



# Dom Anselm Brumwell - Order of St Benedict



I remember **kneeling in church** at Mass one Sunday, seeing the priest, and thinking. **'Maybe I could do that'**. The idea didn't go away, and when I was at university a wise priest suggested that I think about becoming **a Benedictine**. Initially it did not seem an attractive prospect, but when I visited **Downside Abbey**, a Benedictine monastery, **I found what I was looking for:** a **community that sought God** in its celebration of the Mass and Divine Office, in personal prayer and lectio divina (prayer with the Bible), and which was not closed in on itself, but lived out its faith in apostolic work in parish, school and hospitality, yet without losing its sense of purpose. **Many people thought I was mad** when I entered the monastery. **Now they see** that **this is my vocation:** it is **where I am meant to be.**