

The joy of Easter Sunday always comes like a bright burst of light. The church is full, people are smiling, and even the Easter Egg Hunt brings laughter, though I must say, being excluded does raise serious questions about fairness... I suggest, a rule change may well be needed next year to include the over 80's!!! But now, as the chocolate is eaten and the excitement begins to settle, something quieter begins. The journey toward Pentecost is not as loud as Easter, but it is just as important. Easter tells us that Jesus is risen. Pentecost helps us understand what that really means for our lives.

In these weeks, we are like the disciples. At first, they were full of joy, but also a little unsure. What happens next? What does this new life mean? They had seen something amazing, but they still needed courage, direction, and purpose. That is where the journey leads, to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit comes and fills them with new life. We are not so different. After the celebration, after the full church and the friendly conversations over tea and coffee, we return to ordinary days. Yet something has changed. Easter is not just a memory; it is an invitation, an invitation to grow, to listen, and to be ready.

Pentecost reminds us that faith is not only about one joyful day, it's about becoming people who carry that joy into the world. It is about allowing the Spirit to guide us, to give us courage, and to help us share kindness, hope, and love with others.

So this quieter time is not a fading away. It's a deepening. The church may be less crowded. The chocolate may be gone. But the journey continues. Step by step, we move toward Pentecost, asking God to prepare our hearts, just as He prepared the disciples.

And perhaps next year... we can remove ageism from the egg hunt!!!

Sadly we are saying goodbye to one of our Stalwarts, Gerry Doran who passed away last Saturday, he will be deeply missed, such a gentleman, always with a ready smile and cheerful greeting, God Bless you Gerry.



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THIS WEEK

Sat 11 th April	Easter Saturday , Solemnity Mass Intention: William (Gerry) Doran RIP	4,00pm
Sun 12 th April	Second Sunday of Easter	9.300am
Mon 13 th April	Easter Feria	10.0am.
Wed 15 th April	Easter Feria	10.0am
Fri 17 th April	Easter Feria	10.0am
Sat 18 th April	Easter Feria	4.00pm
Sun 19 th April	Third Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: William (Gerry) Doran RIP	9.30am

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** sg.stbenedict.atherstone@rcaob.org.uk

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



For Your Diary
Milestone events in 2026 in our parish

First Holy Communion Saturday 6th June at 10.30am

Confirmation Tuesday 30th June at 6.00pm.

CHINTHOWA Development Trust

Would like to thank all our supporters of the Easter Appeal for the Feeding Programme.

Chinthowa Easter cards raised £160

Chinthowa Easter Raffle raised £270

A list of prize winners is in the porch

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



If there are any children in **Year 3 and above** who wish to make their **First Holy Communion** c
June 6th and DO NOT attend St. Benedict's School &
if there are any children in **Year 6** who wish to make
their **Confirmation on June 30th and DO NOT attend St.**
Benedict's School. Parents will you please get in
touch **on 07502240034 in order that instruction on the**
sacraments may be arranged.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

Pauline Donovan, Harry French, Jack Lynskey, Kate Wilkinson, Tony Simpson, Carmel Maher, Daniel Bloor, Mary Prowse, Arthur Scaife, Daniel Michael Ross.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

Divine Mercy Sunday

will be celebrated on **Sunday 12th April.**

In order to obtain the blessings promised by Jesus to St Faustina please commence the Novena of The Chaplet of

Divine Mercy on Good Friday.

Jesus said to St Faustina

“The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion (on Mercy Sunday)) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”

Confession can be the day before Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy leaflets are available.



William Gerard (Gerry) Doran
passed away peacefully on 4th April , 2026
with his family at his side.

RIP.

Collections

There are no Collection details until Next Week.

Last weekend we had an Easter Egg Hunt
which was very successful and
thoroughly enjoyed
by all,

Thank you to all involved!

