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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	10:00am	People in need
Tuesday	10:00am	Brigid Mary Patricia Timlin FM
Wednesday	10:00am	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Feast of St Bartholomew Apostle</b>		
Thursday	10:00am	Gordon Gillian Logan FM
Friday	10:00am	People in the Middle East
Saturday	6:00pm	Lawrence & Francesca Formosa FM
Sunday	08:30am	Living in Harmony
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	12:00noon	Thanksgiving

### Summer Festival Ampleforth College

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> -Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Do you want to explore faith, improve your relationship with Jesus, and make loads of new friends at the same time? The charity Youth 2000 is preparing to welcome hundreds of young people from all around the UK to pray and praise together over the entire Bank Holiday weekend, Friday 26 - Monday 29 August at Ampleforth College, York. Full of fun activities with other young people, adoration with Benedictian monks and beautiful Gregorian chants inside Ampleforth abbey. Families and under 18s are welcome! Go to [www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival](http://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival) to book your tickets before they sell out. Sponsored places are available if money is an issue - get in touch at [events@youth2000.org.uk](mailto:events@youth2000.org.uk).

All life demands struggle. Those who have everything given to them become lazy, selfish, and insensitive to the real values of life. The very striving and hard work that we so constantly try to avoid is the major building block in the person we are today.

*Pope Paul VI*

### Fr Boniface

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the Gospel reading of today, Jesus asks his disciples who people know him to be, and the disciples mentioned the names of three very popular personalities at that time: John the Baptist, Elijah and Jeremiah. These are all mistaken identities based on their popularity. He then went on to ask the disciples themselves, who they know him to be, and Peter gave the true identity of Jesus, "you are the Christ, the son of the Living God", an answer for which Jesus was very happy and called Peter blessed because of this divine revelation. And because his strong faith has led him to know Jesus as the Saviour, Jesus would then leave in his hands the keys to the gate of heaven. True faith becomes the bed rock, the foundation on which the Church of Jesus Christ is built, a pathway to heaven. Dear friends in Christ, our true identity of Jesus as the Messiah shall lead us to enter into heaven, for this divine revelation strengthens our faith and makes us live according to the Will of God. Jesus is indeed asking each one of us today the very same question "who do you say I am"? The answer is deep in your heart! To me, Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. He is a friend with whom I want to be at all times, He is a perfect example for me to follow, a bridge between me and God the Father, Jesus is my whole.

Let us strive in faith and prayer to discover who Jesus really is in our lives: the Christ, the son of the living God, so that discovering this divine truth leads us to be with Our Father in heaven. Amen.

Life is an exciting business, and most exciting when it is lived for others.

Helen Keller