

## The Present

Every day, every hour, and every moment is a gift, that is why we call it the present. Yesterday has already gone, we can't change it no matter how much we may wish to. Tomorrow has not yet arrived, we can hope for it, pray for it, and prepare for it, but we don't know exactly what it will bring.

Today is different, today is in our hands, this moment is ours to live.

The sunshine on our face, the sound of birds singing, the smile of a friend, the kindness of a stranger, the laughter of a child, and even the quiet moments of peace are all gifts from God. They remind us that life is precious and beautiful.

Sometimes life is not easy. There are days when we feel tired, worried, or sad. Yet even then, God is with us. His love surrounds us, His strength supports us, and His grace carries us forward one step at a time.

When we learn to treasure the present moment, we discover that God's blessings are all around us. We don't have to wait for a perfect tomorrow to find joy. Joy can be found in the small gifts of today. So, take a moment to be thankful. Look around you. Breathe deeply, smile often, share kindness freely, love generously. Every moment is a gift, and every gift is a reminder of God's loving care.

And now, a little message from Jerry Lee the Cat:

"Dear friends, don't spend all your time worrying about yesterday's spilled milk or tomorrow's empty food bowl. Find a sunny spot, enjoy the warmth, purr when you can, and be thankful for today. The present moment is a wonderful place to be. With a twitch of my whiskers and a happy purr, I wish you a very blessed day." Jerry Lee 🐾



ST, BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OWEN STREET  
ATHERSTONE  
WARWICKSHIRE CV9 1DG  
Priest: 07891 822770  
Office: 07502 320487  
website: [stbenedictsatherstone.org](http://stbenedictsatherstone.org)  
email: [office@stbenedictsatherstone.org](mailto:office@stbenedictsatherstone.org)

### THIS WEEK

SAT 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	4.00pm
SUN 14 <sup>th</sup> June	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am
MON 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am
WED 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am
FRI 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am
SAT 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time	4.00pm
SUN 21 <sup>st</sup> June	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am

*The Bible 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** [sg.stbenedict.atherstone@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stbenedict.atherstone@rcaob.org.uk)



### CHINTHWA DEVELOPMENT TRUST

David born in 2022 needs a sponsor. He lives with his mother. His father has died while working in Zambia. He has just received some clothes from CDT. Do you feel you could sponsor David at £10 per month? If so, please contact Margaret or Brian Ingram

***For Your Diary***  
***Milestone events in 2026 in our parish***

**Confirmation** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm.

**ON SALE NOW**  
**2 new books for Children by**  
**Brian and Rosa**  
**“The Long Path”**



**“The Miracle of the Roses”**  
**£6.99 each with all profit going to**  
**Charity.**

Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

*Mary Duignam, Peter Hodgson, Luca Johnwood, Hilary Daniels,  
John Holmes, Mary Bonner, Patrick Walton, Walter Hiscock, Ada  
Charnell.*

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...***

**Friends of St Benedict’s International Mass**  
**Sunday 12th July 2026**

The Friends are organising the above Mass to be followed by International Pastries & Cakes in the Community Hall,. Contributions to a shared table are welcome representing your home countries cakes and pastries. (Please label ingredients on home made items for allergy purposes.)

If you would like to contribute to this event please put your name and contact details on the clipboard at the back of the church. Please feel free to wear National Dress on the day.

**CO-OP CAR PARK**

For people who use the **Coop Car park** on a Saturday & Sunday for Mass, please note the free parking time has been cut from **2 hours to 90 mins** with immediate effect!

The adjoining **Council Car Park** is still **FREE on Sundays.**

**Collections**

**31/5/2026**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection = £215.56  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection = £147.65  
**TOTAL = £363.21**

**7/6/2026**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection = £187.84  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection = £117.65  
**TOTAL - £305.49**