The Chaplet of St Dominic

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

On the medal:

O glorious St. Dominic, who, being filled with zeal for the salvation of souls, preached the Gospel in season and out of season. Pray for us that God may grant us a sincere love for all people, that we may fully co-operate with Him through our prayers and good works in their sanctification and eternal salvation. Most especially do I pray for the conversion of [*Name/Names*]. Amen.

Our Father x3

Hail Mary x 3

Glory Be x3

On the Crucifix:

O God, You have enlightened Your Church by the eminent virtues and preaching of St. Dominic, Your confessor. Mercifully grant that by his prayers we may be protected against the desire for temporal necessities and daily improve in all that is spiritually good. O Lord, deliver us from a sudden and unprovided death. Jesus, Mary and Joseph most kind, bless us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

This chaplet can be offered for nine consecutive days as a novena of prayer for family members, friends or parishioners who have either lapsed from the Catholic Faith or who have never known the Lord. This would be a beautiful expression of our living out of Pope Leo's call for us to be a missionary Church. We shall pray this novena each day in our parishes (please see future newsletters for details).

A *limited* number of Chaplets will be available to buy at a cost of £3.00 following the 10.00am Holy Mass on Sunday 25th May.



The chaplets are glass rondelle beads in black, white and blue.

Traditionally the Dominican Order consists of a white tunic, a black scapular and cloak worn on special occasions. The white symbolises purity and simplicity and the black represents humility and penitence. A black veil worn by Dominican Sisters signifies their renunciation of the world.

The Virgin Mary is traditionally depicted in blue, a colour that symbolises her purity, holiness and royal status as Queen of Heaven.

The Catholic Parishes of Corby:
Our Lady of Walsingham & St John Ogilvie

Dominican Marian Retreat Day in Our Lady of Walsingham Church Saturday 31st May AD 2025



Eight hundred years ago, a barefoot St. Dominic carried an icon of the Virgin Mary across Rome to entrust the Marian image to a new community of cloistered nuns, who have safeguarded the icon within the walls of their convent to this day. The icon, known as the "Advocata," can be found today in a small chapel on Rome's highest hill, in the Church of Santa Maria del Rosario on Monte Mario.

As St. Dominic carried the limewood icon on the night of Sunday, February 28, 1221, two cardinals delegated by Pope Honorius III accompanied the founder of the Dominican Order, and 42 nuns followed in procession behind on their way to their new convent.

In their 800-year history, this Roman Dominican community of sisters has only moved twice: once in the 16th century and once in the 20th century. The nuns have been based at the Monte Mario convent since 1931.

Even from behind the bars of the grille, the icon has a penetrating gaze. The image dates back to at least the 7th century and has been revered over the centuries as having been painted by St. Luke.

IN OUR PARISH on Saturday 31st May, the day on which The Church observes **'The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary'** all are invited to spend an afternoon in the company of Our Lady, guided by two Dominicans from our Diocese. We pray that just as Our Lady visited her cousin Elizabeth in *Ain Karim* (Beth Jacob), a village located west of Jerusalem, so she may assist us by her prayers and favours.

The Timetable

11.30am	Sacrament of Confession
11.45am	Chaplet of St. Dominic
12.00noon	Holy Mass
12.30pm	Lunch (Please bring your own packed lunch)
1.15pm	Talk by Father Richard Ounsworth, OP
2.00pm	Eucharistic Exposition & Confession
3.00pm	Tea, coffee and cake
3.30pm	Talk by Sister Philomena Benedict, OP
4.00pm	Holy Rosary
4.30pm	Dominican Blessing & Dismissal
5.30pm	Vigil Mass



St Dominic, pray for us.

Fr Richard Ounsworth, OP



Formally a parishioner of St Anne's Church, Wendover. Born in 1972. Read history at Royal Holloway, University of London then joined the Order of Preachers in 1995. Trained at Blackfriars, Oxford and was ordained Priest in 2001. Between 2002-5 he was Chaplain to the University of Leicester. In 2005 he returned to Oxford to write a doctorate on the Letter to the Hebrews, published as 'Joshua Typology in the New Testament' in 2012. He has been teaching biblical studies at Blackfriars throughout to the present day. He is also a co-author of 'When the Son of Man Didn't Come' and co-editor and translator of 'A Perfect Priest'. From 2012 to 2020 he was Provincial Bursar of the English Dominicans. In 2020 he was assigned to Holy Cross Priory, Leicester, where in 2023 he was elected Prior and appointed Parish Priest.

Sr Philomena Benedict, OP:



Sister Philomena Benedict Le Gall, OP is a Dominican sister of the English Congregation of Saint Catherine of Siena. She is formally a parishioner of St Thomas Aquinas and All Saints Parish, Bletchley. Sr Philomena Benedict is based in Cambridge and currently works as a Canon Lawyer and in teaching theology. Sr Philomena Benedict is the justice and peace promoter for Europe and the Middle-East. Having participated in the United Nations '67th Commission on the Status of Women' and then in Rome by contributing to projects for the future of female Dominican Religious, Sr Philomena has returned to the Catholic university at Louvain to continue her further studies.

Please pray for Fr Richard and Sr Philomena Benedict
as they live the life of St Dominic and as they prepare to join us.