

**ASS TIMES: Bourton (B) Stow (S)**

**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Saturday evening 19<sup>th</sup> Sept: **Vigil Mass 6 pm (B).** INTENTION:

Sunday morning 20<sup>th</sup> September. **9 am Mass (S).** INTENTION: Benedict Skipper, to be ordained priest today at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham

Monday 21st Sept. St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. **9 am Mass (S)** INTENTION: All priests, deacons and catechists, who have responsibility for passing on the Catholic faith.

Tuesday 22nd Sept. Weekday in O.T **10 am Mass (B)** INTENTION: Repose of soul of Melanie Lambert.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) **6 pm at Stow** (No morning Mass). INTENTION:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. Our Lady of Walsingham, Patron of the Ordinariate. **10 am Mass (B)** INTENTION: The Ordinariate.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. Weekday in O.T. **9 am Mass (S)** INTENTION:

No Mass, as usual, on Saturday morning.

Confessions after any Mass or by arrangement.

In this weekend's Homily Fr. Stephen will speak about the use of the Psalms as prayers to be used in the changing circumstances of our lives. Here are some examples:

**In time of distress, fear, or before a hospital visit: Ps. 91:** 'He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High....'

**When someone we love and trust has let us down: Ps. 55 verses 12-14, 22.** 'If this had been by an enemy I could bear his taunts...but it is you my own companion...'

**When God seems deaf! Prayer for help. Ps. 44.** 'We have heard with our own ears, O God...of the things you did in our fathers' days...' or **Ps. 22** 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me..' or **Ps. 10 vv 1-18**

**When we are facing a seemingly unbearable situation: Ps. 55 verses 1-9.** '...O that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest...'

**A cry for revenge, Ps 55 verses 15-23.** May they recoil in disorder, may death descend on them'.

**Before going to Mass. Ps. 122** 'I was glad when they said unto me..' or **Ps. 43**

**In times of worry or anger: Ps. 37** 'Do not fret because of the wicked..'

**Belief in God confirmed by the wonder of Creation: Ps 19.** 'The heavens declare the glory of the Lord..' or **Ps. 148** 'Praise ....'

**A Psalm of Thanksgiving: Ps. 150** (The final psalm in the psalter) 'O praise God in his holiness..'

**The realisation that God has been with us throughout our lives Ps. 139** 'O lord you search me and you know me...'

**Before confession: Ps. 51:** 'Have mercy on me God, in your kindness...'

**After confession: Ps. 32;** 'Happy the man whose offence is forgiven...'

**A Psalm of devotion; Ps 63 verses 2-9.** 'O God, you are my God, for you I long...'

**A Psalm of thanks, especially after a torrid time! Psalm 118.** 'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good..' or **Ps. 116** 'I trusted, even when I said I am sorely afflicted...'

**A Psalm of total trust in God: Ps. 27.** 'The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?' or **Ps. 46** 'God is for us a refuge and strength...' or **Ps 125.** 'Those who put their trust in God...'

**A Psalm of trust in the Lord, especially when we are old. Ps 71.** 'In you, O Lord, I take refuge'

**A Psalm asking for God's blessing. Ps 67.** 'O God be gracious and bless us'.

**A Psalm acknowledging that without including God in our lives, we lose purpose and direction.** 'If the Lord does not build the house...'

*I am sure you have many other examples!*

**Work at the Presbytery** is well under way now. Many walls are out the place is looking more open.



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