

## FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

### Bidding Prayers

**Presider:** As we celebrate the feast St Benedict, let us bring our prayers to the Father.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 St Benedict is regarded as the father of Western Monasticism.  
Let us pray for all who seek the Lord in the monastic way of life,  
especially the Benedictines of Ampleforth who founded and served this community.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 The Benedictine motto is 'prayer and work'.  
Let us ask the Lord to bless our daily round of prayer and work  
with all its demands, frustrations, and tiredness.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 St Benedict is one of the Patron Saints of Europe.  
Let us pray for our country and those of the European Union.  
Instead of pulling up the drawbridge to migrants and refugees,  
may we follow the example of the Good Samaritan and welcome those in need.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 St Benedict died surrounded by his brothers with his hands lifted in prayer.  
Let us pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,  
especially Joan Wright, Jane Roberts, Kathleen Wood, Peter Hastry  
and all those who prayed in this church and served this community.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions and for those we are remembering this weekend,  
especially Francis Joseph Billington, Patrick Timoney, Dermott & Rita Lappin,  
and all the people of this parish community.  
*(Pause for silent prayer)*  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 On this Sea Sunday, let us ask Our Lady, Star of the Sea, to pray for us  
and for all who live and work at sea: **"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** Stir up in us, O Lord,  
that Spirit which animated St Benedict,  
that we may learn to love what he loved  
and put into practice what he taught.  
Through Christ our Lord.