

# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**Week 13 Ordinary Time**

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Today, we welcome Archbishop George Stack to Belmont to celebrate with us the rite of Confirmation at the 11 am Mass. Please support and pray for our candidates and their families

Congratulations to all our young people who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. It was a very special occasion. A special thank you to our catechists Jacqui & Rob Corrigan for all their hard work over the last few months.

The second collection today is the annual collection for **Peter's Pence**. Through the Collection, we stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works of our Holy Father. Contributions to this collection support Pope Francis as he reaches out to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution.

*Fr Nicholas*

***Welcome to Belmont Abbey. If you are a visitor here and would like to Gift Aid your offertory collection, please collect an envelope from the Porch. Thank you!***

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£456.46</b>
	Standing Orders	<b>£581.00</b>

The 1<sup>st</sup> collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	<b>£225.65</b>
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The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is reserved for specific charitable causes or appeals and our own Outreach projects as detailed in the Newsletter. Last week was for **Mary's Meals. Thank You**



### Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy

If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from Fr Matthew, please let him know on 01432 265177 / fr.matthew@live.co.uk.



If you are not able to get a newsletter - remember that you can go to our website to find out what is going on in the parish. Website address is on the first page.



### For Sale

An old but working microwave for £5. It is in the Parish Hall. Money to to the parish.



### Dates for your diary 13 July

Church Cleaning  
9:00 am

### Diamond Diners

July 3rd  
Tea & Chat

July 17th

Parish Party  
19 August



### St Michael's Hospice - Wheelie Big Cycle

On Sunday 15th July I am cycling 58 miles at the Wheelie Big Cycle event in aid of St Michael's Hospice. If you would like to donate to this cause, please visit my JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-moore38> or I'll be happy to accept cheques or cash. Many thanks for your support, Chris Moore.



This year's Summer Parish Lunch Party will be on Sunday 19th August. Details to follow.





## NOAH'S CAMP

A Catholic family camp set in rural Gloucestershire (near Dymock). 13th to 17th August 2018. Youth and children's activities, live worship band, inspiring talks. For more information see our website:- [www.noahscamp.co.uk](http://www.noahscamp.co.uk) or phone 07961 346343.



**EMMAUS YOUTH** are having their next meeting on Saturday 14 July from 2.30-5.30 pm at Our Lady's church hall. We would also like to invite current Year 6's to an open session where they can join us for faith, fun and friendship. For information please call Jacqui on 01432 352241 or email [emmaus.youth@hotmail.com](mailto:emmaus.youth@hotmail.com).



## CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD? CAFOD in South Wales is looking for volunteers to work with children and young people in Catholic schools to help them learn about global poverty and inspire them to take action. Full

training and resources provided. To find out more please contact Therese Warwick on 02920 344882 or email [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk)



**Hereford Food Bank** UK is in desperate need of the following items: Tinned meat, Tinned veg, Pasta sauce, Jam, Smash (instant mashed potatoes), Tinned fruit, Rice pudding Toiletries - Shampoo, Body wash, Soap and Toilet roll.



## Marriage Preparation in the Archdiocese of Cardiff

We are currently recruiting volunteers who would be interested in joining our Marriage Preparation team. As the provision of lay led preparation across the diocese is expanded and developed, we need to recruit more volunteers.

### Could you work with engaged couples as a facilitator?

As a volunteer facilitator you would:

- Become part of the developing network of Marriage Preparation providers within our archdiocese
- Deliver Marriage Care programs to engaged couples of your deanery

- Help engaged couples discern their readiness for the Sacrament of Marriage
- Deepen your own appreciation of the Sacrament of Matrimony

Training and support will be provided by Marriage Care in partnership with the Archdiocesan Family Life Worker. For more details pick up a leaflet at the back of church, speak to your parish priest, contact either [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) or in the diocese Joanne White, FAMILY LIFE WORKER, Tel: (029)20 365964, e-mail: [parenting@rcadc.org](mailto:parenting@rcadc.org)



### Abortion Legislation

You may have heard about the abortion industry's plans to try force the Government to impose abortion on Northern Ireland from Westminster undermining the people of Northern Ireland who make decisions about their own legal framework on abortion. Unfortunately, a lobby group and are now trying to use this opportunity as a trojan horse to also introduce one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world right across England and Wales, as well as Northern Ireland. The campaign behind this move have made it very clear what they want - abortion on demand, for any reason,

up to birth - right across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Please sign the petition to make sure that the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, knows the public want him to block any attempts by the abortion industry to introduce a radical abortion regime.

[www.citizengo.org/en-gb/lf/163001-stop-abortion-birth-northern-ireland](http://www.citizengo.org/en-gb/lf/163001-stop-abortion-birth-northern-ireland)



### Homily

“Do not be afraid; only have faith.”

### Illustration

It had been a long and heated discussion. It came to an abrupt halt as one man banged his fist on the table. “Look,” he said, “I don’t know whether God exists or doesn’t exist; but one thing I do know: if he exists, he can’t be the slightest bit interested in the likes of us.” He had a point. How can the likes of you and me matter to the great creator God, bearing in mind that there are so many teeming millions of us human beings in the world, and the world itself is like a grain of sand, lost in the inconceivable vastness of the universe?

Does God care about us? It seems like a question that is unanswerable. But God has already answered it. God answered it by coming into our world in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus came not only into our world, to rub

shoulders with us, but also into the lives of individual human beings, to show his loving concern for them.

### **Gospel Teaching**

For evidence, we need go no further than today's Gospel. First, there's the unhappy woman who for twelve long years has suffered from a haemorrhage. It has left her weak, almost penniless – lots of doctors' bills but no cure – and has rendered her, and anyone who touches her, ritually unclean. Perhaps it's the nature of her condition that leads her to approach Jesus unobtrusively from behind. She stretches out and touches his cloak. Immediately she feels power coursing through her body and knows that her complaint is no more. In addressing her affectionately as "daughter", Jesus gives her courage to tell her story publicly. It is her faith, he explains, that has won the cure and now she can go forth "in peace".

Then there's the little girl. She's just twelve years old when she becomes grievously sick. Her distraught father, one of the important local officials, seeks Jesus' help. It's a measure of his distress that he does not stand on his dignity: he casts himself down before Jesus and begs for his help. Jesus promises to come to the child. But he delays, diverted by the healing of the woman; then it's reported to him that

the child is already dead. Patiently, the official waits for Jesus; he walks with him towards what he fears will be his dead child; yet even now he trusts in Jesus. He is wonderfully rewarded. Taking the child by the hand, Jesus says – the very words he speaks in his native tongue are recorded – "Talitha, kum!", "Little girl, get up." Then he restores the youngster alive to her rejoicing parents, thoughtfully reminding them to give her something to eat.

In each case Jesus knows that his actions – his touching of an outcast woman, his touching of a corpse, even that of a child – will make him ritually unclean in other people's eyes, yet it does not deter him from his mission of mercy. The Gospel writer uses expressions that may hint at a deeper meaning behind the miracles: "your faith has restored you to health" might be translated as "your faith has brought you salvation". Similarly, the word translated "get up" can also mean "arise", as used of the resurrection. Jesus is a conqueror not only of sickness but even of death itself.

### **Application**

There are times when we all feel that God is far away, hardly interested in the likes of us. Today's Gospel shows how mistaken we are. The Lord

touches, and is touched by, a woman who is regarded as untouchable. The Lord approaches a little girl when people are saying, “she’s already dead, don’t trouble Jesus any further” and, by implication, “there’s nothing he can do now”.

Each time he works a miracle, it’s a sign of his mighty power; but, more important than that, it is a demonstration of his deep love for ordinary people, little people like ourselves. Miracles are of their nature rare events, but what they reveal is something permanent and unconditional – God’s loving concern for each of us. That conviction brings joy into life; it bolsters our faith in difficult times; it encourages us never to give up hope; it assures us that despite our littleness we are important. So important that we are deeply loved and cared for by our great heavenly Father. His care is not merely for a day or a year, not even for a lifetime. It’s for eternity.



The sacrament of confirmation completes the sacrament of baptism. If baptism is the sacrament of re-birth to a new and supernatural life, confirmation is the sacrament of maturity and coming of age. The real confession of Christ consist in this 'that the whole man submits himself to Truth, in the judgment of his understanding, in the submission of his will and in the consecration of his whole power of love . . . To do this, poor-spirited man is only able when he has been confirmed by God's grace' This confirmation in the power of the Holy Spirit leading to a firm profession of faith has always been the particular effect which Catholic tradition has ascribed to the sacrament. It is administered by laying-on of hands and anointing with chrisam accompanied by prayer. The effect of the sacrament of confirmation is to give strength in faith and for the confession of faith and to impress an indelible character.

<b>Ministries for next <u>Sunday 8 July 2018</u> 14 Sunday in OT Year B Cycle 2</b>			
	08:30:	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Cooper Family	Phyll Buckley	Monica Russell & Marnie Archer
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Fran Grant	Sally Johns	Pat Draper
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Julia Davey		Jacqui Corrigan
Bidding Prayers	Richard Batho		Pat Wood
Offertory	Hickey Boys	Gillick Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Jacqui Ramage-S		Deacon Eddie & Chris Moore
<b>Next Sunday:</b> Apostleship of Sea			

Low Mass in the Extraordinary Rite (Tridentine Mass) is usually celebrated here at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sunday afternoons at 4 pm.	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	01-Jul	Pat Wood & Jacqui Moore
	08-Jul	Pat Wood & Jan Wyman
	15-Jul	Andrew M & Mary Wood
		School Holidays

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 1 July)

**Deaths:** *Dominique Wetz, Catherine Craig, Claire George and Lillian Allsopp*

**Anniversaries:** *Stacy Smith, Stephen Chester, Robert Franklin, Jeanne Morin, Betty Hartford, Norman Huckle, Elizabeth Lyon, Fr Samuel Ward, Edna Pamela Hill, Claude Hunt, Dom Anthony Wackrill osb, Michael John Baker and Baby John Paul Freeland.*

**The Sick:** Please pray for: *Delia Swainson, Sally Johns, Neal Harries, Kenny Hanna, Fr Aidan, Rachel Thompson, Robin Hayward, Gil Savory, Denise Ellis, Chris & Sue Rogers, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.*

<p><b>13 th</b> <b>Sunday in</b> <b>Ordinary Time</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> All peoples clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> When we eat this Bread...</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.</p>
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<b>Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.</b>			
	08:30:	09:30	11:00:
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Hayes Family	Clare Wichbold	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S	Brenda Warde	Confirmation Candidate
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Julia Davey		Confirmation Candidate
Bidding Prayer	Adrian Eyre		Confirmation Candidate
Offertory	Parish Children	Frances Riddle & Teresa Harriss	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Deacon Eddie & Jan Wyman
Mass Intention	<b>Bernadette Higgins RIP</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>	<b>Confirmation Candidates</b>
<b><i>Second Collection: Peter's Pence</i></b>			
<b><i>Food Bank Collection: Ray &amp; Margaret Rose</i></b>			

<b><i>What's On for the week</i></b>	
Mon	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	<b>St Thomas:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8 am: No Midday Mass in the Oratory
Thu	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8 am
Fri	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Mass at 12 noon in Oratory
Sat	<b>BVM:</b> Mass at 8 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10 am