



St Benedict's Parish

'For a Life of Prayer'

(From The Rule of St Benedict)



First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, Divine Office Psalter Week 1

10 January 2021

Day	Mass/ Service times	Mass Intention	Feast Day
Saturday 9 th	6:30pm	Joan Naylor	The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 10 th	10:30am	Rita Ishak&Zoheir George	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday 11 th	No	Mass	Feria
Tuesday 12 th	7:00pm	Mary Marshall	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot
Wednesday 13 th	7:00pm	Malcolm Brumwell	St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Thursday 14 th	10:00am	Jim Grant (sick)	Feria
Friday 15 th	10:00am	David Marsland	Feria
Saturday 16 th	10:00am	Philip Houghton	Mass of Our Lady
	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>Sacrament of Confession</u>	
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 17 th	10:30am	Michael Carter	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Booking for Mass – Capacity is around 42 people per Mass.

1. Use the booking system on our website www.stbenedicts-garforth.co.uk
2. If you do not have the internet, please call/text 0751 405 3325 (Mon-Fri, 9:00am – 12:00pm).
3. You can also drop a note at the presbytery with your name, number and preferred Mass time. Booking requests at the presbytery will be dealt with within the above time slots.

You may not get your first choice of day. Have a reserve in mind. Please make sure you cancel any booking you have made if you no longer require the space: this gives others a chance to take your place.

Track and Trace: Your personal details are required when you book a seat in church so that you can be contacted if there is a local outbreak of COVID-19. These details are compulsory for your booking but only held for three consecutive weeks after which they are removed.

Other Sacraments, Masses and services updated

Sacrament of the Sick –Emergency house calls only; Weddings – for limited numbers Max. 15 only;
Sacrament of Confession – Saturday 10. 30am or at any other time-contact me privately; Sacrament of Baptism – regulations limited to 6 people only; Funerals- services and requiems with special arrangements, Max. 30 only.

Masses Received:Arthur Rayner, Kathleen Wilkinson, Thanks giving.

Collection for Sunday 03.01.2021: Envelopes £158.00, Loose Plate £56.37, Votive Candles £36.48, Standing Orders £558.00, Total 838.85. Thank you for your continued financial support at this time.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been removed for the time being as decreed by the Holy See.

Please pray for:The soul of Kathleen Wilkinson, Patricia Ryan (LD), Marie Brattley (LD)Fr Jack Kennedy (LD)Dunston Booth, Private Intention, Father of Dominic Halse, Private Intention (CW), Angela Cassidy (S), Peter Murphy,Pauline Sibson, Fitz John, Mary Ransom, Elaine Richardson, May Hill, Doreen Hooper, Maureen Crossan, Terry &Stella Burrow,those preparing to be received in to Church, those preparing for the sacrament of marriage,children preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion, all sick priests & deacons,Churches Together Garforth, the conversion of sinners, those affected by Coronavirus,for all those in our nursing and care homes and for their carers, for all in NHS and caring profession,for all frontline workers, for all with addictions, and those struggling with their mental health, the Street People of Leeds.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday at 11am

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Parish Office: Call on above tel:Parish Centre Enqs. 07514053325; office.stbenedict@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

ParishSafeguarding: Mr Stephen Battle: 07544 236 861;psr.sbattle@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Parish Health and Safety: Kevin Joseph via office.stbenedict@dioceseofleeds.org.uk**Website:** www.stbenedicts-garforth.co.uk

Chaplains at the Leeds Hospitals: LGI, Chapel Allerton - 0113 392 2914; St James', Seacroft and Wharfedale - 0113 206 4664.

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael O'Neill, Patricia Mary Leafe, James Lally, Val Richardson, Joan Naylor, Laura Midwood, Alice Mary Betty Clarke, Margaret Towers, Helen Burke, Rose Jackson, Hugh O'Hearne, Fr. Wilfrid Baines OSB, Catherine Newiss, Phoebe Chater, Jean Bullock, Max Mallinson, David McLeod, Maisie Baker, Frederick Ash, Dennis Sibson, Brian Gilmore, Edith Orgill and Muriel Oldroyd. **May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

If you would like to bring any spare food or other items to church for the benefit of others, I will gladly distribute it locally for the use of the SVP and locally.

Collection envelopes/monies: For your usual weekly offering envelopes and basket offertory collection, please deposit in the basket or through the presbytery letter box. **If you would like to make an electronic funds transfer** to St Benedict's, our account details are: 402715-01208853. If you would like to create a regular weekly/monthly Standing Order rather than awaiting to use cash in the church, please contact your bank and use the above sort code and account number of St Benedict's church. If you are a tax payer, contact the parish office. We will be able to claim back on your contributions which directly benefit the parish. These benefits help to pay for building maintenance, repairs, liturgical/prayer books, your children's sacramental instruction materials.

Saturday Vigil Mass on Saturdays has been recommenced at 6.30pm

Thank for the efforts to raise funds for St George's Crypt for the crib offering at Christmas which totalled £980.26. I am sure this will be used very well in the winter weeks ahead.

Thank you for your offerings, gifts and cards that you have given to me over the Christmas period. You are most generous. I wish you a continued Happy Christmas and also a Happy New Year.

My email: someone in our parish has been scammed for a fair amount of money. They thought the email request was from myself. My email has not been compromised as I have checked with the IT department with the diocese. However, please do pay attention to the email address if you receive a request for money. The email address may be similar but it is not from myself. There are a lot of email scammers around. Also pay attention to letters sent to you requesting you to pay for your CV-19 vaccine. It is of course, free of charge. If in doubt, call your GP surgery.

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday and there is a special prayer service you can enjoy on Sunday 17 January at 4pm. Join for some prayer, reflection and quiet time on Peace Sunday. We reflect on the Pope's message "*A culture of Care as a Path to Peace*". A culture of care is needed not just in how we relate to each other. It also extends to how we live sustainably – as Earthlings - alongside the myriad forms of life on this planet. The liturgy will last no more than an hour. **Please book a place using the Eventbrite page for this event.** This just makes it easier to manage letting everyone know the details. Here is the link: [\[tinyurl.com/peacesundayyorkshire\]](https://tinyurl.com/peacesundayyorkshire) tinyurl.com/peacesundayyorkshire

An Introduction to Nonviolence Tuesday 2nd February @ 7pm via Zoom. This one hour Zoom meeting has been organised by the Leeds Diocese J&P Commission and the Leeds Diocese Pax Christi group. Not sure about nonviolence? What is it? What has it to do with Catholic Christianity in the Twenty-First century? Didn't we Catholics sort this all out years ago with the Just War theory? The Pax Christi Group in collaboration with the J&P Commission are running a five week introductory course during February and March. This pre-session, led by former General Secretary of Pax Christi UK – Pat Gaffney – will give you a flavour of what to expect and help you decide if you want to do the course: www.leedsjp.org.uk tinyurl.com/leedsjpgaffney

The Octave of prayer for Christian Unity begins 18th January and ends 25th January. The theme for this year is from John's Gospel 15: 5-9

"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit".

Once again, and as we all expected, we are in lockdown. As with the November lockdown, places of worship remain open for public worship. Also, thanks to the continued cooperation and the generous spiritedness of our stewards, I can keep the current schedule for Masses in the week as it is. Also, if you are going to isolate once again, please let me know as I operate a bulletin delivery service in the lockdown, on a Sunday afternoon. Please also note that in lockdown I am unable to make any pastoral or sacramental visits at your homes unless it is an emergency. In which case I will don PPE and administer the sacraments. I am very happy however, to have a natter on the doorstep or through a window.

Saints we celebrate this week

St Aelred of Rievaulx was born in 1110. He died at Rievaulx Abbey which is near Ampleforth in North Yorkshire. Has was educated at Durham, and in the household of king David of Scotland. In 1134, he visited the new Cistercian Abbey of Rievaulx. He was so attracted to it, he chose to become monk there. Eventually he was elected abbot. He is remembered for his gift of friendship, his sensitive and gentle rule as the abbot, and his enduring spiritual writings especially on friendship (*De Spirituali Amicitia*) which is considered to be one of the finest examples of English Medieval writing. In this reflection Aelred places Christ at the centre of all friendships.

Saint Hilary of Poitiers was born at the beginning of the Fourth Century. He was elected a bishop in AD 350. He combated the Arian heresy which did not agree with Jesus being both God and a man. St Hilary wrote a theology of the Holy Trinity that was faithful to the Nicene Creed – the Creed we pray in Mass every week.

Knitters would you like to make knitted squares to make blankets for hospitals? One lady in our parish is knitting night and day to make squares...it beats watching Judge Judy repeats. Any offerings bring to the presbytery/church.

I am very pleased to tell you that I have received a grant for £750 in lieu of our repairs to our church roof. I applied for the grant before Christmas and have received a very quick response. The grant was given to St Benedict's by All-churches Trust Limited. Their address is Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ. Thank you to Anna Larkin of the Diocesan Curia for assisting me in this respect. The last segment of the overall roof repair will continue in the next weeks.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Diocese of Leeds Lourdes Fund. The fund provides for costs throughout the year including: helping cover costs for some pilgrims who are poor, helps with covering nurses and carers to help them come to Lourdes, provides costs for medical equipment and prescriptions in Lourdes as when is required, it helps to cover the cost of using the facilities of Lourdes for Masses etc. If you would like to alter your Will accordingly, please speak to me privately. Thank you for your generosity.