

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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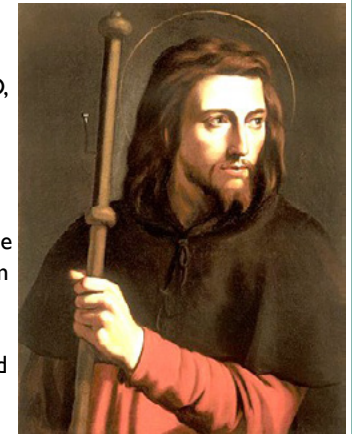
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Twenty-third Sunday Year B – 9th September 2018

'Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid'' (Isaiah 35:4)

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to read extracts from the Letter of St James. Its date is much debated, with some thinking it was written around 50AD, when the Church was still predominantly Jewish, others thinking it is much later. It may have been written for an audience of Jewish Christians (those who had converted from Judaism). Christian tradition has attributed the letter to a relative of Jesus called James and known as 'the brother of the Lord' (we should remember that the term 'brother' was used much more widely than today). It contains much practical wisdom about living as a Christian in the world, reminding the readers of the need to live out their faith in practical works of charity. The author is aware of the challenges of everyday life and so the letter can be a great encouragement for us today.

Today's reading reminds us of the dangers of judging others according to external criteria, such as a person's appearance. St Benedict says that the Abbot should only judge the monks in his community according to their holiness. This is a warning to us as well. The Gospel tells us that God sees the heart, and we should try to see this as well.



Dom Anselm Brumwell
Sub-Prior

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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Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass resumes today.

SVP Kerala disaster fund appeal Today 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 and lives. Thank you.

Hear about CAFOD's work for this Harvest Fast Day

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 3 The SVP is aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. The posters highlight some of the places where you can find members helping others: prisons, care homes, hospitals and homes. Being a member can be both a challenge and a reward – seeking and finding, supporting and responding.

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**, 12th September 12pm-2 pm 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: The Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross is on

Friday, 14th September. It recalls 3 historical events: the finding of the True Cross by St Helena,



mother of Emperor Constantine on the site of the holy sepulchre and Calvary; the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius II; the way in which the cross brought about our salvation and reversed the disobedience of Adam when he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden. At Downside we have a relic of the True Cross, which will be available for veneration after the Mass on Friday.

Many thanks to everyone who made the Parish BBQ such a success last weekend.

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 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.

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 John's. Bath

Ecumenical prayer intention: Trinity, Westfield