

# Saint Benedict's Christmas Week 2

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

Parish Priest: Fr. Leo Cooper.

Saturday	7:00pm	Special Intention	Sunday	11:00am	Parishioners
Monday	10:00am	Eddie Wharton	Tuesday	11:00am	Funeral Service
Wednesday	10:00am	Sick of Parish	Thursday	10:00am	Frances Williams
Thursday	7:00pm	Parishioners	<b>Epiphany of the Lord.</b>		
Friday	12:00pm	Brenda Fagan	Saturday	12:00pm	Thanksgiving ( C ).
Saturday	7:00pm	Arthur Davis	Sunday	11:00am	Parishioners.

**Last weeks Collection:** £ 193:40 Many Thanks.

**Christmas Collection:** £ 460:15 : :

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord:** on Thursday which is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be two Masses on that day, 10:00am in the morning, and one in the evening at 7:00pm.

**Face Masks:** In light of the new government rulings on Coronavirus, and the use of facemasks in shops, it will be necessary to wear masks in church. Please sanitise your hands as you enter church, and you will find facemasks at the back of church for those who have come without.

**Funeral Service:** For the repose of **Raymond Dewhurst**, his funeral will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00am followed at 12noon at Hindley Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**Mass Intentions Received:** David Wyatt. John Crank. Mr& Mrs J. Crank.  
Mr & Mrs T. Winstanly. Mr. A. Crank. Mrs C. Howe.  
Mr & Mrs R. Kenyon. Fr. Joseph Weston.

Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity.  
Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God.

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# Saint Benedict's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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Saturday	7:00pm	Arthur Davis	Sunday	11:00am	Parishioners
Monday	10:00am	Denis Fillingham	Tuesday	10:00am	Catherine Kelly
Wednesday	10:00am	John Crank	Thursday	10:00am	Julia & John Mitchell
Friday	12:00pm	Special Intention	Saturday	12:00pm	Thanksgiving Mass (M B )
Saturday	7:00pm	David Wyatt	Sunday	11:00am	Parishioners.

**Last weeks Collection:**     £ 312:26 Thanks.

**Cafod:** Cafod Collection for December was £33:10 Many Thank. The total collections for 2021 was £1,029:31. Thank you for your continued support.

**Face Masks:** In light of the new government rulings on Coronavirus, and the use of facemasks in shops, it will be necessary to wear masks in church. Please sanitise your hands as you enter church, and you will find facemasks at the back of church for those who have come without.

### Our own Baptism

Christians are told at Baptism, we are sons and daughters of God. It takes the rest of our lives to believe our Baptism. We don't have to earn our place; we already have it. We are of the divine nature, we are children of God.

Where else did we come from? What was once inside of God, is now outside of God and that is us. Christianity doesn't make that happen. Christianity simply announces it, and we are the lucky ones who have heard it. We are the announces of the Good News, we proclaim that all are the sons and daughters of God.

But people are spending their whole lives trying to earn what they already have, trying to be worthy of God. You don't get worthy; you are worthy. The only thing that initially separates you from God is the belief that you are separate.

Richard Rohr.

**Mass Intentions Received:** Denis Fillingham.     Thanksgiving Mass.

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# Saint Benedict's Ordinary Week 2

16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Parish Priest: Fr. Leo Cooper.

Saturday	7:00pm	David Wyatt	Sunday	11:00am	Parishioners
Monday	10:00am	Special Intention	Tuesday	10:00am	No Mass today
Wednesday	10:00am	No Mass	Thursday	10:00am	Ann Kelly & Family
Friday	12:00pm	Irene Ball	Saturday	12:00pm	Fr. Hubert Strowbridge
Saturday	7:00pm	Parishioners	Sunday	11:00am	Fr, Joseph Weston

**Last weeks Collection:** £ 310:83 Many Thanks.

**Face Masks:** In light of the new government rulings on Coronavirus, and the use of facemasks in shops, it will be necessary to wear masks in church. Please sanitise your hands as you enter church, and you will find facemasks at the back of church for those who have come without.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Memorial of **St. Anthony, Abbot:** Born in Upper Egypt in 251, from 286 to 306 he lived in complete solitude in a deserted fort. He left his solitude to guide his disciples who had dithered around him and from his monastery went to Alexandria to encourage the confessors during the persecution of Maximinus. He was buried in an unknown place but his relics were found and translated to Alexandria. He is regarded as the patriarch of monks and healer of both men and animals. Anthony died in 356.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Memorial of **St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr:** Aged about 13, Agnes was beheaded around 305 for her virginity and for refusing to offer incense to false gods. Her feast has been kept in the East and West from the earliest times. She is named in the Roman Canon. The name Agnes means Lamb - Life, and hence her principal emblem since the 16<sup>th</sup> century has been a lamb. On her feast at Rome, lambs are blessed which produce the wool from which pallia for archbishops are woven by the nuns of St. Agnes's convent.

**Mass Intentions Received:** Bridie Littler. Peggy & John Derbyshire.

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# Saint Benedict's Ordinary Week 3

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Parish Priest: Fr. Leo Cooper.

Saturday	7:00pm	Parishioners	Sunday	11:00am	Fr. Joseph Weston
Monday	10:00am	Pauline Whitworth	Tuesday	10:00am	Ann O'Neill
Wednesday	10:00am	Betty Norton	Thursday	10:00am	Frances Tate
Friday	12:00pm	Margaret Roberts	Saturday	12:00pm	John & Norah Downing
Saturday	7:00pm	Parishioners	Sunday	11:00am	Peggy & John Derbyshire

**Last weeks Collection:**     £ 358:28 Many Thanks.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** This Sacrament is available each Saturday from 11:30 until 12noon. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place during this time.

**Baptism:** This Sunday we welcome into our community, **Evie Anne Johnson**. We will keep her in our prayers.

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**Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul:** on Tuesday. Paul's conversion was totally unearned, he was persecuting the church at the time. So his conversion was a total gift of God. That same gift is given to all of us, for you can't earn it, it's a gift. Stop striving for what you already have, and start celebrating.

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# Saint Benedict's Ordinary Week 4

30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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Saturday	7:00pm	Margaret Wilson	Sunday	11:00am	Peggy & John Derbyshire
Monday	10:00am	Bridie Littler	Tuesday	10:00am	Caroline Mason
Wednesday	10:00am	Gerard Morley	Thursday	11:45am	Funeral, Katherine West
Friday	12:00pm	Hilary Marsh	Saturday	12:00pm	Private Intention
Saturday	7:00pm	Joyce Prescott	Sunday	11:00am	Parishioners

**Last weeks Collection:** £ 327:47 Many Thanks.

**Funeral Service:** For the repose of **Katherine West**, her funeral will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 11:45am followed at 1:00pm at Wigan Crematorium Chapel. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**Covid Guidelines:** From the Archbishop's Council. Taking into account public health advice, the need to encourage vaccinations ( and boosters ) and the call in charity to safeguard one another, the following will be the guidance for the Archdiocese from receipt of this advice:

1. Face coverings are strongly recommended for all those who come into church for all Services.
2. There should be the opportunity offered to sanitise hands before and after entry to church.
3. There should be a return to the normal mode of celebrating Mass and other liturgies. ( Holy Communion will remain under one kind only ( the Sacred Host. )
4. There should be no need for any social distancing in churches, but if a section can be Offered that would be a sensitive gesture.
5. Good ventilation should continue ( balancing the need for church heating at this time. )

Holy water can be restored. The sign of peace can be restored. The use of books and other worship aids ( e.g. hymn books ) can be restored.

Ministers of the Eucharist should sanitise before and after administering the Sacrament.

Visits to the housebound and sick can be restored ( if they have not yet been ) just bearing in mind the need to ensure that infection is not spread.

These guidelines will be reviewed again prior to Holy Week.

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