

Children's Newsletter

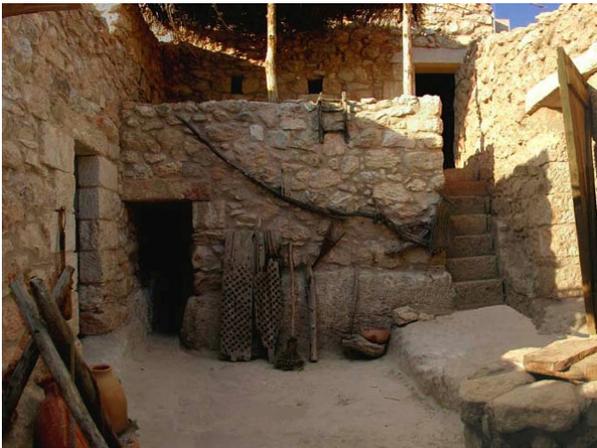
St Margaret Mary's

Mark 6:1-6

14th
Sunday
of the
Year

When you know someone well it must be hard to think of them as being someone special or different. This was what it was like when Jesus went back to his home and started teaching in the synagogue (the Jewish church). They were amazed at what he said but they couldn't quite believe that it was him, so they didn't really listen. Maybe they just didn't expect the Son of God to be someone they had watched grow up.

Jesus must have been upset by this and perhaps that is why he did not work any miracles there.



This is what Nazareth might have looked like in the time that Jesus was there.

Can you find Nazareth on the map on the right? What other places do you know?

Can you find where Jesus worked his first miracle? That was at a wedding in Cana, when Jesus turned the water into wine.



St Benedict

Benedict lived in the 5th Century, that is over 1500 years ago. As a young man he was sent to Rome to finish his studies but he left the busy life of the city to live more simply as a hermit.

After many years people would come to see him and ask him for leadership but at first things did not work out well for Benedict.

It was in a place called Monte Cassino that Benedict settled with a number of others to start what we would call a monastery. His sister, Scholastica, lived nearby also.

No-one had set up communities like this before, nor had they used a set of rules to live by. Benedict was the first and today monasteries still follow the rule of Benedict, with prayer, study and work.

His feast day is July 11th

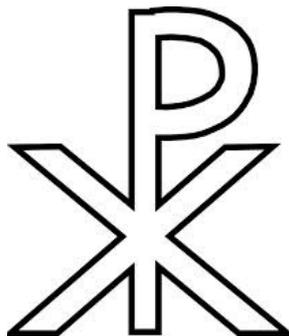
Can you Remember?

What are the following items called?

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B)



D)



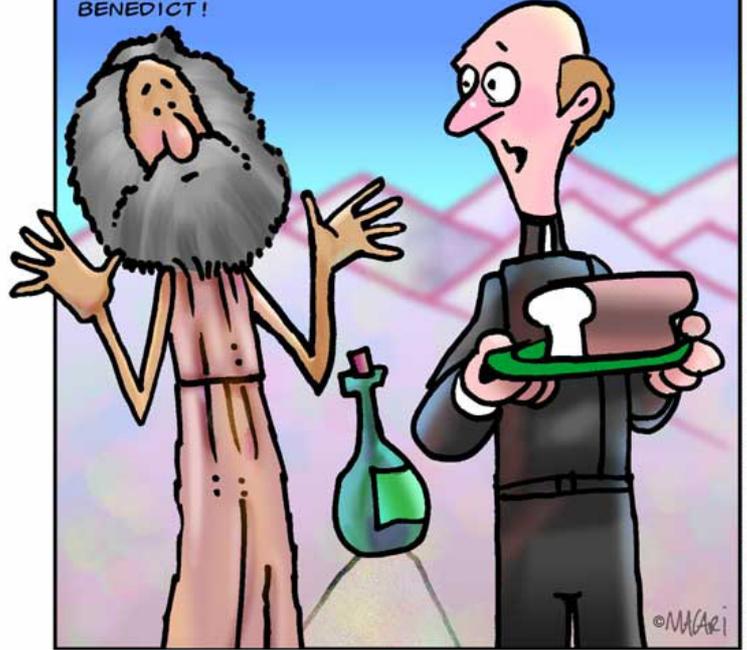
SAINTS FUN FACTS

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SAINT BENEDICT WAS A MERE TEENAGER WHEN HE LEFT THE SINFUL WORLD IN 497 TO LIVE LIFE FASTING AND PRAYING IN THE INACCESSIBLE DESERT MOUNTAINS. HE WAS THEREFORE QUITE SURPRISED ONE DAY TO SEE A PRIEST BEARING FOOD APPEAR IN THE REMOTE REGION. "IT'S EASTER DAY!", THE PRIEST SAID, "SHARE THIS FEAST WITH ME!"

AFTER PRAYING AND EATING TOGETHER, THE YOUNG SAINT WONDERED WHY THE PRIEST HAD FOUND HIM.

AS HE WAS ABOUT TO SIT DOWN TO HIS DINNER THAT DAY, THE PRIEST REPLIED, HE HAD HEARD A GENTLE VOICE SAY: "YOU ARE PREPARING FOR YOURSELF A BANQUET, WHILE MY SERVANT BENEDICT IS DISTRESSED WITH HUNGER." THE PRIEST IMMEDIATELY PACKED UP THE MEAL AND SET OUT LOOKING FOR BENEDICT!



A) This is the priest's stole. It is a long 'scarf' made of cloth. Fr Peter wears it around his neck, letting it hang down in front. It is a 'badge' of office for a Priest or a Bishop.
 The colour of the stole will be the same as the chasuble.
 B) The Tabernacle Lamp. In all Catholic churches a special lamp burns night and day before the Tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is held.
 C) This symbol is called the Chi Rho (said Kai Row) and it is the oldest known symbol for Christ.
 Chi (x = ch) and Rho (p = r) are the first three letters of "Christ" or "Christos" in the Greek language.
 D) The monstrance is the sacred vessel which contains the consecrated Host when it is exposed or carried in procession. The host is now called the Blessed Sacrament.