

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 9.30-5pm Monday to Saturday and 11.30-6pm on Sundays

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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27th SUNDAY YEAR B – 7th October 2018

“The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts”
(Gen. 2:20)

CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day is on Friday, 5th October. We are asked to eat less food on this day as an act of solidarity with those who do not have enough to eat, and to give the money saved to CAFOD. This year's campaign focuses on the need for clean water, without which many

diseases spread throughout whole villages. We are offered the example of Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda where ten people died after drinking dirty water from the local river. CAFOD gave money for a well of clean water and showed the villagers how to maintain it. This is just one example of the way in which CAFOD uses the money we send each year. As charities go, CAFOD has very low overheads, since they use the services of volunteers. This means that the majority of money goes directly to those who need it. £7 will buy a spade and pickaxe, which help a community to maintain their borehole. £28 buys a goat, which gives a family enough milk for themselves and to sell, enabling them to become self-sufficient. £98 trains 10 people to grow vegetables, which again enables them to support themselves.

Please be as generous as you can this weekend. Envelopes for your donations are available at the back of church, and if you are a UK tax payer, please fill in the form. This enables CAFOD to gain an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. More information from the CAFOD website.



Dom Anselm Brumwell
Sub-Prior

October Needs

Custard, Instant mash, Powdered milk, Sponge Puddings, Meat soup, Washing up liquid, Toilet rolls, Deodorants, Sweet and savoury snacks, Macaroni cheese



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 monthly Extraordinary Form (1962) Mass will be today in the abbey crypt at 11.15am. The readings and prayers will come from the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, with a commemoration of Our Lady of the Rosary.

On 9th October the Abbey Mass will be at 10am with the school for the feast of SS. John Roberts and Ambrose Barlow.

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. The course will begin at 7pm on 7th November in the Visitor Centre.

We have been given a generous donation to help with the renovation of the parish hall and (funds permitting) the kitchen. It would be helpful if the parish could also raise some money toward the cost. The Parish Council has already agreed to install a data projector and blinds in the hall, which can be used for parish courses, children's liturgy and other groups that use the hall. A dishwasher has also been donated, which you may have seen. If you have ideas for fundraising, please contact a member of the parish council.

If you have a child in Year 3 or above who has not made their First Holy Communion, then contact Dom Michael so that a preparation course can be arranged.

If you or someone you know wishes to be confirmed, then contact Dom Michael.

Many thanks to the parish Maintenance Team for all their work on Saturday.

Watch Br John on iPlayer. The programme is called *Living the Life* and accompanies the interview that was aired a few weeks ago on Katie and Cel's "Life Hacks" show on Radio 1. It is well worth watching.

A Religious Freedom Retreat is taking place at Downside 19th-21st October focusing on the right to social and civil freedom in matters of faith. Speakers are Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, Sir Edward Leigh, John Pontifex., Hugh Walters and Dom Boniface Hill. For more information and to book contact Rina Bird at rinabird@outlook.com

Adoration Update Following a reduced Rota over the Summer months, there is now Adoration in the Crypt Church after Abbey Mass until 5pm Monday to Friday, and until 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. There is always a copy of the Rota giving times when Adorers will be present on the blue notice board outside the Chapel. If you would like to be a part of this great project, could you please contact Rina at rinabird@outlook.com. Very many wonderful things have occurred since Adoration began a year ago, and many thanks to all of those who have assisted in keeping the Crypt Chapel open.

Martyrology: St John Roberts was born in Merioneth in 1576 and was educated at St John's College, Oxford and the Inns of Court in London. He became a Catholic in 1598 and joined the English College in Valladolid in the same year, but he and 5 companions wanted to become monks and joined the monastery in Valladolid. He returned to England, where he worked in London in the midst of plague. He was exiled and helped to found the monastery of St Gregory, now at Downside. He returned to England in 1610, was arrested whilst saying Mass, tried as a Catholic priest and monk, found guilty and hanged, drawn and quartered on 10th December 1610.

St Ambrose Barlow was born in Lancashire in 1585. He conformed to the Church of England for a while but returned to the Catholic Church in 1607 and entered the English College in Douai to train to be a priest, later becoming a monk of St Gregory's monastery in Douai in 1614 and was ordained in 1617. He returned to England and worked in the area around Manchester for 24 years until he was arrested whilst preaching. He was hanged, drawn and quartered on 10th September 1641.



If you, or someone you know, would like to become a Catholic, then please get in touch with Dom Michael. The forthcoming *Catholicism* course would be a good introduction!

We pray for the sick of our parish, especially Maureen Coombs, 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.

Please pray for Evelyn Prescott, who has just died. Funeral arrangements will be announced when known.

Diocesan prayer intention: Clifton Cathedral.

Ecumenical prayer intention: St Peter's, Westfield.

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The Parish Collection: Last week raised: £223.70