StBenedict's CENTR

## **St Benedict's Centre Newsletter**

## May 2020

Last month's highlights:

The Centre remains closed because of Coronavirus. We are very grateful to the sisters and the Abbey staff who are keeping an eye on the buildings for us while we are not able to be there. We will remain closed at least until the end of June.

We have appointed a housekeeper who will start once we are able to open again. We hope further job opportunities will be advertised once we can re-open.

We have had to postpone our up and coming events. We will review what might be possible in the light of Government advice.

We do want to keep in touch with everyone over the coming weeks and months so the monthly newsletter will continue albeit in a shortened form.

Isolation in its many forms is teaching us a lot about 'aloneness'. Sometimes aloneness is refreshing and life giving. At other times it creates deep loneliness. While we know and believe we are never alone from God, physical aloneness can be painful. In our social distancing it is very easy to feel we have no contribution to make to the care and support of others. The life of the Community reminds us otherwise:



For those of you who might like to join the sisters in worship there are links on the Abbey website to an <u>Eucharist</u> and to <u>Vespers</u>

If you would like to retreat to the Abbey in the space of your home, then we recommend watching <u>Horarium</u> a beautiful film about Abbey life also on their website.



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