

Blessings

When I think back to the time we had a cat called Jerry Lee, I smile. I used to think how lucky he was, lucky to be fussed over, lucky to be noticed, lucky to be loved. In my mind, I was the giver, and he was the one receiving.

But now I wonder if I had it the wrong way round.

Perhaps Jerry Lee was not the lucky one at all. Perhaps the gift was mine. In his quiet presence, his small rituals, his simple trust, I was being given something I barely noticed at the time. A reason to pause. A moment of connection. An invitation to care without being asked and to love without expecting anything back.

That thought leads me to a deeper question. How often do I overlook the gifts placed gently into my days? The small ones that don't announce themselves, the familiar face, the shared silence, the routine that holds me steady, the unnoticed comfort of being needed. Like Jerry Lee curling up nearby, these gifts ask for nothing more than to be seen.

Maybe gratitude is not about recognising the big, obvious blessings, but about learning to notice the quiet ones. The ones that seem ordinary until they are gone. When I look back now, Jerry Lee feels less like something I gave my time to, and more like a reminder: that life is constantly offering gifts, and the real challenge is learning how to receive them.



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THIS WEEK

Sat 21 st Feb	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	4.00pm
Sun 22 nd Feb	First Sunday of Lent	9.30am
Mon 23 rd Feb	Lent Feria	10.00am
Wed 25 th Feb	Lent Feria	10.00am
Fri 27 th Feb	Lent Feria	10.00am
Sat 28 th Feb	Lent Feria	4.00pm
Sun 1 st March	Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am

The Bible Time-line
7:00pm
Every Monday Evening
St. Benedict's Community Hall



Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the national and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is

Mrs. Jo Currie who can be contacted at

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



If there are any children in year 3 and above who wish to make their First Holy Communion on June 6th and DO NOT attend St. Benedict's School . Parents will you please get in touch on 07502240034 in order that instruction on the sacrament may be arranged.

Volunteers Needed - Tea & Coffee Rota

Could you spare a little time to help serve tea & coffee after our services?

We are looking for friendly volunteers to join the rota. Even helping occasionally makes a big difference and is a lovely way to support our church community.

If you are willing to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church or speak to a member of the welcome team.

Thank you for your support – every cup shared helps bring us together.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

Beatrice McCarthy, Michael Charles Furlong, Bridgit Lavelle, Joseph Dale, Mariette Rowntree, Sally Coxon, Tom Quillinan, Patricia Gavigan, Patrick Noel O'Brien, Margaret Dalton, Geraldine Holmes.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

World Day of Prayer

(Led by the women of all the local churches)

St Benedict's Church on Friday March 6th at 2pm.

Refreshments afterwards.

(provided by the women of St Benedict's Church)

All are welcome.

For Your Diary

Milestone events in 2026 in our parish

Taizé in church Friday 27th February at 7pm.

First Holy Communion Saturday 6th June at 10.30am

Confirmation Tuesday 30th June at 6.00

Walk with Jesus through Lent.

7pm Friday 27th Feb, 2026

St, Benedict's Church, Owen St, Atherstone
A path of love, of self-giving and of compassion.
An evening with hymns, readings, Taizé chants, psalms & silence.

Collections

1st Collection £ 143.60

2nd Collection £ 91.54

TOTAL = £ 235.14