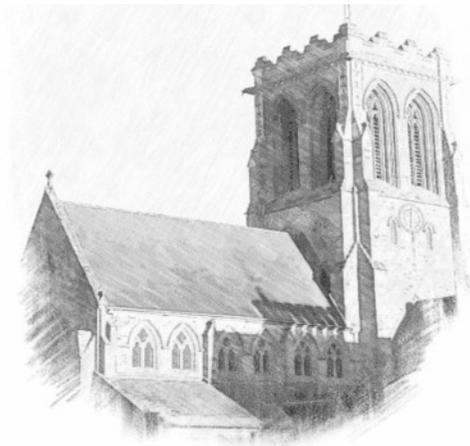


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd SUNDAY of Easter

10th April 2016
(Cycle C)

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During this wonderful season of Easter we listen to the many accounts of the Lord's resurrection appearances in the gospels, and the beginnings of the new church in the Acts of the Apostles. We are revitalised in our faith and our practice by these wonderful readings. We live with grateful hearts in this season and we share in the peace and joy of the Risen Christ, experiencing his presence among us. May we be missionaries of joy and hope to all that we encounter. We pray in this season especially for all those who have been received into the Church at this time. We also remember our own Confirmation candidates and their journey of faith as they prepare to receive the final sacrament of initiation on 22nd May.

We pray, too, for the children and families of those who are receiving the sacrament of baptism in this season, especially Lara Maria Jones who was baptised last weekend and Ethan and Charlotte Whitehead who will be baptised this afternoon.

Fr Nicholas is away for a few days this week.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£360.19
	Standing Orders	£412.48

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

	2 nd Collection	£142.22
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The 2nd collection is reserved for specific charitable causes or appeals and our own Outreach projects as detailed in the Newsletter. Last week was for *Parish Outreach*. Thank you.



Food Bank

Thank you all for your continued support for those less fortunate than ourselves, your donations are very much appreciated.



WALES AND THE MARCHES CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next talk is on Sunday April 17th 2016 at 3 pm at THE PASTORAL RESOURCE CENTRE, Newport Rd. Rumney, Cardiff, CF3 4LL. Speaker:

Sr. Marie de Montfort SSJ

“The Sisters of St. Joseph in the Archdiocese of Cardiff during the last century”



Torchlight Procession

The annual Devotion in honour of Our Lady at Belmont Abbey takes place this year on Wednesday 11th May at 9 pm.



MISSIO Red Box Holders

Time once more to give your red box to your promoter whose name and phone number are on the label on the bottom of your box. We raised over £1000 last year so thanks to all box holders and promoters for all their efforts.

Liz Norman



Wales Celebrate Weekend 2016

Saturday 30th April 2016, 9 am - 9 pm
to Sunday 1st May 2016, 9 am - 4 pm.

CELEBRATE WALES is a non-residential weekend for the whole family, full of teaching, workshops, lively praise and worship, Mass, opportunities for Confession and prayer ministry.

The CELEBRATE conferences welcome thousands of people. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God.





Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

- Sat 23rd April Beshar Allos & Prita Banerjee
- Sat 30th April Patrick Harrington & Kimberly Wood
- Sat 7th May Anthony Catlin & Rachael Layton
- Sat 4th June Hugh Loughrey & Carley Yapp



Parking

Drivers are asked to respect the disabled parking areas – especially on a Sunday!

Parish Centre – unless you are dropping something off at the parish centre, please park in the car parks adjacent to the Parish House rather than on the road in front.



Tea & Chat

The next three dates for Tea & Chat are: Tuesday April 19th , Tuesday May 17th and Tuesday June 21st. Anyone who would like to meet others over a drink and slice of cake, and a good chat will be very welcome. These meetings are proving very popular so don't be shy. Come along, bring your

knitting or anything else and enjoy the company of others. All meetings start at 2.30 pm and finish around 4.00 pm.



Church Services TV

Church Services TV was established in 2005 and streams services over the Internet. By making services available on PCs, Laptops, Mobile Devices and TV sets anywhere in the world, CSTV helps those confined to home or care facilities to listen and to watch Holy Mass and other services from their home. Visit www.churchservices.tv



With sadness we report the death of Bernard Clayton who died suddenly over the Easter weekend. May he rest in peace.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 15 April
Church Cleaning
9:00 am

Tuesday 19 April
2:30 pm
Tea & chat

Wednesday 11 May
9:00 pm
Torchlight Procession

Tuesday 17 May
2:30 pm
Tea & Chat

Sunday 22 May
Confirmation Mass
11:00 am

Queen's Jubilee Picnic
12 June

Belmont Grand Fete
18 June

Tuesday 21 June
2:30 pm
Tea & Chat

16 July
Grandparents' and
Grandchildren's Day

Urgent

An Easter envelope came in showing number 39. This does not exist in my register so it must be someone who has not changed to their standing order number and so I cannot record it for gift aid. If you recognise it as your number please call me asap on 01432 509163 and let me know who you are. Many thanks!

Margaret Campbell



HOMILY

"It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore."

Illustration

The Sea of Galilee – sometimes called the Sea of Tiberias – is the beautiful site where so much of the mission of Jesus was located. This is where Jesus called fisher folk to be his disciples. This great inland freshwater lake, surrounded by hills, has been known for millennia for its plentiful stocks of fish. The nineteenth-century English clergyman Henry Baker Tristram recorded that "the density of the shoals of fish in the Sea of Galilee can scarcely be conceived by those who have not witnessed them". The most

common catch in these waters is Tilapia, commonly known as “St Peter’s fish”. Yet, in recent years, the Sea of Galilee has seen a dramatic decline in fish stocks due to overfishing and falling water levels. By 2010 a two-year ban on fishing in the lake was in force to help fish stocks recover and today fishing is tightly regulated.

Pope Francis, in his 2015 environmental encyclical, *Laudato si'*, speaks of praising God for the natural world and warns about plundering natural resources – such as fish stocks – to depletion. He warns about the implications of failing to value the life and refreshment we receive from water, which is getting more scarce globally. He reminds us that we journey through life with our fellow creatures and calls for ecological conversion where, as he puts it, “the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us” (216).

Gospel Teaching

The story of Jesus’ appearance by the Sea of Galilee after the resurrection is one of the great dramatic stories in the New Testament. Most of the disciples had returned to Galilee and were just sitting around until Peter perked them up by suggesting that

they went fishing. The implication is that the disciples were likely to resume their life as fishermen in Galilee and were low in spirits. The atmosphere of discouragement was only heightened by their inability to catch any fish. A man shouts to them from the shore and tells them where to cast the net and find the fish. Immediately, the nets are heaving with the catch. When the disciples reach shore, they realise it is Jesus, and he feeds them. He has fish already on the fire, yet he invites them to bring some of their abundant catch in a mutual sharing.

On the shores of the Sea of Galilee they once more find themselves called. Peter especially is asked to reaffirm his love for Jesus three times, overriding his denying of Jesus three times. What Jesus always did among the disciples he does again – he gives life and hope in abundance. Over that intimate meal of bread and fish by the lake they are jolted into their new reality as lifelong missionaries for Christ. Galilee is the place where it all began. And it is amidst the beautiful and bountiful environment of Galilee that it begins again.

Application

Being followers of Jesus gives our lives meaning and direction. We are often busy but without a strong sense of purpose and meaning. Yet it’s

exciting, as it was for the disciples, for us to recognise that Jesus is here – living and ready to engage with us as we journey through life. The Gospel story also reminds us that an encounter with Jesus can lead us to take unexpected paths. To see with the eyes of faith Jesus calls us to let go of our private and limited vision.

And mission today includes recognising our connection in love with the natural world that is God’s creation. Pope Francis has called upon all human society to respond to the cry of those who are poor and the cry of the earth. In today’s second reading it is not just humanity that praises God, but all living things in creation. As we offer God the “fruit of the earth” in the Eucharist, we are called to respond to the world’s poor people, who are struggling to survive amidst the diminishing abundance of the natural world and ravages caused by climate change. We also reflect that followers of Jesus are called to be people of hope. Amidst the disappointments in everyday life or the violence in today’s world or human abuse of God’s creation, we are to look for the signs of hope and retain a positive vision. Even when we feel unworthy and powerless, God is with us and blesses us.



Eastertide

During these days, we have brought before us the two great manifestations of God's goodness towards mankind - the Pasch of Israel, and the Christian Pasch.

Eternity in heaven is the true Pasch: hence, our Pasch here on earth is the feast of feasts. The human race was dead; the gates of life were shut against it. But see! the Son of God rises from his grave and takes possession of eternal life. The Church would, therefore, have us consider ourselves as having already risen with our Jesus, and as having already taken possession of eternal life. The holy Fathers bid us look on these fifty days of Easter as the image of our eternal happiness. They are days devoted exclusively to joy; every sort of sadness is forbidden; and the Church cannot speak to her divine Spouse without joining to her words that glorious cry of heaven, the Alleluia. We have been forbidden the use of this joyous word during the past nine weeks; it behoved us to die with Christ-but now that we have risen together with him from the tomb, and that we are resolved to die no more that death which kills the soul and caused our Redeemer to die on the cross, we have a right to our Alleluia.



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday - 4th of Eastertide - 17th April Year C			
	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Liz Norman	Clare Wichbold	Morawiecki Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Julia Davey	Menna McBain	Liz Morawiecki
2 nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Gabrielle Stanley
Bidding Prayers	Fran Grant		Monica Tomlin
Offertory	Hayes Family	Frances Riddell & Teresa Harriss	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Fran Smallwood		Stephen Fisher
Next Sunday - Diocesan Priests Training Fund			

<p><i>The God who goes the Distance</i> <i>April 22-24: (2 days Reg Fee £26)</i> <i>St Luke for the Jubilee Year of Mercy</i> <i>This Gospel is perfect food for thought for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.</i> <i>Dom Brendan Thomas</i></p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 10 April	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	10-Apr	Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman
	17-Apr	Andrew M & Pauline Gill
	24-Apr	Pat Wood & Rachel Cowdrey
01-May	Jackie King & Rachel Cowdrey	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.**

Deaths: *Bernard Clayton, Sue Ball, Mary Carroll, John Wallin and John Keeler*

Anniversaries: *Dom Dermot Furlong OSB, Edith Froggatt, Fernando Gianessi, Winifred Roebuck, Stephen Beeby, Rt Rev Joseph Brown OSB, Kathleen Capes, Henry Johnson, Abbot Maurice Martin OSB, Ellen Gittoes, Francis Richard Rayner, Beatrice Hagreen, Anne Peachall, Horlando Salinas-Castillo, Sylvia Phillips, Thomas Blythe, Francis Whittington and Waclaw Wybraniec.*

The Sick: *Please pray for Lillian Allsopp, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Peter Lee, Fr Luke, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medicott, Bridie Gittoes, Sr Philipa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Edna Ledford, Sue Rogers, Fr Michael Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.*

Liturgy for Sunday 10th April Readings: Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2

<p>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>Entrance: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.</p> <p>Acclamation: We proclaim your Death ...</p> <p>Communion: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	8:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Annette Mansie	Anne Stapleton	Jennifer Hackman
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1st Reading	Fran Smallwood	Anthea Morton-Saner	Sally Johns
2nd Reading	Ann Jackson		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayer	William Jackson		Tony Archer
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Frances Riddell & Teresa Harriss	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Julia Davey		Monica Russell
Mass Intention		Pro Populo	In Thanksgiving
Second Collection - Parish Outreach			
Food Bank Delivery: Ray Rose			

What's On for the week	
Mon	St Stanilaus: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Guthlac: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: No Midday Mass - Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: No Exposition & Midday Mass
Sat	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am : Reconciliation at 10:00 am