

RECENT COLLECTIONS: 29 July: £164.88; 5 Aug: £277.65; 12 Aug: £189.00; **Bishop's Charitable Fund:** £131.35; **Building/Maintenance Fund (August):** £220.55

RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 2 Sept: Building/Maintenance Fund; 9 Sept: Catholic Education Service; 16 Sept: Home Mission Sunday.

FR MICHAEL FOUNTAINE is kindly supplying for me 8/9 Sept. A warm welcome to him!

MOTHERS' PRAYERS/PRAYER GROUP: None during August. Start again September.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Wednesdays, after refreshments.

ADORATION: Thursdays, 10 am – 7 pm.

MASS FOR ANOINTING OF SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Sunday 2 September, 2.30 pm. Please support. For lifts, contact Mary Harris(01249730340). Short meeting to discuss food after Mass Wed 29 Aug. or see Carol A.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Richard or Mary Harris know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY: Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: mandybaker@live.co.uk please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH every 3rd Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

PARISH CENSUS: If you still haven't done so, please fill in forms and return them asap.

THANKSGIVING MASS – REFRESHMENTS: We would be very grateful to receive any contributions towards refreshments for after our Thanksgiving Mass on 19th September. A sign-up sheet is available in the porch for people to choose what they would like to bring. Information on when to bring contributions will be provided at a later date. If you would like to contribute, but are worried on how to get it to church, please contact Mary Rooney, Judy Churchill, Sharon Pearce or Anne Doyle, who will arrange for collection. Thank you.

ST AUGUSTINE'S: Could you become a Foundation Governor at St. Augustine's Catholic College? It is the secondary school for the children of the Parish. You would be given full training and can come from any walk of life. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Mary Keates, the Chair of Governors: keatesm@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk

PARKING: a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there is a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

MELKSHAM FOODBANK: (www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please drive with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

NEWSLETTER: Any information, articles, etc, please send to the presbytery at the address supplied on the front of the newsletter.

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SUNDAYS 19 & 26 AUGUST; 2 & 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Friends,

Since my last newsletter we have heard the devastating news about Downside and Ampleforth and the child abuse that has happened there.

When I was at school, pupils from a neighbouring school caught the same bus as we did. Because one or two of them misbehaved, we were inclined to think the whole school bad! And it can be the same when some evil is perpetrated in the Church. The “bad name” is inclined to rub off on the whole Church, or as in this case, the whole monastery. And there is a certain malice in the press which would like to blacken the whole of the Catholic Church. But the truth is that there is a lot of good that happens in and through the Catholic Church, and in and through these two monasteries, and we must keep focussed on that. Several of us for example know Fr. Michael from Downside, and know him to be a good and sincere priest; and this I am sure applies to all those monks remaining there; Cardinal Hume was from Ampleforth, and Dom Henry Wansborough, editor of the New Jerusalem Bible & writer of the Wednesday Word who I am sure were/are both above reproach; and no doubt this applies to the monks who now remain there.

Nevertheless, what has been done *by the few* is evil. Not only does it seriously impair the mission of the Church; it destroys the lives of the victims! Children are precious, and they and all the vulnerable *have a right* to feel safe - *most of all* in the Church. Let us do all we can to ensure that they do so. Let us pray that in future all may feel safe in the Church; let us pray for the victims, for the monks who remain at these abbeys; and let us even pray for such perpetrators who are still alive, that they may repent of the great harm they have done.

In the love of Jesus,

Richard Northey

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| SAT 18 Aug | 1 st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm. |
| SUN 19 | <u>SUNDAY 20 OF THE YEAR</u> Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in hall. |
| MON 20 | St, Bernard, Abbot. Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. |
| WED 22 | Queenship of the B V Mary Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open & Sharing the Word |
| THU 23 | Adoration 10 am – 7 pm. |
| FRI 24 | St. Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast) Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. |
| SAT 25 | Sacrament of Reconciliation. 1 st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm. |
| SUN 26 | <u>SUNDAY 21 OF THE YEAR</u> Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall. |
| MON 27 | St. Monica Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. |
| WED 29 | Passion of St. John the Baptist Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open & Sharing the Word |
| THU 30 | Adoration 10 am – 7 pm. |
| FRI 31 | Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. |
| SAT 1 Sept | Sacrament of Reconciliation 11-11.30 am 1 st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm. |
| SUN 2 | <u>SUNDAY 22 OF THE YEAR</u> Mass at 9.30 am followed by refreshments in the hall. Mass of Anointing of Sick and Housebound at 2.30 pm. |
| MON 3 | St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (Feast) Morning Prayer at 9.13 am; Mass at 9.30 am. Mothers' Prayers at 10.30 am. |
| WED 5 | Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open & Sharing the Word. |
| THU 6 | Adoration 10 am – 7 pm. |
| FRI 7 | No services in church. Prayer Group, hall, 7.30 pm. |
| SAT 8 | No Sacrament of Reconciliation today 1 st Mass of Sunday (23 of Year) at 5.30 pm.(Fr. Michael Fountaine) |
| SUN 9 | Mass at 9.30 am (Fr. Michael Fountaine) followed by refreshments in hall. |
| MON 10 | No services in church. |

Mothers' Prayers at 10.30 am.

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| WED 12 | Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments & Breaking Open and Sharing the Word, hall. |
| FRI 14 | Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Morning Prayer at 9.15; Mass at 9.30 am. Prayer Group, hall, 7.30 pm. |
| SAT 15 | Sacrament of Reconciliation 11-11.30 am. 1 st Mass of Sunday (24 of Year) at 5.30 am. |

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter: Week 4 1, 2, 3.

MASS COMMEMORATION: Mon(20): Denis Spooner RIP.

READINGS

Sun 20: Proverbs 9: 1-6; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58.

Psalm (33) Refrain: ***Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

Sun 21: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69.

Psalm (33) Refrain: ***Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

Sun 22: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8; James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Psalm (14) Refrain: ***Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent.***

Sun 23: Isaiah 35: 4-7; James 2: 1-5; Mark 7:31-37.

Psalm (145) Refrain: ***My soul, give praise to the Lord.***

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mrs R. Menghini, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs. Adderley, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlan, Katja Lubina.

People's names can only be published in this newsletter now if they (or if too ill to do so, a close relative or carer) have given permission & we have been told of that permission.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM 30 SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE ONE SUNDAY MASS ONLY IN THIS PARISH: AT 9 am SUNDAY MORNING

This is a 4-week newsletter: please take home and keep for reference & bring back with you if you need it for the Sunday psalm refrains etc.

