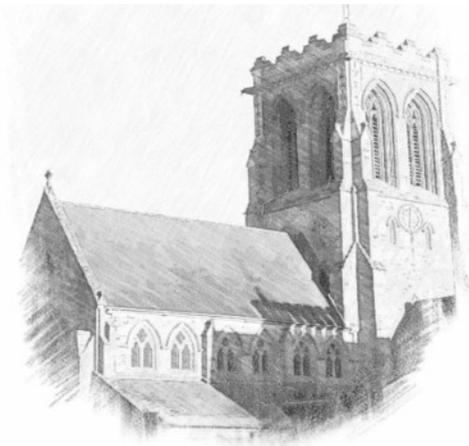


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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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, produce, and especially any unwanted small new gifts for the Tombola Stall. 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.

No Coffee after 11 am Mass this morning due to setting up for the Queen's Picnic lunch. There's still time for you to rush home and prepare a picnic and join others celebrating Her Majesty's 90th birthday. The large screen television in the hall will be on should anyone wish to watch the different pageants and events.

With sadness we report the death of a former parish priest of Belmont, Fr Luke, who died on Thursday night. His requiem Mass will probably be on Thursday 23 June at 2:30. May he rest in peace.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£351.70
	Standing Orders	£342.55
The 1 st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 nd Collection	£151.86
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>Parish Outreach. Thank you!</i>		



Belmont Annual Garden Fete

The Fete is on Saturday!!! Please come and help us set up, especially on Saturday morning.

If you are willing to help run a stall, or could help with the games please contact Kath Parry on 01981 250304.

Thank you to those parishioners who have already given two bottles for the bottle stall, but we do need lots more!! We haven't yet hit the 400 bottles that the Bottle stall needs.

Please leave all items for the Fete in the Parish Porch not the Glass Porch. Closer to the date we will ask you for help with items for the Tea Tent.

TEA TENT

The tea tent needs tea, sugar, tins of pop, bags of crisps, bottles of soft drink, serviettes and small paper

plates and anything else you can think of that the tea tent could use.

You can start bringing in cakes and goods for the provision stall now - we can keep them in the Hall til Saturday.

Draw tickets are now on sale. Please take some to sell to friends and neighbours.

Many thanks for your help!



The Second collection

Whilst the First Collection is your offering towards the upkeep and maintenance of the parish and church and the different annual levies, the second collection is more about our giving to other causes or appeals. This collection is usually reserved for special collections e.g. Cafod, mission or emergency appeals, the mandatory collections for the Church (Peter's Pence etc.) and so forth. However, over and above these collections there are Outreach Fund collections which will be given to worthy causes close to home and some abroad. Further information will be found in forthcoming Newsletters



The Angel

It is planned to trial a new format for The Angel to be published in early

July. Articles of interest should be sent to the Parish office by 30th June to admin@belmontparish.org.uk please. Digital photos of events would also be welcome.



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 2nd July	Nathalie Eakins & Benjamin Mazur
Sat 9th July	Abigail Trumper & Joe Markewicz
Sat 23rd July	Kerry Matthews & Jon Dallow
Thu 28th July	Andzela Kacinskaite & Gerard Cleugh



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 forthcoming dates for Tea & Chat are 21st June, 19th July and 16th August. All are welcome in the Parish Centre from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm.

Diamond Diners

The forthcoming dates for the Lunch Club are 7th June, 5th July and 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.



With sadness we report the death of Lesley Hayes who died last weekend. Her Requiem Mass will be here at Belmont on Tuesday 14th June at 2.30 pm. May she rest in peace



The Shroud of Turin Exhibition

This exhibition, featuring life-sized photographic replicas of the Shroud of Turin, was created by internationally respected expert Pam Moon and it aims to use the replica of the Shroud as a visual aid to tell the story of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and to examine the mystery of the cloth. St. Francis Xavier's church (in Parish Hall/Annexe) Opens Monday 27 June until Sunday 10 July .





**The Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic
June 12th 12:30 pm onwards**

This event is open to everyone who is part of the wider Belmont Community. Let us all join together to celebrate this occasion, by having a shared table.

Food can be laid out in the Parish Centre, and, weather permitting, can be consumed on Fr. Nicholas' lawn which we will try not to share with Alfie. Please bring finger food, sausages, quiche, sandwiches, crisps, cheese or anything else that can be eaten without knives and forks.

Please don't be shy or think it is not meant for you. Just come along and let us all celebrate together.

Margaret Rose



A new Rota of Ministries

is due from 26 June to and including 2 October 2016. Please let me know your non-available dates as soon as possible on 01432 266307 or Email frangrant235@btinternet.com. Many thanks for your help. *Fran Grant*



Lost and Found

There are quite a few items now. They are in the drawer marked Lost and Found in the Glass Porch. Please have

a look if you have lost anything. All items will go to the next jumble if not collected.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Queen's Jubilee Picnic
12 June

Belmont Grand Fete
18 June

Tuesday 21 June
2:30 pm
Tea & Chat

Friday 24 June
9:00 am
Church Cleaning

Sunday 26 June
Pay for and collect
Tesco Vouchers

16 July
Grandparents' and
Grandchildren's Day



**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.



Down-sizing Garage Sale

At 23 Woodfield Gardens on Sunday 12 June between 3 and 4:30 pm. Many things for sale from a full-sized freezer to outdoor chairs with cushions. Please come and support Frances Wood in her efforts to down-size.



HOMILY

“It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love.”

Illustration

Early on in the famous novel *Les Misérables*, written by Victor Hugo, we are introduced to one of the main characters, Jean Valjean. He has just been released on parole after serving a sentence of nineteen years of imprisonment in the galleys. He had been convicted of stealing a loaf of bread to feed the starving children of his sister. Now he tries to rehabilitate himself in society. But it proves impossible, for everywhere he goes, as soon as he is recognised as an ex-convict, he is rejected and cast out.

Finally he knocks at the door of a kindly old bishop, who receives him and shows hospitality by giving him a meal and a bed for the night. But during the night Jean steals the bishop’s silver and flees. He is arrested by the police and brought before the bishop. Instead of condemning him, the bishop pretends that he had given the silverware as a gift and in fact then adds two candlesticks, which he claims Jean had forgotten to take. This unexpected act of forgiveness and gift of great generosity gives Jean Valjean the chance to make a break with his past life and begin anew.

Gospel Teaching

In Luke’s Gospel, just before the verses that we read today, we are told that John the Baptist was criticised by his contemporaries for being too ascetic and not drinking wine while Jesus was attacked for being “a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collector and sinners”. And today’s incident in the Gospel gives an example of this behaviour. What we see is God’s kingdom breaking in as Jesus reaches out to those who are condemned by the law. Jesus is invited to a meal by Simon the Pharisee, but once he is seated at table a woman with a bad reputation gatecrashes the party and starts behaving in what the other guests believe to be a very inappropriate manner. She begins weeping over Jesus’ feet, kissing them and finally anointing them with ointment. Imagine

if that happened today. Think of the embarrassment.

For Simon the Pharisee, this proves that Jesus has no real prophetic insight into the type of woman who is touching him. But Jesus catches him out with a parable. Simon has to admit that a debtor forgiven a huge debt would show more love to the creditor than one who had only been forgiven a small amount. This sinful woman has been accepted, forgiven by Jesus. Such unexpected generosity releases in her those extravagant gestures of love that match God's hospitality. She reflects the abundant grace of God, which unexpectedly breaks through boundaries that human beings seek to impose. The restraint and sobriety of John the Baptist have their place, but we are called to rejoice in the extravagant love of God who welcomes sinners and forgives them. The woman has experienced that forgiveness for her many sins and in a sense she can't restrain her love. Simon the Pharisee, rather like the elder brother in the story of the prodigal son, does not want to celebrate God's unlimited forgiveness; he disapproves of it. We are invited to imitate the extravagant love of the woman and not the niggardliness of Simon.

Application

And yet Christian communities can often respond as Simon did. We can disapprove of too much divine generosity, especially to people who

seem to be breaking the rules all the time. It seems as though we think the Lord should not be too free with his graces or the supply might run out. Religion can encourage a kind of respectability that would disapprove of Jesus' behaviour and his indulgence towards the sinful woman. We might have a certain sympathy with the village of hard-working peasants who turned away the ex-convict Jean Valjean because he represented too much of a threat to their security. No doubt the bishop who gave him hospitality was seen as a silly old man who was out of touch with reality.

But in the Gospel Jesus shows us that God is determined to reach out to the lost sheep and share meals with sinners and tax collectors. Of course God's love seems disruptive and even dangerous. How else do we expect to overcome the divisions and hostilities that divide families, communities and nations in our world unless we allow God's unlimited forgiveness to work in us, so we can witness to God's healing love in our lives?



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 19th June - 12th in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Patrick Walesby	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Julia Davey	Marion Luscombe	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	William Jackson		Gabrielle Stanley
Bidding Prayers	Ann Jackson		Sally Johns
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Monica Tomlin

Next Sunday -Parish Outreach

<p>Why am I (still) a Catholic <i>June 24-26 2 days</i> <i>(Reg Fee £26)</i> <i>"Will you go away to?" Was the question</i> <i>Jesus put to Peter</i> <i>The Belmont Community</i></p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 19 June	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	12-Jun	Jackie King & Mary Wood
	19-Jun	Pat Wood & Pauline Gill
	26-Jun	Jacqui Corrigan & Rob Blackburn
03-Jul	Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman	

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

Deaths: *Fr Luke, Lesley Hayes, Bernard Clayton, Sue Ball and Mary Carroll.*

Anniversaries: *Fr. Cyril Adams, Edward Harris, Dorothy Elsie Harris, Roger Langford, Ghassan Salem Hanna, Barbara Meredith, Emily Rogers, Lady Mary Fane, Austen Lilwall, Dom Bede Moore osb, James Pritchard, William Pritchard, Ida Davies, Joyce McEntegart, Marion Rosser, Muriel Daniels, Pat Firkins, Victor Hill, Cardinal Basil Hume OSB, Cecila Wegg-Prosser and Agnes Rogers.*

The Sick: Please pray for: *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 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.*

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Liturgy for Sunday 12th June Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 11 OT)

<p>11th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour.</p> <p>Acclamation: We proclaim your Death...</p> <p>Communion: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.</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	Cooper Family	Anne Stapleton	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Liz Norman	Brenda Warde	Marje Hayes
2 nd Reading	Fran Grant		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayer	Adrian Eyre		Jacqui Corrigan
Offertory	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Julia Davey		Chris Moore
Mass Intention		Pro Populo	Terry Concanon RIP
Second Collection - Parish Outreach			
Food Bank Delivery: Chris Moore			

What's On for the week	
Mon	St Anthony of Padua: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: 2:30 Requiem Mass for Lesley Hayes
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in the Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am.
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition & Midday Mass in the Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am: 2:00 Garden Fete