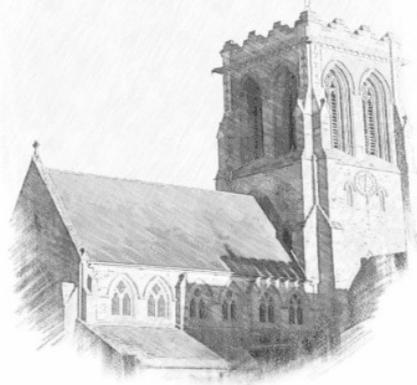


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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Don't forget, the Summer Fete is next Saturday! Don't forget to return your raffle tickets stubs to the parish centre as soon as possible. We are still looking for cakes, homemade produce, and any spare bottles. Most importantly, **please do support us** and come along, even for only a short period, and don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours along for a fun and sunny afternoon on the monastery lawns.

The second collection today is for St Joseph's School for hearing impaired children. St Joseph's is a very special school, started in Makeni, Sierra Leone in 1979, destroyed in the civil war of the 90s, & lovingly re-established in 2003. Care & education is provided for over 250 hearing impaired students aged 3 to 18 from very poor backgrounds, who are often marginalized or rejected. Monica Tomlin, one of our parishioners, is currently in Makeni and devotes much of her time to this school.

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 st Collection	£359.96
	Standing Orders	£581.00
The 1 st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 nd Collection	£188.40
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 St Joseph, Makeni. hank 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.



CAFOD Free will-writing service

Did you know that CAFOD offers a free will-writing service? Pick up a leaflet in the porch, email legacy@cafod.org.uk or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367 to find out more.



<p>Dates for your diary</p> <p>15 June Church Cleaning 9:00 am</p> <p>16 June Garden Fete 2:00 pm</p>
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The Fete

What we need now IS LOTS OF BOTTLES, we still don't have enough for our fantastic bottle stall. Please also bake some yummy cakes! Also needed are items for the provisions stall! Many thanks !

We also need some help on Friday morning to help decorate the lawns, help set up tables etc - all those little things that make the Fete so good.

Items for Tea Tent

We urgently need cans of fizzy drink, coke, lemonade, small bottles of orange juice, squash, crisps (preferably Walkers), serviettes or if anyone would like to make a donation so that we can buy. Please contact Jacqui Corrigan on 01432 352241 if you need more info. Many thanks.

Please bring all items to Parish Porch - not the Church Porch.





Longworth Pre-Reformation Catholic Chapel

Archbishop George Stack will be celebrating Holy Mass at Long worth Chapel on Thursday 14th June at 11:00 am. He will also be blessing the re-installed and restored beautiful East Window which has not been seen for many years.

Note The Chapel is on the same side road as St. Michael's Hospice, off the Hereford to Ledbury road, shortly after Bartestree.



On Saturday 30th June; 9.30 -17.00, at Douai Abbey the English Benedictine Congregation will be holding a day of monastic exploration. So if you are aged between 18 and 30 and would like to learn more about the monastic way of life then join us for a day exploring the depth of our monastic tradition. Come and discover a wisdom that helps you make better choices and offers a way to God. For further details visit our website www.benedictines.org.uk/open or contact Dom Andrew Berry OSB on 01905 454352.



150+ Club Draw

1st Sarah De Rohan

2nd Jim Donovan

3rd Teresa Hill



How do we help people become active Catholics?

How can we share our faith better? Sherry Weddell's book tells us how 150 people become active Catholics! Come and find out how with Madeline Page our diocesan Evangelisation and Education Officer. Please join us either in All Hallows', Misikin every Tuesday, 3 pm – 4 pm, June 5– July 10 or **Our Lady's, Hereford every Wednesday**, 7 pm-8 pm, June 6– July 11. For any questions please contact Madeline on 029 2036 5965 / madeline.page@rcadc.org



Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill

Baroness Nuala O'Loan's bill (as above) is proceeding though Parliament. This Bill will protect medical staff from having to be involved in abortion-related activities and other areas including the withdrawal of medication, nutrition and fluids

from patients at the end of life. This is an important Bill and further information about it, including how to contact your MP, can be found at: www.freeconscience.org.uk.



Pilgrimage to Oberammergau 2020

The adult education department of the diocese is running a pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020 (the performance season only happens once every ten years). This will be a *coach* pilgrimage, departing from Cardiff and calling at numerous shrines across Europe including the Marian shrines at Banneux and Beauraing in Belgium. Other stops will include Ghent, Cologne (Cathedral), and Amsterdam. The tour runs Wednesday 16th - Thursday 24th September 2020. Places are limited and can be reserved now by payment of a deposit of £250. Further similar payments will be needed by 16th December 2018 and 31st March 2019, with the final balance payable 8 weeks before departure. If the tour is filled, shared rooms are available at £1295 and single rooms require a £315 supplement.

The group chaplain will be Cardiff priest Revd Gareth Leyshon, who will celebrate Mass daily and provide a programme of prayer and reflection throughout the pilgrimage. To obtain

booking forms and full terms & conditions, contact him on 029 2073 1061 or email gareth.leyshon@rcadc.org for details.



EMMAUS YOUTH are having their next meeting on Saturday 23rd June 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 on Saturday 14th July from 2.30-5.30 pm where they can join us for faith, fun and friendship. For information please call Jacqui on 01432 352241 or email emmausyouth@hotmail.com.



This afternoon, through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Church Katie Joanna Ridgway. Please pray for her and her family.



SCRIPTURE IN ART A DAY OF REFLECTION

On Saturday 23rd June Christian & Esther Mahoney will lead us on a day looking at Scripture in Art. This calm and reflective day will help us to pray with the hidden depths of scripture in Christian art. Prepare to see things anew! We will meet in in Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, Gabalfa Avenue,

Cardiff, CF14 2QQ at 10am until 3pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own packed lunch.

For more information visit catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/june2018 or email catholicbible-schooluk@gmail.com.



Homily

“Anyone who does the will of God... is my brother and sister and mother.”

Illustration

There is a village in Wales with a tragic story. Its name is Beddgelert, which means the burial place of Gelert. This legendary hero was a dog. Tradition has it that a thirteenth-century prince called Llewellyn was given the hound by his hated overlord, King John of England. One day Llewellyn returned home to find his baby’s cradle overturned and the baby gone. As the dog ran up to greet him, Llewellyn noticed that its muzzle was smeared with blood. Thinking that the dog had savaged his child, Llewellyn drew his sword and killed it instantly. Then, from beneath the cradle, came a cry. There was the baby, unharmed – and, next to him, the lifeless body of a wolf. The dog had bravely defended his master’s beloved child from the wolf’s attack.

Llewellyn had misjudged the dog, jumping to conclusions before knowing the facts. Prejudice blinded him to the possibility of goodness. He buried the dog with honour, but the dying whimpers of that loyal hound stayed with Llewellyn. They say he never smiled again, sickened that in an act of heroic love he could perceive only madness and evil.

Gospel Teaching

Some people mistakenly saw madness and evil in Jesus. He was not like other healers who used potions and incantations to make people better: Jesus lifted people from their crippling sense of worthlessness with a touch. Unlike the religious teachers of his day who were preoccupied with ritual correctness, Jesus taught that goodness and kindness pleased God most. He felt great warmth towards men and women who were honest about themselves and who recognised that they needed help. You are my brother, my sister, my mother, he said to them. Many sensed that God had come among them. However, in today’s Gospel we hear how Jesus’ family feared for his sanity and scribes from Jerusalem even accused him of being possessed. It is ironic that the ones who failed to recognise goodness when they saw it were the religious experts. What they did not understand, they discredited. Since Jesus did not fit the

conventional idea of what a holy man should be, they assumed he must be doing Satan's work.

Jesus' reply is as startling now as it must have sounded then. Satan is tied up, he told them, like a strong man whose house is being burgled, looking on helplessly while his possessions are carried off. Jesus was trying to show them that God had broken into all their lives; that the world need no longer be locked in Satan's dungeon of despair. Everywhere, forgiveness and reconciliation were releasing people and restoring their sense of well-being. Satan was powerless to stop it because Jesus could not be seduced by wealth or comfort. Pleasing God mattered to him more than popularity; his trust in God's love made him unafraid. By believing what God said and doing what God asked, Jesus disarmed the prince of devils – and against such faith, evil is powerless.

Application

We live in a time when the difference between good and evil seems less clear than ever. Where honesty and selflessness are viewed as something weak or foolish, then even people of faith may convince themselves that right is wrong, and that wrongdoing is nothing to worry about because everyone else bends the rules. There may come a time when, like the

scribes, we can no longer recognise God's presence in our world, nor understand how much in need we are of healing.

We have, of course, a helper. It is the work of God's Holy Spirit to awaken us to truth and to change us from within. Should we refuse to be honest with ourselves, however, we may be pushing away God's freeing, life-giving Spirit. Today's Gospel issues a grave warning to anyone whose awareness of right and wrong has become dulled. It is far from a joke to reject the one who comes to rescue us. No one is beyond mercy, but to receive God's forgiveness, first we must want it. So it is that we come before God, understanding how much in need we are of God's compassion; caring deeply about all that remains in us to be transformed. Humbly, we join the crowd who gathered at the home of Jesus in Capernaum, imperfect people like ourselves who desire to live in a way that is more pleasing to God. To us Jesus says: You are my brother, my sister, my mother.



Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 17 June 2018</u> 11 in Ordinary Time Year B Cycle 2			
	08:30:	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Liz Norman	Desmond Keohane	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Patrick Walesby	Pat Draper
2 nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Jane Davies
Bidding Prayers	Julia Davey		Gabrielle Stanley
Offertory	Hickey Boys	Nickerson Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Eddie & Kath Parry		Deacon Eddie & Andre Pavia
Next Sunday - Day for Life			

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	
	10-Jun	Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman
	17-Jun	Andrew M & Mary Wood
	24-Jun	Jacqui Moore & Pauline Gill
	01-Jul	Pat Wood & Monica Russell
	08-Jul	Pat Wood & Jan Wyman

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

Deaths: Claire George, Lillian Allsopp, Gill Wiseman and William Padden

Anniversaries: Lesley Hayes, Joseph Sessarego, Teresa Garrett, Kathleen Sumner, Isobella Milsom, Catherine Wegg-Prosser, Ronald Fitness, Shelah Pascoe, Fr Luke Waring osb, Mary Crilly, Abbott Raynal osb and Br. William Shearwood osb.

The Sick: Please pray for: Veronica Mayne, Delia Swainson, Sally Johns, Neal Harries, Kenny Hanna, Fr Aidan, Rachel Thompson, Phillip Archer, Sonja Hayes, Robin Hayward, Gil Savory, Denise Ellis, Chris & Sue Rogers, Peter Draper, Dominique Wetz, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	<p>Entrance: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread ...</p> <p>Communion: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30:	09:30	11:00:
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Hayes Family	Anne Stapleton	Marnie Archer & Brenda Sherwood
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Mary Hayes	Clare Nickerson	Margaret Rose
2 nd Reading	Richard Batho		Tony Archer
Bidding Prayer	Jacqui Ramage-S		Sergio Pavia
Offertory	Hayes Family	Gillick Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Fran Smallwood & Julia Davey		Joao Pavia & Deacon Eddie
Mass Intention		Pro Populo	Terry Concannon RIP
Second Collection: St Joseph, Makeni			
Food Bank Collection:			

What's On for the week	
Mon	St Barnabas: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am;
Wed	St Anthony of Padua: Mass at 8 am: Midday Mass in the Oratory
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in the Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10 am