

DOWNSIDE ABBEY

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

CORPUS CHRISTI (C) 23RD JUNE 2019

*He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock
(Cf. Psalm 80, 17)*

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (C) 30TH JUNE 2019

*These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God (Entrance
Antiphon)*

This edition of the Parish Newsletter will cover two Sundays to relieve Steve Parsons, who oversees production and is having a few days leave. Meanwhile, we look forward to our special Parish celebration of Corpus Christ, which begins with Vespers here in St Benedict's at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon 23 June, and will be followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Abbey Church, where there will be Benediction. The celebration will conclude with tea in the Weld Refectory. The Church tells us that such processions are 'desirable' on this day. Whatever the weather does, it is sure to be a wonderful occasion. Sunday 30 June is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Secondary Patrons of our Diocese. The collection this Sunday is for Peter's Pence, which supports the works of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.



New Life in the Convent Flat

Charlotte and Mary have now moved into the refurbished St Benedict's convent flat. They are promised members of the Manquehue Apostolic Movement, a lay Benedictine movement founded in Chile. Most recently they were involved in organizing the Open Retreat, which brought 44 young people from around the UK and beyond to have an experience of God's love in community and to be strengthened in their day-to-day practice of the faith through friendship and prayer. Mary and Charlotte were students at Ampleforth and Worth respectively. Their daily work is in the school at Downside, running *lectio divina* groups for students and staff as part of the mission of the St Scholastica Community. They are immensely grateful to the Parish Maintenance team. 'We have been struck by the generosity, work and thought that has gone into the making of our new home. Now we can begin to practice more fully the Benedictine virtue of hospitality.'

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Quiz Night Friday June 14th. Thank you to all who helped to make the Quiz Night a resounding success. About 60 people attended and great fun was had by all. The scores were very close, with many of the teams neck and neck and all enjoyed a delicious ploughman's supper at the interval. £300 was raised towards the church maintenance which is ongoing so well done to everyone. We look forward to the next one!



Join CAFOD and many other charities at an unforgettable event in London on 26th June. Get involved in action for the **campaign against the climate and environmental crisis**, with CAFOD, and tell our leaders that Britain should no longer contribute to the destruction of our common home. You **can** make a difference by joining in – a coach is going from our Clifton Diocese to the Lobby in London. Please register if you would like to attend - see <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby> For more details or contact Liz Baldwin at the CAFOD office in Bristol: ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk / 01172 428 328.

CAFOD and our Common Home: Next Wednesday, 26 June, Caroline and Paul Lane go to meet James Heapey, our MP, at the 'Time is Now' mass lobby of Parliament. They will be at the back of the church on Corpus Christi with a petition to the Prime Minister. The petition asks the Government to achieve zero emissions by 2045, to keep global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees, and to connect in policy the crises of poverty, environmental degradation and climate change. Please give Caroline and John the support of your prayers and take up the chance of signing their petition.

The next **Parish Maintenance Day** will be **Saturday 29th June** from 8.30 a. m. onwards

St Augustine's Catholic College, Trowbridge: On Monday 1 July 2019, Year 5 students are invited for a day of fun and reflection if they are contemplating St Augustine's for secondary education. Contact the School Chaplain, Faith Wheat at wheatf@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk On Wednesday 10th July 2019 there will be an Open Evening at St Augustine's from 6-8 p.m.

Diocesan Day: On **Saturday 6th July** there will be a day for formation, prayer, reflection and conversation at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Bristol. The Bishop is encouraging all who can to participate.

Parish Pilgrimage to Belmont Abbey and Hereford Cathedral, Saturday July 6th

- 08.45 Coach departs from Abbey Road by St Benedict's Church
- 11.00 Arrival at Belmont Abbey; followed by coffee and tour of Abbey Church
- 12.00 Mass in Belmont Abbey Church; followed by picnic lunch (please bring your own)
- 14.00 Coach to Hereford Cathedral and the Shrine of St Thomas of Hereford
- 15.30 Coach leaves Hereford, stopping for tea on way home (bring money for tea)
- 18.00 Estimated time of return to St Benedict's Church

Have you ever wondered what God is calling you to do with your life?

If so, please read on! A three day vocations discernment retreat for Catholics aged 18 to 35 years old, discussing matters of consecrated life, priesthood and lay life, will be held at Downside Abbey from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October, 2019. The speakers include Sr. Elizabeth Mary Mann, Fr. Nicholas Crowe OP and Prof. Gavin D'Costa. The residential cost with all meals included is £50 in shared accommodation in a Retreat House or £70 in an en-suite twin room in the Monastery Guest Wing. The non-residential cost with all meals included is £40. No one should feel unwelcome if they cannot meet these costs, so please discuss this with the organiser. For more information and to book please contact the organiser rinabird@outlook.com Your Parish Priest has the full programme, should you wish to see it. The last Discernment Retreat attracted nearly 40 young Catholics who found the weekend hugely beneficial, so do please join us!

Young Catholic Adults Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey are organizing a Young Catholic Adults Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **23rd July to 1st August 2019**. Bookings are still open if you would like to join the existing group of 37 young Catholic adults on pilgrimage to the Holy Land this summer. The group is accompanied by two priests, Fr. Matt Anscombe of Clifton Diocese, and Fr. Anselm Brumwell of Downside. For more information and to book, please contact Rina rinabird@outlook.com

Please pray for Eamon McManus, who has died. Funeral details are to be arranged.

We pray for the sick of our parish: Eileen Barratt, who is in Paulton Hospital. Robert Wiseman and James Wiseman are also both in hospital and would appreciate prayers.

Diocesan Prayer Link: (on Corpus Christi) Immaculate Conception, Stroud, with Bisley, Brownshill, Painswick, Randwick and More Hall; (on SS Peter and Paul) Holy Family, Swindon

Ecumenical Prayer Link: (On Corpus Christi) St Nicholas; (On SS Peter and Paul), Radstock Baptist

If you are new to our parish or are visiting, please make yourself known to Dom Michael or Dom Leo. If you are at the 10 a.m. Mass in the Abbey, please make yourself known to the priest saying the Mass.

June Needs Meat pies, Corned beef, Coffee, Sponge puddings, Rice puddings, Fruit juice, Instant mash, Milk (UHT AND POWDERED), Shampoo, Toothpaste, Tooth brushes, Deodorant (M/F), Shaving foam, Toilet rolls, Tinned pasta, Kitchen rolls, Ketchup, Brown sauce



Safeguarding Officer for the Parish: Paul Justin is now the Safeguarding Officer for our Parish. His photograph and details are available on the Parish Notice Board in the porch.

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Mass & Office Times

Everyone is welcome

Masses in St Benedict's church

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses 9 a.m. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Weekday Masses in Holy Ghost church, Midsomer Norton

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at 9.45 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays at Holy Ghost 10.15-11 a.m.

Sundays in St Benedict's 10.15-10.45 a.m.

Sundays in the Abbey church 9.35-9.55 a.m.

Regular events

Adoration 9.30-5pm Monday to Saturday and 11.30-6 p.m. on Sundays

Prayer group on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. in Holy Ghost church

Rosary on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in St Benedict's

The Abbey Church Weekdays

Vigils 6 a.m.

Lauds 7.10 a.m.

Mass 8.35 a.m.

Midday Office 12.30 p.m.

Vespers 6 p.m.

Sundays

Lauds 7.30 a.m.

Mass 10 a.m.

Midday Office 12.30 p.m.

Vespers/Benediction 5 p.m.

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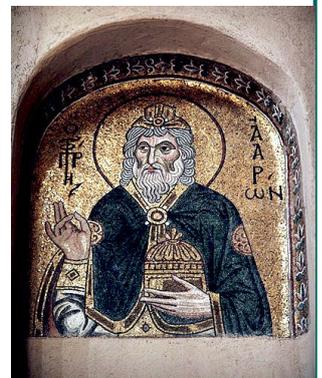
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Martyrology: St Cyril of Alexandria's memoria falls on Thursday 27 June. Cyril (370-444) was the Patriarch of Alexandria in Egypt. He fought against the heresy of Nestorianism, which argued that there were two separate persons, one human and the other divine, in the Incarnate Christ. He presided over the Council of Ephesus in 431, which defended Jesus' mother Mary as 'Theotokos', God-bearer.

July 1 is the commemoration of **Saint Aaron**, of the tribe of Levi, who was anointed priest of the

Old Covenant by his brother Moses and who was laid to rest on Mount Hor. We are apt to forget the Old Testament saints, but they too were redeemed by Christ's death and resurrection and we can find them recorded all through the Roman Martyrology. They are another vital bond between Christians and Jews.



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