

# AMPLEFORTH ABBEY

## 22<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY (A) 28.8.2011

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you think not as God thinks, but as man does." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For he who wants to save their life will lose it, but he who loses his life for me will find it. What good will it do a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

### MASS TIMES IN THE ABBEY CHURCH

Sun.	28 August		10.00
Mon.	29 August	<b>Mem: Martyrdom of St. John Baptist</b>	09:00
Tues.	30 August	<b>Mem: St. Margaret Clitherow</b>	09:00
Weds	31 August	<b>Feast : St. Aidan</b>	09:00
Thurs	1 Sept	<b>Feria</b>	09:00
Fri.	2 Sept	<b>Feria</b>	09:00
Sat	3 Sept	<b>Feast: St. Gregory the Great</b>	09:00

### THAT WAS *NOT* THE ANSWER



If we wanted an excellent example of a situation where good intentions are not just insufficient – but also positively dangerous – we have it here. Peter's habit of speaking first and thinking afterwards gets him into trouble alarmingly quickly. And yet, his mistake is helpful to him and to us. It was surely a providential error on his part. Later on, Thomas' refusal to believe without evidence is an aid to our own difficulties. Likewise, Peter's misreading of the nature of Christ's messiahship produces a lesson which he surely never forgot – and on which we need constantly to reflect. We cannot flatter ourselves that we – any more than Peter – find the idea of a suffering Messiah easy to grasp. We have *heard* the word, but absorbing it and making it our own does not come naturally. Let us pray for the grace not to be stumbling block to others, or ourselves.

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## LEYLAND IN MADRID

Pilgrims from St. Mary's Church Leyland 'showed the flag' – *literally* – as they met up with other UK participants at World Youth Day in Madrid. Temperatures of over 40C - with charitable hosing-down by locals were abruptly followed by torrential rain – with umbrellas and effective rainwear suddenly in



at least as much in demand as back home. This did not, however, affect enthusiasm among the Leyland contingent for the biennial event. Recent experience, however, suggests that investing in waterproofs for the next World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro in 2013 might be a wise move.

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. AELRED



Monks and lay staff working in the Abbey's Hospitality Department had a team-day away recently to reflect on Benedictine hospitality. A talk from Sr Philippa at Stanbrook Abbey was followed by discussion. In the afternoon, the group went the short distance to Rievaulx Abbey where Mrs. Lucy Warrack – an authority on St. Aelred among other subjects – gave a tour of the ruins and an overview of the rich monastic heritage in northern Yorkshire. The photo shows the remains of the Chapter House close to where St. Aelred – third Abbot of Rievaulx – is believed to have been buried.

## WEEKDAY MONASTIC OFFICE IN THE ABBEY CHURCH

6.00 a.m. Matins

7.30 a.m. Lauds

8.45 a.m. Little Hour

6.00 p.m. Vespers