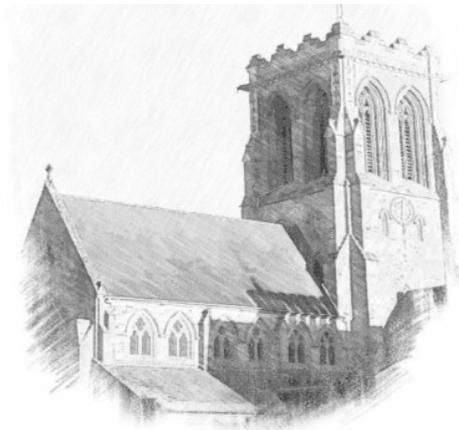


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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A Grand Day Out - This day of celebration for grandparents and their families is being organised by the Diocesan Family Life Commission. It will be held at Belmont Abbey on **Saturday 16 July** beginning at 11 am. It will conclude with a procession and Mass in the Abbey Church. All are welcome to come and enjoy this special day and celebrate both the Year of Mercy and the 100th anniversary of the Archdiocese.

Today we welcome Br Patrick on his return to Belmont following the completion of his studies and recent ordination to the diaconate.

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Many of us have never stopped to consider how important seafarers are to our standard of living. Without them we would not have most of the items we use in our everyday lives. Many of these seafarers are unable to practise their faith due to long periods away from home, whilst others are denied basic rights and working conditions that we take for granted.

Today's second collection is our opportunity to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. (See page 6)

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£237.49
	Standing Orders	£412.50
The 1 st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 nd Collection	£193.60
The 2 nd collection is reserved for specific charitable causes or appeals and our own Outreach projects as detailed in the Newsletter. Last week was for <i>Peter's Pence. Thank you!</i>		



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 23rd July Kerry Matthews & Jon Dallow

Thu 28th July Andzela Kacinskaite & Gerard Cleugh



Tea & Chat

The forthcoming dates for Tea & Chat are 19th July and 16th August. All are welcome in the Parish Centre from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm.

Diamond Diners

The forthcoming date for the Lunch Club is 2nd August. If you are over 60 and would like to join a friendly group for lunch at the Three Horseshoes at 1:00 pm just tick or add your name to the list in the Parish Centre.



Shroud of Turin Exhibition

PAM MOON - The creator of the "Shroud of Turin Exhibition", an internationally respected expert on the shroud, will be giving a talk at SFX in the parish hall on Sunday 10 July at 2 pm as the exhibition comes to an end.



150 + Club June Winners

1st Wafa Hannah

2nd Lesley Wareing

3rd Liz Norman



Congratulations

To Abigail Trumper and Joe Markewicz who were married in the Abbey Church yesterday. We wish them every happiness in the years ahead.



With sadness we report the death of Shaun Harrington who died last week. A memorial Mass will be said here for him on Friday afternoon at 3 pm. May he rest in peace.



Pilgrimage for Catholic Grandparents and their families

“A Grand Day Out” is being held by the 3 Welsh dioceses at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 16th July, from 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, to mark both the Year of Mercy and the 100 anniversary of the Archdiocese. It will be a fun family day, all ending with Mass at 3.00 pm celebrated by the bishops. See Poster in the porch.



2nd Collections

During the month of June the 2nd collections were devoted to both local and international charities. These included ‘Day for Life’, the Alzheimer’s Society Hereford, Headway and DEC (Disaster Emergency Relief Fund).

During this month, July, the 2nd collections will be devoted, again, to both local and international charities. These will include Peter’s Pence, the Apostleship of the Sea, Retired Priests’ fund, and St Michael’s Hospice.

Occasionally there will have to be last minute changes and the actual charities supported will be confirmed retrospectively. From time to time more detailed information about the charities supported will appear either in the Newsletter or in the Angel.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 16 July
Grandparents’ and
Grandchildren’s Day

Tuesday 19 July
2:30 Tea & Chat
Parish Centre

Thursday 21 July
2:00 pm
Mass at Longworth Chapel
(Note time change)

Friday 22 July
9:am
Church Cleaning

Sunday 31 July
Pay for and Collect
Tesco Vouchers



REFUGEE CRISIS

Thanks to those who donated items for us to take across to Calais/Dunkirk on our visit at the beginning of June and for all your prayers. We had an amazing time and met many kind people who have given up their jobs to be volunteers.

Many of you have asked us what you could do to help and here are some

suggestions:- while we were putting together food bags to be delivered into the camps we noticed that small bags of spices were included. These spices have to be weighed and packed into bags by the volunteers; this obviously takes time so our friend David Bland decided to get members of the Leominster Priory congregation together in small groups to pack these bags. If anyone is interested in getting together in small groups locally to pack spice bags, please let us know and we'll give you the details. We will then make sure they get delivered to David who is again going over to Calais at the beginning of August. Donations are still needed so if you can help in any way please contact Rob and Jacqui on 01432 352241.



Sick and Housebound Parishioners
If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners please let the Parish Office know. We can then make arrangements for Fr Nicholas or an extraordinary minister to bring them Holy Communion or for a priest to come and hear confession if that is required. This also applies to parishioners who move into a care or nursing home. Please remember that hospitals no longer advise us of Catholics in hospital!



HOMILY

Illustration

At this time of year, many of us are likely to be looking forward to holidays. Some of us leave everything to the last minute, of course, resulting in a frantic dash, trying to remember where everything is: tickets, passports and so on. For others, the excitement of travel begins with the preparation, which perhaps on occasion becomes even more important than the trip itself. This, it seems, is not a new phenomenon. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, the great Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson, of *Treasure Island* fame, penned the phrase, "to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive". Whether the expression was entirely Stevenson's own invention is open to debate: a similar saying is attributed to the Buddha, from around the fifth century BC. Whatever one's view of when and how to prepare for a journey, in today's world adequate preparation for travel is a necessity rather than an option.

Gospel Teaching

It is surprising, therefore, when we read in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke that Jesus not only sent out disciples in a state that we could describe as woefully unprepared, but that he expressly forbade them to make adequate preparation. In today's Gospel passage, unique to Luke, Jesus appoints seventy-two others – disciples not numbered among the Twelve – and sends them out in pairs to places that he himself will visit. They will do essentially what Jesus himself has been doing: they are to cure those who are sick and proclaim the nearness of God's kingdom. If they meet with hostility they are to move on, first wiping from their feet the very dust of that town, just as pious Jews would do when they re-entered their own land from Gentile territory. Shaking the dust from their feet was a sign of rejecting anything unclean before entering God's land.

These instructions are, however, only half of the story. Jesus lists a whole series of things the disciples are not to do. In a nutshell, they have to do absolutely nothing to prepare for their journey. They must take nothing with them that would aid their travel: no purse, no haversack, no sandals. In the context of modern-day travel, Jesus would be saying, "Don't take any currency (or credit cards) with

you; don't take luggage, because you won't be packing anything – oh, and don't bother taking a change of shoes!" Likewise, they must not look around for the best accommodation; they are to settle wherever they are made welcome, and they are to eat what is set before them. Worst of all: they are not to stop on the way to talk to anyone!

This journey is not a holiday. Jesus' instructions emphasise the urgency of the task for his envoys. Jesus has just begun his journey to Jerusalem. He has set his face resolutely to this task, because in Jerusalem he will meet his destiny: to suffer, die and rise again. Before he reaches there, the kingdom of God must be proclaimed as far and as insistently as possible. Disciples must not delay the start of the journey through preparation, and they must not worry about what to take. They are embarking on God's work as Jesus' emissaries: God will provide them with everything they need.

Application

Today's Gospel may seem remote from our world, yet on reflection we may see that despite the peculiarities of Jesus' instructions, they are timeless. Pope Francis has said that to be a disciple is to be a missionary. As disciples, we are called to reflect on our own eagerness to proclaim the

kingdom of God to those around us. That proclamation was not to be delayed or lessened by Jesus' disciples concentrating on other things. Their presence alone was a sign that the kingdom of God was at hand.

The same is true for us today. Our hesitations, faults and failings can be barriers to the announcement that the kingdom of God is at hand. Likewise, we can always find excuses to think we can't be the bearers of the Good News. Yet our lives, if they are Gospel-based, are automatically proclamations of the kingdom. Our capacity to bring healing to others first and foremost rests on our capacity to be in solidarity with them. We don't need passports, tickets, luggage and currency to be disciples: we do, however, need the desire to go on that journey to the places where we can take the Good News of Jesus himself.



Apostleship of the Sea

This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable AoS to continue its work with seafarers. Please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS please visit their website at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.



St Benedict's Medal

This medal originally came from a cross in honour of St Benedict. On one side, the medal has an image of St Benedict, holding the Holy Rule in his left hand and a cross in his right. There is a raven on one side of him, with a cup on the other side of him. Around the medal's outer margin are the words "*Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur*" ("May we, at our death, be fortified by His presence"). The other side of the medal has a cross with the initials **CSSML** on the vertical bar which signify "*Crux Sacra Sit Mihi Lux*" ("May the Holy Cross be my light") and on the horizontal bar are the initials **NDSMD** which stand for "*Non Draco Sit Mihi Dux*" ("Let not the dragon be my overlord"). The initials **CSPB** stand for "*Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti*" ("The Cross of the Holy Father Benedict") and are located on the interior angles of the cross. Either the inscription "**PAX**" (Peace) or the Christogram "**IHS**" may be found at the top of the cross in most cases. Around the medal's margin on this side are the *Vade Retro Satana* initials **VRNSMV** which stand for "*Vade Retro Satana, Nonquam Suade Mihi Vana*" ("Begone Satan, do not suggest to me thy vanities") then a space followed by the initials **SMQLIVB** which signify "*Sunt Mala Quae Libas, Ipse Venena Bibas*" ("Evil are the things thou profferest, drink thou thy own poison").

Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 17th July - 15th in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Adrian Eyre	Brenda Warde	Gabrielle Stanley
2 nd Reading	Jacqui- R-Smith		Marje Hayes
Bidding Prayers	Richard Batho		Pat Draper
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Frances Wood & Menna McBain	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Chris Moore

Next Sunday - Parish Outreach

<p><i>Tune your Ear to Wisdom</i></p> <p><i>July 22-24 (2 days Reg Fee £26)</i></p> <p><i>What is 'lectio', how did it develop and how was it practiced over the centuries?</i></p> <p><i>Dom Brendan Thomas</i></p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 17 July	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	10-Jul	Jacqui Corrigan & Rob Blackburn
	17-Jul	Jackie King & Pauline Gill
	24-Jul	Pat Wood & Mary Wood
31-Jul	Jacqui Moore & Rachel Cowdrey	

Please pray for all who have died: ***May they rest in peace.*** (W/C 10 July)

Deaths: Shaun Harrington, Edna Ledford, Fr Luke, Lesley Hayes and Bernard Clayton.

Anniversaries: Joan Hann, Elizabeth Kenway, Ernest Menken, Dom Cuthbert Bennett, Arthur Chichester, Thomas Crump, Gertrude Daniel, Frederick H Harris, Mary Owen, Susan Rosser, Dom Philip Jackson, William Pritchard, Anna O'Neil, Vera Davies and Gwendoline Manley.

The Sick: Please pray for: Bernard Johnson, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, Syliva Evans, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Peter Lee, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medlicott, Sr Philipa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Fr Michael Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 10th July Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 15 OT)

<p>15th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread...</p> <p>Communion: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30 am	09:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Annette Mansie	Ann Stapleton	Marnie Archer & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Fran Smallwood	Lucy Zammit	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Julia Davey		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayer	Liz Norman		Peter Davies
Offertory	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry		Jane Davies
Mass Intention		Pro Populo	
Second Collection - Apostleship of the Sea			
Food Bank Delivery: Ray and Margaret Rose			

What's On for the week	
Mon	St Benedict: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	St Bonaventura: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition & Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	Our Lady of Carmel: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am