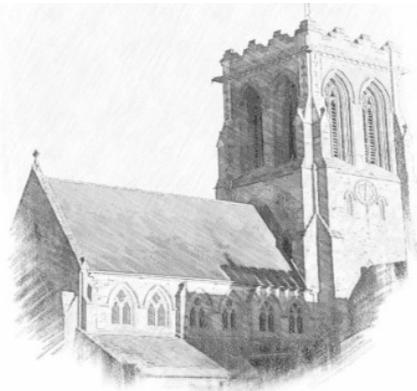


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The Holy Trinity

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Today, Trinity Sunday, the church rejoices in the impenetrable mystery that God is triune (three-in-one) - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How the Lord can be one God in three distinct persons is completely beyond the ability of any human to understand. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians accept this incomprehensible mystery as a fundamental article of faith. We were baptized in the name of the Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and adopted by God as his sons and daughters. So we are caught up in the love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and our part of this perfectly loving family, for God is Love itself.

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.

Unfortunately the Church Loop hearing system has stopped working. We will endeavour to repair or replace the box as soon as possible.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£313.07
	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	£279.59
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: Peru Appeal Thank You!		



Parish Outreach

The outreach second collection for the next two weeks will be for the parish of San Lorenzo in Peru. The parish used to support this parish whilst Fr Joseph was parish priest. We have received a request for help from the local community to assist in the rebuilding of their church which was badly damaged during the devastating floods earlier this year.

The collection on June 18th will be the annual Day for Life collection and the mandatory Peter's Pence collection will be taken on June 25th.



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 29th July Jennifer Woodman &
Charles Kirby



Congratulations to Matthew Corrigan & Esther Rich who were married in the Abbey yesterday. We wish them every blessing and our prayers on this wonderful occasion.



Belmont Fete

The Fete is this coming Saturday. It's a bit late for the gardeners amongst you to grow plants but the cooks amongst you still have time to bring in cakes, muffins and other pastries. Please help and get cooking. We still need bottles for the very popular Bottle Stall. We need about 400 + bottles so if you could bring some, it would be much appreciated. Thank you for your help! And of course we do need help setting up on Friday and Saturday and we need lots of help to take everything down after the Fete when everyone is exhausted. Your help would be so appreciated!



Tea Tent

The tea tent is looking for donations of washing up liquid, j-cloths, rubber gloves, cans of drink (fruit shoots), crisps, serviettes, plastic bowls, coffee, tea and plastic spoons. If you can help please drop your items off at the Parish Hall or leave with Father Nick or contact Jacqui Moore. Many thanks for your help!



Be an Angel

And write or photograph something for **The Angel**, which we hope to publish by the end of June. Please send items to the Parish Office or give to Fr Nick.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 June
Church Cleaning
9:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration
Poor Clare Convent
Friday 16th to Sunday 18th June
See Poster for more details

Corpus Christi
Sunday 18th June at 4pm
Solemn Vespers and Procession at
Belmont Abbey

20 June
Tea & Chat
3:30
Parish Hall

24 June
First Holy Communion Class
10:30



DAY OF REFLECTION – Pope Francis’ vision for a renewed Church

CAFOD is hosting a day of reflection to contemplate the deeper meanings of Pope Francis’ teachings. This will be a chance to learn more about some of the issues that Pope Francis has spoken out on, including issues around global poverty, inequality, refugees, the environment and care for the global family – all through the theme of mercy. The day will be a chance to stop, pray and reflect and look at how we can reconnect our lives to the values of the Gospel. Please do make a special effort to come along to what will be an informative and transformative event! Free – all welcome. Wednesday 21 June, 10:30-15:00, at Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey, Hereford HR2 9RZ. Please see the poster at the back of Church for further details or call 02920 344882.



Emmaus Youth

Due to there being two celebrations of First Holy Communion at Our Lady’s Church on Saturday 24th June we have decided to change the date of the next Emmaus Youth meeting. It will now be held on Saturday 1st July from 2.30-5.30 pm. This will replace the meeting scheduled for

15th July. We will be sending out future dates later in the summer.



Longworth Catholic Chapel

His Grace Archbishop George Stack is returning again to celebrate Holy Mass in the Chapel on Thursday, 15th June at 12.00 noon. It is hoped that parishioners from every Parish in the County will be able to come together for this annual celebration in Herefordshire's only surviving Catholic Pre-Reformation Chapel.

Note. Longworth Chapel lies next to the old Bartestree Convent (now Frome Court , HR1 4DX) and is on the entrance road leading to St. Michael's Hospice from the Hereford -Ledbury road.



Hereford Food Bank

The Food Bank is in urgent need of more supplies and is particularly short of **tinned soup and tinned fish**. At this time there is no need for pasta or tins of beans but all other items would be very much welcomed. Thank you for your continued support. Chris



Patrick Walesby wishes to thank everyone for their kind messages and cards of support, prayers and help during his great illness. Patrick was very much touched and humbled by everyone's intervention; and is very grateful, as his recovery is now making good progress as he continues to hope for even better news in the coming months after further tests, examinations and reviews.



Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) taking place June 23rd – 26th in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project, Guvna B & Written In Kings. To journey together in Faith through liturgy & worship and to hear stimulating input about the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our website: brightlights.org.uk, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival





Confirmation 2018

Will you be in School Year 9 or above this September? Do you have a desire to learn more about your faith and to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the summer of 2018?

This usually involves a commitment to a weekend non-residential retreat at the start in the autumn and 22 sessions lasting approximately 90minutes over the following months (avoiding school holidays).

Please contact Fr Nick or Chris Moore (cjm1957@btinternet.com) (if you are interest) as soon as possible so we can consider the options for preparation of candidates.



HOMILY

“God... gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.”

Illustration

We get very upset when our deepest friendships and relationships fall apart; and quite understandably so. We have invested so much of ourselves in another person. We have entrusted our innermost thoughts and feelings, have become very vulnerable in our openness to him or her, and now it feels as though we have been betrayed, slighted and let

down. The same feelings can be there, even when we are the ones responsible for the betrayal or neglect. They are also there when the break is caused by natural causes such as death or going away to live elsewhere.

In marriage and bereavement counselling the attempt is made to understand what has happened in such experiences, to acknowledge our feelings of anger, pain and loss. As the work continues there can also be an attempt to help us understand what makes relationships work. A short, rather humorous mnemonic sometimes used is that of REG and RUBY, meaning “respect, empathy and genuineness” or “respect, understanding and being yourself”. These three elements are simple measures for us to use when we ask ourselves what is happening between us and those we love. Respect is that sense of valuing the other person as we value ourselves. Empathy and understanding are appreciation of where others are coming from and our ability to communicate that insight. Genuineness, or being ourselves, is the freedom to share the fullness of ourselves with another. Quite often we try to hide our full selves because we think we may not be loved. Honesty enables us to share the messy bits, the bits we may be ashamed of, as well as the image we

may think to be more acceptable or impressive.

Gospel Teaching

We cannot actually know God fully. Our attempts to get a grasp on God by natural reflection are better at telling us what God is not rather than what God is. The Church has always taught there is no contradiction between the God of reason and the God of faith, but our faith takes us into realms of perception and imagination that reason struggles with.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity emerged gradually in the Church's thinking and teaching, and there have been many different ways of reflecting on it. What God reveals to us is always for our salvation. That is why God the Father sends his Son into the world. Through the coming of the Son and his sacrifice on our behalf we shall not be lost; rather we shall have eternal life. We shall enter into the mystery of God's own being. This gift is not offered just to the Son's followers. It is offered to the world. The Son has come not to condemn the world but so that through him the world might be saved. We, his followers, are the ones who proclaim that message and who try in our lives to live out the pattern of truth and love expressed in the mystery of his own life which God has shared with us.

Application

So does the life of the Father, Son and Spirit reflect the principles of good relationships we noted in REG and RUBY? The late Jack Dominian, psychiatrist and theologian, offered a way of looking at the roles of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as revealed to us that may help us in our human relationships. He noted that the Father offers the role of creator, the Son that of healer and redeemer, the Holy Spirit that of enlivener. To keep our relationships alive and well all three of these qualities are essential. We need to sustain each other, be there for each other, be a reliable support in good times and in bad. We also need to heal each other, not just when we fall out between ourselves. When things go wrong in our lives, when we lose our jobs, fall ill or have any sort of trial or tribulation, we need those who are close to us to hold us and help the restoration of our confidence, health and self-esteem. Finally we need to offer each other excitement and adventure, risk and new horizons, challenge and inspiration.

In such a scenario the life of the Holy Trinity is not a distant mystery but lies at the heart of what it means to be fully human. We could also note that we have just described exactly what we commit ourselves to in our marriage vows.

Ministers, etc. For next <u>Sunday 18 June Corpus Christi Year A - Cycle 1</u>			
	08:30	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Liz Norman	Desmond Keohane	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Julia Davey	Anthea Morton-Saner	Niamh Cole
2 nd Reading	Margaret Rose		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui R-Smith		Pat Wood
Offertory	Hayes Family	Teresa Harriss & Menna McBain	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Joao Pavia & Gabrielle Stanley
Next Sunday - Day for Life Collection			

Anniversaries	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.	11-Jun
18- Jun		A Morawiecki & Rachel Cowdrey
25-Jun		Jackie King & Mary Wood
02-Jul		Jacqui Moore & Rob Blackburn
09-Jul		Pat Wood & Jan Wyman

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 11 June)

Deaths: Brian Lawrence, Sister Clare, Mary Jo Donnelly and Maureen Toner

Anniversaries: Mary de Bollegui, Fr. Cyril Adams, Edward Harris, Dorothy Elsie Harris, Roger Langford, Ghassan Salem Hanna, Barbara Meredith, Emily Rogers, Austen Lilwall, Dom Bede Moore, Id Davies, Marion Rosser, Edna Ledford, Muriel Daniels, Patricia Jean Firkins, Victor Hill, Card Basil Hume OSB and Cecilia Wegg-Prosser.

The Sick: Please pray for: Seamus Hayes, Carol Baines, Michael Kennedy, Chris Rogers, Peter Draper, Fr Simon, Ruby Chandler-Marsh, Rachel George, Norma Naudain, Ann Thomas, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Sr Philpa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 11th June 2017 *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 10)*

<p><i>The Most Holy Trinity</i></p>	<p>Entrance: Blest be God the Father and the only Begotten Son of God and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the world...</p> <p>Communion: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Hayes Family	Anne Stapleton	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Bill Jackson	Brenda Warde	Pat Wood
2 nd Reading	Ann Jackson		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayer	Richard Batho		Pat Draper
Offertory	Parish Children	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Jacqui R- Smith		Tony Archer & Jan Wyman
Mass Intention	<i>T Concannon RIP</i>	<i>The Parish</i>	<i>Roger Langford RIP</i>
Second Collection - Parish Outreach - Peru			
Food Bank Delivery: Ray & Margaret Rose			

<i>What's On for the week</i>	
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Anthony of Padua: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11, Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am