

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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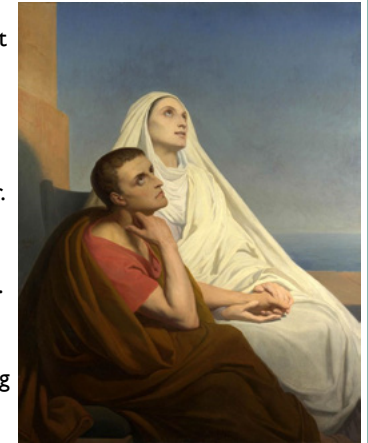
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Twenty-Second Sunday Year B – 2nd September 2018

“Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls” (Jas 1:21)

On Monday we celebrated the feast of St Monica, the mother of St Augustine of Hippo. She is surely the great exemplar of all motherly intercessors who grieve over their wayward and sinful children. Encouraged by St Ambrose, whom she visits in Milan, she perseveres in fervent prayer for her son, places her trust in God's mercy, and in the power of heartfelt and humble prayer. She can hardly have expected such an extraordinary answer to her plea; for by her son's total conversion, God raises up the great western doctor of the Church. As priest and bishop, St Monica's son took up the then urgent work of defending the Faith against the many heretics. But his boundless energy, in preaching, teaching and writing, has given us a great treasure house of theology. Let us all have great faith in the value and power of our daily prayer: 'for with God all things are possible.' St Monica pray for us, our families and our world. Amen.



Dom Michael Clothier
Parish Priest

September 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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The annual Parish BBQ is TODAY after the 5pm Mass on Saturday in the abbey Visitor Centre.

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. The readings and prayers are from the 15th Sunday after Pentecost.

Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass will start again next week.

Hear about CAFOD's work for this Harvest Fast Day

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

Family Get Together on Saturday 15th September from 2pm-4pm at Downside Abbey Visitor Centre. Join us to celebrate the joy of the family, "the domestic church". There will be a DVD & faith sharing for the children, support, friendship & fellowship with other families and tea & cake! For more information contact Tamsyn: 01761 235174 or traitken@downside.co.uk

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Awareness Month 2018: Beyond Boundaries Week 2. The focus of SVP work is visiting and befriending. Last year over 9,500 members helped 75,000 beneficiaries, making over 470,000 visits and offering material and practical assistance to over 88,000 people and families.

SVP at St Benedict's. Since our September 2017 interviews to become voluntary SVP members, we have completed DBS; formed our group of 8; received faith-based training. We meet fortnightly and visit regularly. There will be a **soup and cheese lunch in aid of Parish SVP Funds**, 12 September 12pm-2 p.m. in St. Benedict's Parish Room (church hall), with a Bring & Buy table and Raffle. Entrance £4. If you know anyone who you feel would benefit from visits or practical help please give their name and contact details to either Fr Michael or Fr Boniface. If you would like to join us in visiting those in need (Full member)/support (Auxiliary) role or find out more about the SVP, please ask or email Rosemary Tatar bluerabbit70@hotmail.co.uk If you would like to make a donation, please give to the priest saying Mass. Thank you.

Solemn High Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at Holy Ghost, Yeovil on Friday 14th September at 7pm. Rupert Bevan will bring a group of singers to sing *Mass for Five Voices* by William Byrd, with motets *Crux Fidelis* (John IV of Portugal) and *O Sacrum Convivium*.

Save Our World, an environmental event of music, singing and magic will take place in the Weld Café on Saturday 22nd September at 7.30pm. Bookings must be made by emailing Steve Parsons sparsons@downside.co.uk or 01761 235323.

Martyrology: St Cuthbert (634 – 687) was a monk and bishop of Lindisfarne. He was born of a fairly wealthy family and became a monk at Melrose, later moving to found a monastery at Ripon. He later became abbot of Melrose and made a number of missionary journeys for a week or a month at a time in the neighbourhood. He became prior of Lindisfarne, where he convinced the community to adopt Roman customs. He was made Bishop of Hexham, but exchanged the see for that of Lindisfarne. He was a zealous bishop and reputed to have had gifts of prophecy and healing. All the accounts of his life emphasise his charm and ability. He died in 687, after only 2 years as a Bishop, following a painful illness. His incorrupt body was buried at Lindisfarne and later enshrined in Durham Cathedral.



SVP Kerala disaster fund appeal On 8th & 9th September there will be a second collection after each mass for SVP Kerala, India, where over 1 million people have been displaced by flooding. The disaster fund will support the rebuilding of homes & lives.

We pray for the sick of our parish, especially Brian Auty, 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.

Congratulations to Wilfrith Carter, who was baptised on Saturday.

Many thanks to Daniel Justin for the hymn singing evening last week, which was very successful and the fruits will be heard at coming Masses.

Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism course will begin soon in the parish. This is a highly acclaimed and popular video series, filmed in various locations across the world, which will help us to deepen our faith and to discuss it together. Dates and times will be announced soon.

Diocesan prayer intention: St Peter and St Paul, Bath; St Joseph, Peasedown

Ecumenical prayer intention: St Peter's, Westfield

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers in the Taunton, Glastonbury and Salisbury areas to visit Catholic schools and parish groups to talk about the work of CAFOD and inspire children and young people to make a difference. For further information please contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton on 01179 428 328 or email clifton@cafod.org.uk

The Parish Collection: Last week raised: £136.39