

Why do we lose so many young people and their parents after Confirmation? It is a question many churches are asking. Is it something we are doing, or perhaps something we are not doing? We know we are a warm and welcoming church family. Yet society has changed so quickly that perhaps we didn't notice just how much.

Could it be that, at times, we have become a little too quiet about our faith, almost apologetic about sharing the Good News? Perhaps. But is all lost? Absolutely not. Are we helpless bystanders watching the next generation drift away? Absolutely not.

Jesus reminds us that, "They will know we are Christians by our love." Love remains our greatest witness. In a world that is often lonely, uncertain, and searching for meaning, we already possess what people of every age are looking for: faith, hope, belonging, purpose, and the love of Christ.

The answer is not despair but confidence. The Gospel is still Good News. The Church still has a story worth telling. It is time to share it joyfully, openly, and without fear. The harvest is still plentiful. We simply need to step forward and invite others to discover it.

Jerry Lee the Cat says: "Humans spend a lot of time wondering why young people wander off after Confirmation. As a cat, I can tell you this: nobody follows an empty food bowl, but everyone comes running when they know they're loved. Perhaps it's time to stop worrying about who has left and start showing everyone why staying is worth purring about."



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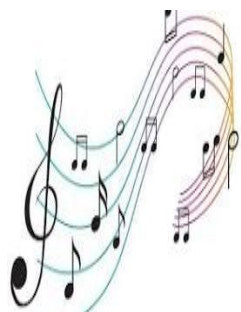
THIS WEEK

Sat 27 th June	Vigil	4.00pm
Sun 28 th June	SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL	9.30am
Mon 29 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am
Tues 30 th June	Confirmation	6.00pm
Wed 1 st July	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am
Fri 3 rd July	Feast of St Thomas, Apostle	10.00am
Sat 4 th July	Vigil	4.00 pm
Sun 28 th June	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN Feria in Ordinary Time	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

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The Taizé Group
Invite you to
A
'Sung Evening Prayer'
at St Benedict's Church
Friday 8:00pm
3rd July 2026
Everyone welcome

CO-OP CAR PARK

One final reminder for people who use the **Coop Car park** 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 for 2 hours with a ticket on Saturdays and**
FREE on Sundays..

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

It is so good to see that the clipboard at the back of church for
 pastry and cake contributions for the International Mass is
 gradually filling up.
 Please could you label all of the ingredients in each item for
 allergy purposes.
 There is still space on the list for more contributions if anyone
 else is interested!
 Please feel free to wear National Dress on the day.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

*Irene Margaret Charles, M.Agnes Pool, Mark Geraghty, Annie Everett,
 Kathleen Ellen Garrett, Howard Galletly, David Margetts, John
 Plunkett, Synester Wiktor Zeslawski*

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

Mimi Currie
Is participating in the
'Office Abbott 5k Run' at Polesworth
on 12th July 2026
which raises vital funds for
Cancer Research UK.



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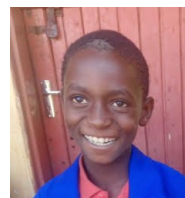
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For Your Diary **Milestone events in 2026 in our parish**

Confirmation Tuesday 30th June at 6.00pm.

CHINTHWA DEVELOPMENT TRUST
There are 30 children looking for sponsorship.
We have a new child looking for a sponsor, just £10
per month transforms a child's life.
CAN YOU HELP?



Chikondi Malaya Born 2017
Started May 2026 Standard 3 Chinthowa School
Please see
Margaret or Brian Ingram

Collections

1st Collection	£ 165.89
2nd Collection	£ 149.52

TOTAL £ 315.41