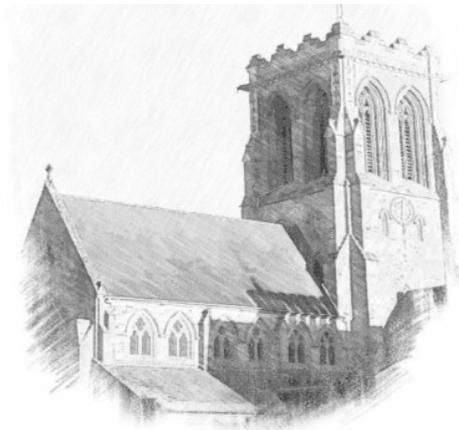


# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**24<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time**  
(Cycle C)

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Nicholas Wetz OSB

Tel: 01432 - 277319

email: [pp.belmontparish@gmail.com](mailto:pp.belmontparish@gmail.com)

[www.belmontparish.org.uk](http://www.belmontparish.org.uk)

### Parish Deacon

Rev Deacon Eddie Wyman

Tel: 01432 - 263575

Safeguarding Representative  
Gabrielle Stanley 07939 472059

Items for the Newsletter to  
[admin@belmontparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@belmontparish.org.uk)  
or The Parish Office

In your Newsletter today is a flyer advertising a Holy Door of Mercy event for non-Catholics or for those who have not attended Mass for a while. The meetings will be held at Belmont on Monday 19th September. Please see Chris Moore or Deacon Eddie for more information. If you know a non-Catholic or someone who has been away from Church who may be interested, please pass the flyer on to them.

Today on Education Sunday we pray for the work of our Catholic schools in the coming year. This year, the theme is 'All are welcome'. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis desires that our lives "be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God" to our parishes, our schools and our local communities. This mercy starts in our personal relationships, between students and teachers, between friends and family members. Our schools therefore play a crucial role in building a loving, merciful community. On this day, it is important to give thanks for our teachers, support staff and volunteers, who work hard every day to ensure our schools are inclusive welcoming centres of learning. The second collection today is for the Catholic Education Service.

Parishioners and visitors are very welcome to tea and coffee in Hedley Lodge **after all Masses** today. Do pop in – even for only five minutes!

*Fr Nicholas*

|               |                            |                |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Last Sunday's | 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | <b>£328.01</b> |
|               | Standing Orders            | <b>£412.50</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>£146.05</b> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|

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 ***Parish Outreach. Thank you!***

**Tesco Vouchers – Don't forget that the September distribution is a week early this month – next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September.**



The next **JUMBLE** is on 29 October - so we do need some more items. If you do have clothes that are not fit for purpose do put them in a bag and mark it rags - we can sell them. Thank you for your continued efforts.



### **New Rota of Ministries**

A new rota is due from 9 October to and including 20 January 2017. Could I please have your non-available dates by 25 September either by e-mail on [Frangrant235@btinternet.com](mailto:Frangrant235@btinternet.com) or on 01432 266307. Many thanks. *Fran G.*



**Congratulations** to Natalie Sadler & Michael Paiano who were married in the Abbey on Friday. We wish them every happiness in the years ahead.



### **Forthcoming Marriages**

We offer our prayers and best wishes to the following couples who are preparing for marriage here at Belmont Abbey over the next few weeks:

*17th Sept*

Bryony Barling & Victor Lamarque

*15th October*

Rebecca Kenzie & Thomas Green

*5th November*

Emma Holder & Joel Grisman



### **Diamond Diners**

This is a lunch club for those over 60 years. We meet at the "Three Horseshoes" public house at Allensmore, behind Locks Garage. We are a friendly group which enjoys eating together once a month on the 1st Tuesday in the month at 1pm. The price for two courses is £6.95 and for three courses is £8.95. If you would like to join us please let Ray Rose know, 0783 773 2611, or sign/add your name to the form in the Parish Centre not later than the previous Sunday.

The dates until December are: - October 4th, November 1st and December 6th. We look forward to meeting you there, it is best to be there by 12:45 to allow time to order food. Many thanks

### **Tea & Chat**

We are an informal group who are all part of the wider Belmont Abbey Community. We have a cup of tea, slice of cake or a biscuit and sit and chat. The cake is provided by some of those present. (We can always do with more cake makers.) We meet in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We do ask for a donation in order to buy milk, tea and coffee and to contribute to heating costs on the winter. It is a friendly relaxing environment, and much welcomed by those who live on their own and like company.

The advertised date of **September 20th** has been **CANCELLED** due to many people being away and the nearness to the Macmillan Coffee afternoon on 30th September (See separate notice).

The remaining dates are: - October 18th and November 15th. There won't be one on December 20th due to the nearness of Christmas. No need to let anyone know, just turn up and enjoy yourselves.

*Margaret Rose*



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

16 September

9:00 am

Church Cleaning

Sunday

18 September

**Tesco vouchers**

**Pay & Pick up**

19 September

Holy Door Event

1 pm & 6:30 pm

Hedley Lodge

25 September

Deadline for

**New rota of Ministries**

21 October

6:45 for 7:00 pm

Quiz Supper

Hedley Lodge



The parish First Holy Communion programme will be beginning in the New Year. The children are prepared by parishioners who have a great love for the Eucharist and who wish to pass on their love and understanding to the next generation of Catholics. The family, the school and the priest also have an important role to play in

preparing the children. The children will make their First Holy Communion in early summer 2017 and there will be a series of preparatory classes which take place usually on Saturday mornings. Parents who would like their children (Year 3 and above) to be considered for First Holy Communion next Summer should speak to Fr Nicholas or Jacqui & Rob Corrigan.



**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We have supported the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' for some years now and this year it is on

September 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 2:30 in the  
Parish Hall



**Holy Door Event**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Belmont Abbey is offering guests a simple meal in Hedley Lodge at 1pm and 6.30pm, free of charge, followed by an opportunity to pass through the Door of Mercy. We need to get the word out to potential guests that they are invited to these meals. The invitation is for Catholics who are no longer regular attenders at church and for people who have never followed the Christian faith.

At the end of the meal, a parish representative will give a short explanation of what the Holy Door means, and invite those who wish to pass through it.

The key message is that everyone is welcome as part of a local community of worshipping Catholics. There are flyers available for you to pass on to your family members, friends, and work colleagues.



Jan Wyman will be organising it this year, with Margaret Evans and family helping to setup tables and chairs the evening before.

Please do come and support this very worthy cause. Bring some homemade cake with you, or buy some cake and biscuits to share with others, and most importantly bring with you a donation which will be sent to Macmillan. Traditionally we have always been very generous to this cause. Most of us know someone who has benefited from the care and attention of a Macmillan Nurse. All monies raised are used locally for our own Nurses. Many thanks for making the effort. Jan's telephone number is 01432 263575. *Margaret Rose*



**Thank - you**

Once more, my heartfelt Thanks to everyone who has prayed for me during this recent set back . The Osteoporosis is not going to go away ,so,

your prayers are very supportive.  
Thank you all again!

*Polly Maund - Powell*



## Homily

*“He was lost and is found.”*

### Illustration

A traditional feature of many Catholic churches is what’s known as the St Anthony’s Box. Its presence is often taken for granted by those who have been brought up in the Catholic faith, but for newcomers or visitors to our churches its purpose may be somewhat confusing. Try explaining it to someone who’s unfamiliar with it and look at his or her face, as you explain that St Anthony is the saint who specialises in finding lost things. It may help to add that the money put in the box is supposed to be for those who are poor.

Finding lost things may seem like a trivial concern about which to ask for the prayers of a saint. Yet even the calmest of people can lose their cool if they have lost something. Sometimes we can become very agitated indeed, even if the thing that is lost is not all that valuable. That very human tendency to make a fuss about lost things, and to be overjoyed when we find them again, is the foundation of the three parables in the Gospel that we have heard today.

## Gospel Teaching

Sometimes, in the Gospels, Jesus asks the people to supply the ending of the parable he has told. In the Gospel of St Matthew he tells the story of the vineyard owner who sends agents to ask for the fruit of his vineyard. The people who rent the vineyard abuse the agents and finally kill the owner’s son. So Jesus asks his audience what the owner will do. The people reply, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.”

In today’s Gospel, we have three parables that Christ completes; but what if he had stopped and asked the people to finish them? The first two parables would have been easy to complete. What would the shepherd do? He would go looking for his lost sheep. What would the woman do? She would continue to search for her lost coin.

The ending of the third parable, although this story of the prodigal son may be very familiar to us, would have been less obvious to people hearing it for the first time. When we lose property, we want it back. When we lose people, our emotions are more complex. Anger and self-righteousness can get in the way. To

lose a son is much worse than to lose a sheep or a coin, but we often collude in the loss of someone in our lives. Pride stands in the way and excludes love. The father in the parable seems to humiliate himself, but what is that compared to the humility of Christ's incarnation and the cross? The only treasure God cares about is people. Yet this is not a treasure that can be found just by looking for it. This treasure has to cooperate if it is to be found. That is why an opportunity to forgive and to be forgiven is a cause for joy and celebration; but remember that the mirror of mercy looks two ways. We are called to see ourselves and our own sins in that mirror, as well as allowing the one who is forgiven to see that he or she is forgiven.

### **Application**

In the Dominican order, when an applicant seeks to be clothed as a novice, the would-be novice is asked what he or she seeks. The answer is: "God's mercy and yours". There is an important truth there. There cannot just be a relationship to God that excludes all other human beings, and most of all in the matter of God's mercy. Human beings need to be forgiven by each other as well. Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Humility makes mercy possible, but the humility of God has

placed mercy in our hands. We can obscure that mercy and make each other despair. Or we can give each other hope and enter into love.

Mercy is not like a medicine, which we may take for a while and then, being healed, are able to dispense with. It is more like the air that we breathe. We breathe it in and we breathe it out. Mercy is the atmosphere of heaven. It is the air in which all the songs of heaven are sung.



### **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!



**Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September- 25<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time Year C**

|                         | <b>08:30</b>                 | <b>09:30</b>                    | <b>11:00</b>         |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Celebrant               | Fr Nicholas                  |                                 | Fr Nicholas          |
| Welcomers               | Liz Norman                   | Patrick Walesby                 | Ross & Anne Williams |
| Sacristan               |                              |                                 | Chris Moore          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading | Richard Batho                | Clare Wichbold                  | Pat Draper           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Jacqui Ramage-S              |                                 | Sally Johns          |
| Bidding Prayers         | Fran Grant                   |                                 | Marje Hayes          |
| Offertory               | Parish Children              | Margaret Campbell & Maria Large |                      |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Fran Smallwood & Julia Davey |                                 | Monica Tomlin        |

***Next Sunday - Home Mission Sunday***

| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Anniversaries</b></p> <p>These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.</p> | <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>                              |                             |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
|   | <b>8.30 Children's Liturgy - temporarily cancelled</b> |                             |
|   | <b>11.00 am Liturgy</b>                                |                             |
|   | <b>11 Sept</b>   | Marje Hayes & Rob Blackburn |
|   | <b>18-Sep</b>  | A Morawiecki & Pauline Gill |
| <b>25-Sep</b>   | Jackie King & Rachel Cowdrey                           |                             |
| <b>02-Oct</b>   | Pat Wood & Monica Russell                              |                             |

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

***Deaths:*** Margaret O'Connor, Robert Moriawiecki, Peter Lee and Father Jerome.

***Anniversaries:*** Margaret Treanor, Alice Johnson, Rev. James Belt, Marjorie Hill, Evelyn Knights, Maria Vaughan and John Williams.

***The Sick:*** Please pray for: Connie Luxon, Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, David Kinsey, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Sr Philipa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

**Liturgy for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 24) OT)

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <p><b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b><br/><b>In</b><br/><b>Ordinary Time</b></p> | <p><b>Entrance:</b> Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> When we eat this Bread ...</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.</p> |
|---|--|

| <b>Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.</b> |                           |                   |                   |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | 08:30 am                  | 09:30 am          | 11:00 am          |
| Celebrant   | Fr Nicholas               |                   | Fr Nicholas       |
| Welcomer  | Hayes Family              | Ann Stapleton     | Hackman Family    |
| Sacristan   |                           |                   | Jeremy Hogan      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading   | Bill Jackson              | Clare Nickerson   | Jane Davies       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading   | Ann Jackson               |                   | Gabrielle Stanley |
| Bidding Prayer  | Fran Smallwood            |                   | Peter Davies      |
| Offertory   | Ramage-H Family           | Nickerson Family  |                   |
| Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)  | Frances Dees & Kath Parry |                   | Chris Moore       |
| Mass Intention  | <b>Connie Luxon</b>       | <b>Pro Populo</b> |                   |
| <b>Second Collection - Catholic Education Service</b>               |                           |                   |                   |
| <b>Food Bank Delivery: Ray &amp; Margaret Rose</b>                  |                           |                   |                   |

| <b>What's On for the week</b> |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Mon                           | <b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am  |
| Tue                           | <b>St John Chrysostom:</b> Mass at 8:00 am   |
| Wed                           | <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm |
| Thu                           | <b>Our Lady of Sorrows:</b> Mass at 8:00 am  |
| Fri                           | <b>St Cornelius &amp; Cyprian:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in Oratory                |
| Sat                           | <b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am  |