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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	10:00am	Private Intention <b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Tuesday	10:00am	Mothers
Wednesday	10:00am	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	10:00am	Holy Souls
Friday	10:00am	Young People
Saturday	6:00pm	Daniel & Denis McCarthy RIP
Sunday	08:30am	Gibraltarians who died "39-45"
	10:00am	Peace
	12:00noon	People of the Parish

### 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).

### SPUC

The Society for the protection of Unborn Children need volunteers to help with labelling and packing letters and other office duties at their HQ office in Kennington, London SE11 4AB Suits all ages 16 and over. Lunch is provided and fares are refunded. Please contact Elizabeth Foody on 0207091 7091 or [lizfoody@spuc.org.uk](mailto:lizfoody@spuc.org.uk)

### Fr Boniface

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The gospel reading of today encourages us not to get discouraged when our prayers are not instantly answered, but rather to continue seeking help from God, till our prayer's intentions are met. The Canaanite woman in the gospel of today has little in common with the Jews, and yet she knows Jesus as the Messiah, the Saviour of the world. She knows through faith in Him, Jesus shall heal her daughter who was sick.

Jesus, to test the depth of faith in her, first seems not to pay attention to her plea to heal her sick daughter. Secondly, he categorically tells her he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, referring to the Israelites, but the woman, determined to get what she wants from Jesus, challenges him "*even dogs eat the scraps of food that fall from the master's table*", and because of this strong faith she showed, Jesus granted her, her heart's desire.

Have you been praying for something and have not received it yet - a job, a stable family, justice to be done to you, immigration challenges, a brighter future and so on, continue. With faith in God, you shall get the answers to your prayers at the appropriate time, do not be discouraged by those who don't believe in the goodness of God.

I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may find myself. For I have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but by our disposition.

*Martha Washington*

**"I leave you with this thought: walk, and if you fall, get up. Walk with a purpose; train every day of your life. Let us walk in hope, look to our roots, and strive ahead fearlessly."**

—Pope Francis | World Youth Day 2023