

The Most Holy Trinity — 31st May 2026

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Stratton-on-the-Fosse (find us on Facebook)

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Sunday Masses

Saturday	5.00pm	St Benedict's
Sunday	10.00am	Abbey Church
Sunday	11.00am	St Benedict's

The Most Holy Trinity In the fulness of the Christian revelation, God is glimpsed as a Trinity of three Persons united by a divine nature; it is Jesus (both human and divine) who leads us to our understanding of this reality in the most active way imaginable. Today's Gospel conveys to us the nature of the great gift of Father and Son who, loved by the Spirit, offer us eternal life; the Gospel-writer finds it almost inconceivable that such a gift should be rejected through lack of belief. Our moral conscience shows us the truth of what God already offered to Moses (first reading) while the aspirations of our Christian brothers and sisters (second reading) are a continuing revelation of the Gift that can inhabit our lives

CAFOD are continuing their campaign for debt justice this year. Suzanne will be talking about how we can help at masses on the weekend of 6th & 7th June

St. Benedict's Catholic Church is now on Facebook.

To find out about events, mass & other service times & Catholic news here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/share/18BDPVFu7m/?>

Summer Open Morning St Gregory's College in Bath will hold their Open Morning – 'a perfect opportunity for families looking for a secondary school place from September 2027' – on **Monday June 8th**, with tours of the school (**9.10 – 10 & 10.10 – 11 am**) & meetings with student ambassadors and college staff; to register, please visit: www.st-gregorys.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding — Parish Representative – Hettie McDermott is the Parish safeguarding representative and she can be contacted on mcdermott@outlook.com

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 2nd June — Week 9 in OT	9.30am	Holy Ghost
Thursday 4th June — Week 9 in OT	6.30pm	St Benedict's
Rosary	7.00pm	
Friday 5th June -St Boniface	9.30am	Holy Ghost
Saturday 6th June —Week 9 in OT	9.30am	St Benedict's

Relics of St Gerard Majella In the 300th anniversary year of St Gerard, patron of expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive and those seeking work, his relics are visiting our diocese (with celebrations in Yeovil, Gloucester, Swindon, Salisbury and Bristol) during the coming week: for details, please see the posters displayed at the back of church (or cliftondiocese.com). The week will end at **St Gerard's, Upper Knowle**, Bristol (BS4 2NP) with Mass celebrated by Bishop Bosco at **midday on Saturday June 6th**

Alan Molloy Alan's Funeral Mass was celebrated in a packed Downside Abbey. There were representatives from many of the different churches Alan had links to, as well as family, ex pupils and many of his friends. It was a very moving Mass and thank you Fr James and Fr Leo and to all who helped in anyway.

11th July Parish Outing/Pilgrimage Belmont Abbey—

Please put this date in your diary. There will be a minibus available, and the cost will be £20 per person (payable when seat is booked). The seats will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. We will leave St Benedict's church at 9.30am and will return approximately 7.45pm. There is a planned stop at Tintern Abbey at 11.00am. Please bring a packed lunch which we will have in the grounds at Belmont. We will join Belmont Parish for Mass at 4pm and aim to leave Belmont at 5.30pm. Booking details to follow.

Pentecost Lunch—Thank you to everyone who organised and contributed to the lunch last week. It was a truly international gathering and lunch started with prayers in five languages. We had food from across the globe and it was a fantastic way to celebrate our diverse congregation.

First reading—Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

‘The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious.’

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.’

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, ‘If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.’

Responsorial Psalm -Dan 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R52b

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors.

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Blessed is your glorious and holy name,

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim,

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven.

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Second reading—2 Corinthians 13:11-14

‘The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.’

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation—Cf. Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

the God who is and who was and who is to come.

Alleluia.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again

Gospel -John 3:16-18

‘God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.’

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God

Invitation to Trinity Sunday Our mortal eye respectfully gazes upon divine depths of truth, and our heart is touched at the thought, that it is through God’s benefits to us that He has given us to know Him, and that our knowledge of what He is came through what He gave us. Let us lovingly prize this faith, and confidently wait for that happy moment, when it will make way for the eternal vision of that which we have believed here below – *Prosper Guéranger OSB*

Holy Trinity and Creation From a nothing (*ex nihilo*) with no qualities whatsoever, God creates the universe. Before, there is only God; after, there is God and all that he created. *Sin*: a path toward a different nothingness, a nothingness with the quality of a rupture of relationship, a break with truth, moral culpability. *Redemption*: the eternal God descends to the bottommost part of this sinful nothingness and from that nothing, *ex nihilo*, recreates the world: new heavens and a new earth and a new human being – *Jeremy Driscoll OSB*

Holy Trinity and us I take ‘I may’ for the words of the Father, I take ‘I can’ for the words of the Son and I take ‘I will’ for the words of the Holy Ghost; and where he says ‘I shall’, I take it for the unity of the Holy Trinity, three persons and one truth; and, where he says ‘You shall see it for yourself’, I understand it as referring to the union with the Holy Trinity of all mankind who shall be saved – *Mother Julian of Norwich*

Foodbank—Most needed items: Instant Mash, Instant Coffee (small), Vegetarian tinned meals, Squash/long life juice, Tinned tomatoes, Jars of Pasta sauce, Tinned custard, Tinned rice pudding, UHT milk, Tinned vegetables (carrots and peas), Washing-up liquid, Shaving foam, Deodorant.