, and it is offered to us at this time for us to receive for all our needs. And we may gain it for others too. To gain this great and beautiful gift we recite the creed and pray for the Pope's intentions.

We also try to visit a church or chapel. Our world needs love and mercy so much, for it has tried to live by violence and hate with terrible results. Let us then be joyful sharers of God's limitless love. Our readings today show how God wishes to indwell us by the Holy Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Can it really be true that we are actually bearers of Our Saviour? It is indeed true and also a call to action. May others see Jesus in us, and from us welcome Him into their hearts. Let us praise and thank Him. Amen



Dom Michael Clothier
Parish Priest

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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Portiuncula Indulgence An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due for sin and may be gained on a number of occasions throughout the year, including on 2nd August, when it is attached to every parish church. In order to gain the indulgence you must be in a state of grace, receive holy communion on the day and say prayers for the Pope's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary), you should also be free of all affection to venial sin. The indulgence may be applied to yourself or to one of the faithful departed. In the church you should say the Our Father and the Creed. This indulgence was first granted at the request of St Francis, who had borrowed a church from the Benedictines in Assisi for his community, and there he had a vision of Christ, who instructed him to ask Pope Honorius III for this indulgence. The original church is now housed in the basilica of St Mary of the Angels in Assisi.

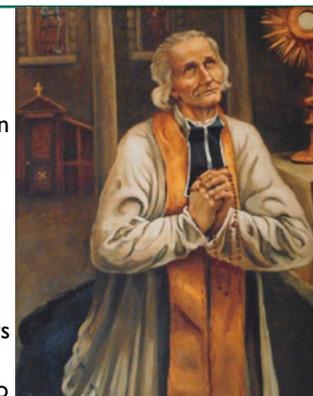
From 1st September, **Dom Nicholas Wetz** will become the new Prior Administrator at Downside. He is currently the Prior and Parish Priest at Belmont Abbey and has been appointed by the Abbot President for two years. Dom Leo will continue to be at Downside and will continue to have a role in the community.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

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 Jean-Baptiste Vianney (1786 - 1859) is renowned as the patron of parish priests. He was the son of a peasant farmer, and a slow and unpromising candidate for the priesthood: he was eventually ordained on account of his devotion rather than any achievement or promise. In 1818 he was sent to be the parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, an isolated village some distance from Lyon, and remained there for the rest of his life. He was a noted preacher, and a celebrated confessor: such was his fame, and his reputation for insight into his penitents' souls and their futures, that he had to spend up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional. The tens of thousands of people who came to visit this obscure parish priest turned Ars into a place of pilgrimage. Our own Bishop Bernard Ullathorne visited him in 1854 and was overwhelmed: 'He spoke of God, so good, so amiable, so loving, and his hands, his shoulders, his very person, seemed to gather on his heart. It was impossible not to feel that God alone was there, and was drawing the whole man to that seat of His repose.'



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: £581.49

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

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.