

There is a quiet holiness in caring for the natural world. Every tree that is nurtured, every wildflower left to bloom, every stream kept clean, and every creature treated with kindness becomes a silent prayer of gratitude to the Creator. Nature asks for very little, yet it gives so much in return, beauty, peace, renewal, and the gentle reminder that life is sustained by countless unseen gifts.

The countryside surrounding Atherstone, with its fields, woodlands, hedgerows, and winding footpaths, offers us more than pleasant scenery. It invites us to slow our hurried pace and rediscover the sacred rhythm woven through creation. The changing seasons speak of hope, the dawn of new beginnings, and the quiet assurance that even after the longest winter, life returns with fresh strength. When we care for the earth with reverence and humility, we are not merely protecting the environment; we are honouring the divine presence that shines through all living things.

There is every reason to look to the future with confidence. As more people choose to plant, conserve, restore, and appreciate the beauty around them, the landscape of Atherstone can continue to flourish. Small acts of stewardship, carried out with love, have a remarkable way of inspiring others, creating communities that value both one another and the world they share. Hope grows much like an oak tree, from tiny beginnings into something that shelters generations.

May we never lose our sense of wonder. May we walk gently upon the earth, grateful for its abundance and mindful of our responsibility to those who will follow after us. For in caring for creation, we discover that creation quietly cares for us, drawing our hearts towards stillness, gratitude and God.



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THIS WEEK

Sat 11 th July	VIGIL, Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	4.00pm
Sun 12 th July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME & INTERNATIONAL MASS	9.30am
Mon 13 th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am
Wed 15 th July	Memorial of St, Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.	10.00am
Fri 17 th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am
Sat 18 th July	VIGIL, Feria in Ordinary Time	4.00 pm
Sun 19 th July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY 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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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.

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

A reminder that the Friends are organising the above Mass to be followed by International Pastries and Cakes in the Community Hall. All food will have ingredients labelled for allergy purposes,

Cakes and Pastries can be taken to the Hall before Mass.

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;

*Joan Airey, Mary Hardy, Mary Ann Jarvis, Florence Thompson,
Pauline Catherine Hughes, Anthony Jarofz.*

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

"Come early, prepare your heart, and meet the Lord in prayer."

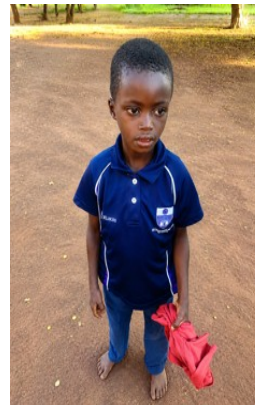
- "The Mass begins before the first hymn—with quiet prayer and preparation."
- "Arrive a few minutes early and give God the first moments of your day."
- "The greatest Guest is already waiting for you."
- "A few minutes of silence before Mass can be a precious gift."

Chinthowa Development Trust

There are 30 children looking for sponsorship.

Would you Sponsor a Child for just £10 per month?

Could You Help Ernest Chisomo?



Ernest Chisomo is aged 5

Ernest lives in Chinthowa Village in Malawi. He has attended school since March 2026 and is in Standard 1 at Chinthowa School.

With your help, Ernest can receive nutritious food, clothing & healthcare when needed and help towards schooling.

Giving £10 a month, you can make a lasting difference to one little boy's future. Every penny goes directly to supporting children and families in Chinthowa through the Chinthowa Development Trust.

Could you be the person who gives Ernest the chance of a brighter tomorrow

If interested please see Margaret or Brian Ingram

Collections

1st Collection	£ 148.99
2nd Collection	£ 91.15

TOTAL £ 240.14