

Saint of the Week—Ss. Simon & Jude

Not very much is known of either of these Apostles, except that Simon was called "the Zealous," and Jude was the brother of James the Less, and that they preached and were martyred in Persia.

Over the years great devotion has grown up around Saint Jude as the Saint of the impossible.

All Saints—Holy Day of Obligation

The Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God.

To enable everyone to have the opportunity to attend Mass there will be a Vigil mass at 7 pm and a Mass on the day at 10 am.

November—Month of the Holy Souls

is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. S. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise. Please use the envelopes at the back of Church, write the names of your deceased loved ones and hand it to Fr. Paul.

MEN'S BREAKFAST ON MONDAY A.M. & LADIES AFTERNOON TEA ON MONDAY P.M.

It's great news that our hall is used to provide a free men's breakfast for men who are alone or isolated in any way. The same Big Lottery funding is paying for Ladies Afternoon tea on Wednesday afternoon. Would you be someone who could benefit from a good breakfast and a chat with other fellas? Ladies I'm sure you would like a chat with afternoon tea each week. Or perhaps you know a neighbour who could benefit?

Altar Servers & The Guild of S. Stephen

S. Benedict's has a long tradition of Altar Servers—anyone from year 3 school upwards including adults can serve at Mass. Please let Fr. Paul know and we can arrange some training sessions.



All Souls Day There will be a Mass on Saturday morning at 10 am for us to pray for the souls of all our loved ones. It is not a holy day of obligation.

A thought from our Patron Saint for this week... The Second Step of Humility:

Not my will, But Yours O Lord

"The second step of humility is that a man loves not his own will nor takes pleasure in the satisfaction of his desires; rather he shall imitate by his actions that saying of the Lord: **I have come not to do My own will, but the will of Him Who sent Me.**"

**ATHERSTONE CHORALE
Friday 29th November, 7.pm A
selection of Christmas Carols
and Winter inspired music
here at
St Benedicts Catholic Church
Admission Adults £6.00
Children FREE**



Parish meeting Fr. Paul wishes to thank everyone who came to the two meetings. They were very helpful and informative. Our first monthly parish meeting will be in November, look out here for the date. Meanwhile the parish needs someone who has book keeping experience to help with church accounts. Another person willing to run the gift aid scheme. A minute secretary for the meeting would be a great help too.



Prayer for the Sick & Housebound

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

The sick... please pray for the sick and housebound in particular Sandra, Grace, Val and John who all need our prayers at this time.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Tuesday 30th June 2020 by Bishop William at 6.30pm at S. Benedict's.

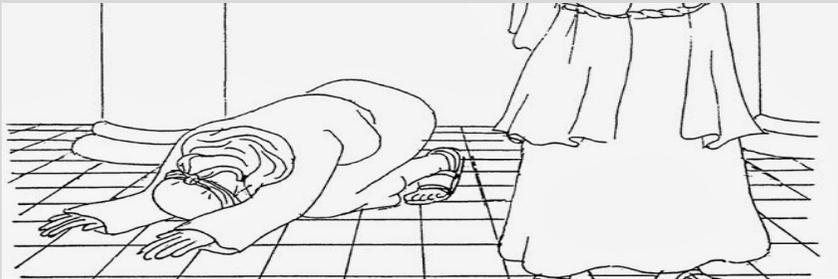
The new website.

The address is
www.saintbenedictscatherstone.com

Is now live. The webmaster is new to this venture so expect mistakes and be understanding! He will try and keep it updated. Thank you. A parish webmaster to run and develop our new website would be a great bonus. Any volunteers?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We really want to see the children coming to Mass each week and the children's liturgy is there to help and encourage them. It is for Infants and Junior school children.

REFLECTION:- One proud, one humble!



The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They were the teachers of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. **If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.**

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Yr C)

VIGIL MASS 26th October 2019 4.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS 27th October 2019 9.30 am

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday	28th	Ss. Simon & Jude AP	NO MASS
Tuesday	29th	Feria	Mass 10 am
Wednesday	30th	Feria	Mass 10am
Thursday	31st	Feria	Mass 10am
			All Saints Vigil Mass 7 pm
Friday	1st	All Saints - Holyday of Obligation	Mass 10 am
Saturday	2nd	All Souls Vigil Mass	Mass 10am Vigil Mass 4 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Fr. Paul **will be** in the confessional Saturday 11.30 to 12 noon during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament . Confessions before the Vigil mass between 3.30– 3.50 pm
At other times by arrangement. If you can't manage a Saturday then ask Fr. Paul.

Next Week—31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

VIGIL MASS (2nd) 4.00 pm SUNDAY (3rd) MASS 9.30 am

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