

FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

Bidding Prayers

Presider: As we celebrate the feast of 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 all the countries that make up the European continent.
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 Winifred Mary Redfern 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, for peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine,
and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Danny Woodward,
Leisha Cronin, those who have asked us to pray for them,
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.