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Pope Benedict XVI

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI, was born at Marktl am Inn, Diocese of Passau (Germany) on 16 April 1927 (Holy Saturday) and was baptised on the same day. His father, a policeman, belonged to an old family of farmers from Lower Bavaria of modest economic resources. His mother was the daughter of artisans from Rimsting on the shore of Lake Chiem, and before marrying she worked as a cook in a number of hotels.



He spent his childhood and adolescence in Traunstein, a small village near the Austrian border, thirty kilometres from Salzburg. His youthful years were not easy. His faith and the education received at home prepared him for the harsh experience of those years during which the Nazi regime pursued a hostile attitude towards the Catholic Church. The young Joseph saw how some Nazis beat the Parish Priest before the celebration of Mass. It was precisely during that complex situation that he discovered the beauty and truth of faith in Christ. During the last months of the war he was enrolled in an auxiliary anti-aircraft corps.

From 1946 to 1951 he studied philosophy and theology in the Higher School of Philosophy and Theology of Freising and at the University of Munich. He received his priestly ordination on 29 June 1951. A year later he began teaching at the Higher School of Freising of the Church". Four years later, under the direction of the renowned professor of fundamental theology Gottlieb Söhngen, he qualified for University teaching with a dissertation on: "The Theology of History in St Bonaventure". He went on to teach at Bonn, from 1959 to 1963; at Münster from 1963 to 1966 and at Tübingen from 1966 to 1969. During this last year he held the Chair of dogmatics and history of dogma at the University of Regensburg, where he was also Vice-President of the University.

From 1962 to 1965 he made a notable

contribution to Vatican II as an "expert"; being present at the Council as theological advisor of Cardinal Joseph Frings, Archbishop of Cologne.

On 25 March 1977 Pope Paul VI named him Archbishop of Munich and Freising. On 28 May of the same year he received episcopal ordination. He was the first Diocesan priest for 80 years to take on the pastoral governance of the great Bavarian Archdiocese. He chose as his episcopal motto: "Cooperators of the truth". Paul VI made him a Cardinal with the priestly title of "Santa Maria Consolatrice al Tiburtino", during the Consistory of 27 June of the same year.

John Paul II named him Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and President of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and of the International Theological Commission on 25 November 1981. On 15 February 1982 he resigned the pastoral governance of the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising. The Holy Father elevated him to the Order of Bishops assigning to him the Suburbicarian See of Velletri-Segni on 5 April 1993.

He was President of the Preparatory Commission for the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which after six years of work (1986-1992) presented the new Catechism to the Holy Father.

On 6 November 1998 the Holy Father approved the election of Cardinal Ratzinger as Vice-Dean of the College of Cardinals, submitted by the Cardinals of the Order of Bishops. On 30 November 2002 he approved his election as Dean; together with this office he was entrusted with the Suburbicarian See of Ostia.

His many publications are spread out over a number of years and constitute a point of reference for many people specially for those interested in entering deeper into the study of theology. In 1985 he published his interview-book on the situation of the faith (The Ratzinger Report) and in 1996 "Salt of the Earth". On the occasion of his 70th birthday the volume "At the School of Truth" was published, containing articles by several authors on different aspects of his personality and production.

ACN

ACN Is preparing for the Pope's visit. They hope to present the Pope personally with a book of names of people who have made a pledge to have Mass offered for him (they will arrange for this); people can also pledge hour(s) of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or Rosary offered for him; donation for projects in the Middle East. If you would like do any of this contact Scottish Administrator ACN Freepost 4176 Motherwell ML1 1ZY Tel No 01698 337471

Jigsaw

Thanks for the good response to the registration for the group. More news will follow - parents can register children and young people now.

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Thanks for the good response to 24 hours of prayer between the churches which took place in our chapel house.

ACN

The pilgrimage went well to Carfin last Saturday. The event is covered in the Catholic papers this weekend.

FUN Day

The parish Fun Day will take place next Sunday 1 pm– 4 pm. Please bring family along after 12 noon Mass on that day and get involved!! Everyone welcome - pray for good weather!

Pastoral Planning Group

Group will meet on 31st May at 7.30 pm.

May Devotions

Last Day for May devotion is Monday at 7 pm.

Fr Morton's Sabbatical

Many of you mentioned that the insert in the bulletin regarding the sabbatical was helpful. Some did mention that more detail might also help. Therefore, here is more detail: the plan is that I will leave around the end of October having completed a number of weddings in that month. The new priest will come in that same month and take up his work in the parish. I will be in USA (San Diego) for 7 months until May and will return to a new appointment in the diocese. During my stay in America I will be asked to take on 3 components - spiritual, academic and human development. I hope to do some study in Fine Arts there and to improve my reading. I hope also to do a bit of travel, particularly to Japan. I also will do quite a long retreat. I will be mainly based at the parish that I have visited each summer for the last 10 years. The aim of such a period is to come back renewed for the work that lies ahead. Please keep me in your prayers.

Fr Paul Morton PP

Gift Aid

If you pay tax, why not help the parish by signing up to the Gift Aid scheme. All you need do is fill in a form and we can claim back 25 p on every £1 you give in your collection. Contact Selina Gillespie 641 2555.

Silver Circle

Jean McDonald 96 Dukes Rd £20

Crete

Pope Benedict will be going to Crete from 4th - 6th June.

Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning will take place after the two Sunday morning Masses next week-end.

Day for Life

31st May is the Day for life

Silver Jubilee

If you require transport to attend the Mass and Reception please put your name and telephone number on the list at the back of the church. There will be a Meeting on WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2010 at 7 30pm in the Chapel hall for final preparations to be made. If you have offered to help on the night please come along. Please return the envelopes by 13 JUNE 2010.








Dementia Group

Meets in the house on Tuesday evening.

Papal Collection

A collection for the Papal visit today.

Died: Anne Smith; Theresa Curley; Aileen Connolly; **Bernadette McCabe Anniversaries:** Sally McGurk

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<p>Monday</p> 	<p><i>Mass: 10am</i> <i>Exposition 10.20-7pm</i> <i>Rosary 7pm</i> <i>SVDP 7.30pm</i> <i>Pastoral Planning Group 7.30 pm</i></p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p><i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Tuesday Club: 12</i> <i>Youth Drama Group 6.30 pm</i> <i>Dementia Carers 7 pm</i></p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p><i>Prayer 9.45 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Legion 7.30 pm</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 7.30 pm</i></p>
<p>Thursday</p> 	<p><i>Mass: 10am</i> <i>Novena : Holy Spirit</i> <i>Golden Age: 1.30 pm</i> <i>Confessions/Adoration 7 -8pm</i> <i>AA 8 pm</i></p>
<p>Friday</p> 	<p><i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i></p>
<p>Saturday</p> 	<p><i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Confession 10.20 pm</i></p>
<p>Corpus</p> 	<p><i>Masses: 5.30 ,10 am & 12 noon 3.30 pm 6pm</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>FUN DAY 1 -4 pm</i></p>