

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

Lectio divina group on Mondays at 10am in the abbey visitor centre

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B – 4th March 2018

“You, Lord, have the message of eternal life” (John 6:68)

'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days, he will rise.' (Mk 9,31)

We are told the disciples 'did not understand the saying and they were afraid to ask him.' As we continue our Lenten journey, we cannot ignore the cross. Jesus tells us, 'if any men would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.' (Mk 16,24)

We are even told that 'Whoever does not bear his own cross and comes after me, cannot be my disciple.' (Lk 14, 27)

What kind of disciples are we? Are we prepared to serve one another?

Dom Boniface
Assistant Parish priest



March Needs

Instant mash/Tinned potatoes

Sponge puddings

Shampoo/Conditioner/Toothbrushes

Ketchup/Brown sauce

Cleaning materials/Washing Up Liquid/Detergent (clothes)



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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This month's Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form is TODAY at 11.15am in the abbey crypt.

Fairtrade Fortnight Monday 26th February to Sunday 11th March

2018 Fairtrade products such as tea, coffee, cocoa, bananas and thousands of other top quality goods have been bought by companies for sustainable prices. Fairtrade ensures the world's poorest growers and producers are able to earn a decent living and earn a premium they can put back into their communities. We believe we are all part of the global food system - which means we have the power to change it. Changing the food we buy and choosing products from Fairtrade companies is one of the ways we can help tackle poverty. Perhaps you could consider buying a Fairtrade product at your supermarket when you shop during the next two weeks?

Lent Worship Every Friday until 23rd March from 11.30am-12pm there will be a short act of reflective worship at Midsomer Norton Methodist Church. On Good Friday 30th March at 9.45am there will also be a Walk of Witness.

Downside School Pupils would like to offer Parishioners three **Lectio Divina** evenings so we would be able to encounter and listen to Christ together. The next session will be on **Tuesday, 6th March** from **7-8pm** in the parish hall. This is a great opportunity to reflect together on the meaning of the biblical readings for our everyday life and our knowledge of Christ. Please bring some food.

Easter Services this year will be in the Abbey Church as follows:

Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm

Good Friday Solemn Liturgy at 3pm

Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 9pm

Easter Sunday Masses at 9 and 11am in St Benedict's and at 10am in the abbey. There will also be a Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 11:15am. No evening Mass.

The Parish Maintenance Team will meet again on Saturday 10th March. If you have any maintenance issues to report please get in touch with Lee Rogers on w900lee@yahoo.co.uk

St Patrick's Party On Saturday March 17th in the Parish Hall at 7pm. Tickets are £5 a head to include an Irish supper. Come and sing along to all your Irish favourites. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

The Easter Retreat at Downside takes place from Thursday 29th March until Sunday 1st April. To find out more and to book visit our website at www.downside.co.uk/shop/events/easter-retreat-2018/

Martyrology: St Frances of Rome (9th March) was born in Rome in 1384 in a wealthy and pious family. When she was 11 she wanted to become a nun, but her parents forced her to marry and so she devoted her life to the poor in Rome, inspiring other wealthy women to do the same. On the death of her husband in 1436 she entered a community of devout women that she had founded, following the Rule of St Benedict, and became its superior. She is said to have experienced visions of her guardian angel holding a light before her as she travelled over the course of several years, and this may be why Pope Pius XI named her the patron of motorists. She is also one of the patrons of the Manquehue Apostolic Movement, of Benedictine oblates and widows.



We pray for the sick of our parish, especially Peggie Woods, Eve Nuttall, Dolores Niles, Sheila Noad, 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.

The **funeral of Mary Driscoll** will be on Friday, 9th March at 11am in St Benedict's.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has continued so far throughout 2018 and is a good way of keeping Lent this year. If you can commit to a regular slot (even if only for Lent), please contact Rina Bird (rinabird@outlook.com).

Diocesan Prayer Intention: St Peter, Gloucester

Ecumenical Prayer Intention: St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse

Offertory Collection Parish Collection last week raised: £416.05 and £590.66 for CAFOD

Bath Deanery CAFOD meeting The Church and the NGO's: their Impacts on Addressing Ecological, Water and Agricultural Challenges in Northern Uganda. Alex Abaca, Agricultural Researcher, Current Doctoral Student, University of Bath. 7.30pm on Friday March 16th 2018 in St. John's Parish Hall, South Parade, Bath.

During Lent the **Stations of the Cross** are said every Friday at 7.00pm at St Benedict's and lasts about twenty minutes.

On Saturday the 24th March there will be a **deep clean of the church**, e.g. windows inside and out, behind the benches etc. and we would welcome extra help, the more people we have, the more we can clean. We are planning on a start time of 9.00am and will finish by 12noon.