

DOWNSIDE ABBEY

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY YEAR B – 11th November 2018

“When [Christ] appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him” (Heb. 9:28)



Our thoughts this weekend are focused on the centenary of the ending of the First World War. In the Lady Chapel of St Benedict's church there are the cap badges of the men of the parish who returned safe and sound—fathers, sons, brothers, uncles and there is the war memorial in the village which was designed by Dom Ephrem Seddon. Even though their bodies rest in cemeteries in France and Belgium, or for those with no known graves or whose bodies were blown apart, we pray for them. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Dom Boniface Hill
Assistant Parish Priest

November Needs

The food bank is getting ready for Christmas and is still desperately short of many items.

Please see the list in the church porch for what is needed. Many thanks for your help and support.



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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Robert Barron's Catholicism course will continue this Wednesday, 14th November at 7pm in the Abbey Visitor Centre. We will begin the DVD at 7.15pm and it will be followed by discussion. The second session is called, "Happy Are We. The Teachings of Jesus." We will finish by 8.45pm. All are welcome.

There will be a **Soup and Cheese lunch in aid of CAFOD and the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal** on Wednesday 14th November in St Benedict's Parish Centre from 12pm-2pm. Entrance £4.

CAFOD Mass of Remembrance at 7pm on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown, Gloucester. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one please send their names to clifton@cafod.org.uk or phone 0117 942 8328 by 9th November.

'Living a Liturgical Life' Vocation Retreat will take place from 16th – 18th November. Based around the liturgy, it will allow men aged 18-35 to spend time considering whether they may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. There will be time to think, and also talks about praying the Mass and the Divine Office. If you know anyone who might be interested, tell them to contact Dom Anselm by e-mail (downsidevocation@downside.co.uk).

The **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** is holding its **Annual General Meeting** in the Parish Hall after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 25th November. This will give parishioners the chance to hear what the PPC has done during the year and what is being planned for the year ahead. All parishioners are invited to come along.

There will be **Parish Maintenance Days** on 24th November and 8th December.

There will be an **Advent Supper** in the Parish Hall on Saturday 1st December after the 5pm Mass. We hope to have representatives from many of the groups doing work in the Parish so there will be a chance to chat and find out about what they are doing. Following a soup and cheese supper there will be music and a social. Everyone welcome.

Volunteers at St Benedict's Church Thank you to all those volunteers who have been keeping St Benedict's Church clean and tidy and to those who decorate the church with flowers through the year. Your dependable dedication of time and effort is really appreciated and I hope you will feel able to continue the good work. Additional volunteers are always needed and would be warmly welcomed to join the rotas for 2019. In each case your turn would last for two weeks, the cleaning about twice a year, the flower responsibility dependent on the number of volunteers. There is a list at the back of the church for you to sign. If you want more details about cleaning contact Mo Bennett on 01749 840 508 or maureenbennett11@btinternet.com. For more details about the flowers contact Marybell Mellotte on 01761 232 183.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Our Parish raised a magnificent £552.66 which will mean families around the world will have what they need to survive and thrive, now and into the future. Your gifts will change lives.

Martyrology: St Albert the Great's feast is on 15th November. He was born in about 1198, probably in Lauingen, Bavaria and was educated at the university in Padua, where he was instructed in the writings of Aristotle. He became a Dominican in about 1223 and studied Theology in Bologna. He taught in a number of universities throughout Germany, as well as in Paris, where he taught St Thomas Aquinas. A prolific writer (his collected works are published in 38 volumes!), in 1260 Pope Alexander IV appointed him to be Bishop of Regensburg, but he resigned after only 3 years, when Pope Urban IV appointed him to preach the 8th Crusade in the German-speaking countries. He died in the Dominican friary in Cologne on 15th November 1280, where he was buried and his tomb can still be visited today.



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

We pray for the sick of our parish, especially Brian Auty, Basil Durnford, Margaret Reynolds, Dolores Niles, Sheila Noad, 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.

Diocesan prayer intention: St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol; St Joseph, Fishponds; St Patrick, Redfield.

Ecumenical prayer intention: Trinity, Radstock.

If you would like to receive the **newsletter by email**, please contact Steve Parsons sparsons@downside.co.uk

The Parish Collection: Last week raised: £283.73

The **Red APF boxes** are now ready for collection.

Christmas raffle tickets are now available to purchase.

Advent crib festival. During Advent we are inviting everyone (children or adult) to bring a crib-scene of the Nativity to St Benedict's. This can take the form of anything from Lego to porcelain, family heirloom to modern depiction, an image on card, tin, glass or other vessel. These should be brought to any of the weekend Masses from the beginning of Advent on 1st/2nd December. They will be displayed on the altar steps throughout Advent and will be blessed by the priests saying Mass on 22nd/23rd December, after which they can be taken home. Please label your contribution clearly.

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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

Do you find the Newsletter hard to read?

A large-print edition is available on request by filling in a form in the church porch.

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