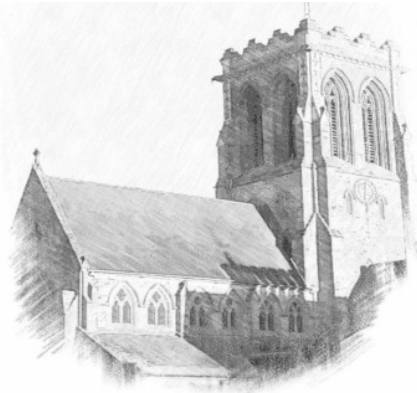


# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**19<sup>th</sup> week Ordinary Time**

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Thank you to all the parishioners who came to our lunch party last Sunday. I hope everyone enjoyed the day and apologies for the coolish weather and occasional burnt sausage!

Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady and a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the back cover of the Newsletter for the times of Masses on this wonderful feast. Pope Pius XII, in *Munificentissimus Deus* (1950), defined that Mary, "after the completion of her earthly life was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." As Christians we believe that one day we too will be raised in a glorious form and rendered immaculate to be with God forever. As the first person to say "yes" to the good news of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Mary is in a sense the prototypical Christian, and received early the blessings we will all one day hope to be given.

The second collection today is for St Joseph's School for hearing impaired children, Makeni

No Midday Mass on Wednesday.

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£308.96</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>£197.24</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: <b>St Joseph Makeni. Thank You!</b>		



During the month of August the **Parish Outreach 2nd Collection** will be devoted to St Joseph's School, Makeni and Marriage Care. 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. For more information do chat with Monica Tomlin who devotes much of her time to this school or read the article in the Angel magazine.

Marriage Care helps couples and individuals to build and sustain strong, fulfilling healthy relationships, as well as providing counselling support in times of relationship

difficulty. The parish also uses the local branch of Marriage Care in the preparation of our wedding couples. Unfortunately, the government is removing the grants to Marriage Care and similar charities so they rely on donations to continue much of their work.



### Summer Holiday Request

If you are away on holiday this summer and visit the parish church, please bring back a newsletter to help us with different ideas and formats. Thank you!



### Annual pilgrimage to the grave of Saint John Kemble

This year's pilgrimage to the grave of St John Kemble takes place next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August. The walkers from Monmouth meet other pilgrims at **3.00p.m** at St. John Kemble's Grave in the Churchyard at Welsh Newton for the Rosary, Readings and Prayers.



A concert of Chant and Organ will be given by the monastic schola and Stasio Sliwka on the Solemnity of the Assumption, Tuesday, 15th August, beginning at 7.30pm



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<p>Monday 14 August 3 pm Rotherwas Chapel Vigil Mass of The Assumption</p> <p>15 August Tea &amp; Chat Parish Hall 2:30 pm</p> <p>25 August Church Cleaning 9:00 am</p> <p>17 November Quiz Night Hedley Lodge 7:00 pm</p> <p>23 November Rise Theatre Hedley Lodge 7:30 pm</p>
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No children's liturgy of the Word during the school holidays. Don't forget we are always looking for new volunteers to lead or merely help with these sessions. Please see Fr Nicholas for more details.



## Hereford Food Bank

The Food Bank is in urgent need of more supplies and is short of **everything**. Please contribute what you can do help them build up supplies again. Thank you for your continued support. Chris



## Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> August  
Kitty Massarella &  
Jonathon Nicholls
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> August  
Natalie Dewhurst &  
Robert Dewen
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September  
Chelsie Jones &  
David Shutt
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Arabella Anderson &  
Chris Haughian



Jonathon (our organist) and Kitty are getting married here in the Abbey on Saturday 19th August at 12 noon. They would be delighted if you would join them for the ceremony and afterwards for the reception in the Parish Centre.





## Herefordshire's Hidden Saint

A day conference on Saturday 26 August, 10 am to 4 pm at Belmont Abbey. Michael Questier and Lynne Surtees will speak about this brave and inspirational young man who was loyal to both King and Country but who put his devotion to the Catholic Faith first. Abbot Paul Stonham will preside at a Mass in honour of the Herefordshire Martyrs. Cost £12 including tea and coffee, bring sandwiches. Poster and leaflets at the back of the church.

**On Sunday 27th August at 3 pm** – at the Catholic Church in Leominster to dedicate the memorial stone which marks the burial place of Roger Cadwallador's relic; followed by Vespers and Benediction.



We have made a few changes to the **Parish Graveyard Policy**. Copies of the new guidelines are available in the porch.



Michael Grube will give his annual violin recital at Belmont Abbey on Friday 18th August, at 7.30pm.



## Rotherwas Chapel Mass

The Friends of Rotherwas Chapel invite you to join them at a Vigil Mass of the Assumption to be celebrated at the Chapel by the Abbot of Belmont on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 3 pm. As seating is very limited please bring a chair. Parking in the field adjacent to the Chapel.



### Mini Pilgrimages

Sunday

20 August 10:15

Annual trip to St John Kemble

Meet in Monmouth

See poster

Sunday

27 August 3 pm

Annual Saint David Lewis trip

Usk

See poster for details

Sunday

3 September 3 pm

Sung Vespers

Tintern

Father Abbot presiding





### **Youth 2000 Annual Prayer festival**

Hosted by the national Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham between 24th - 28th Aug. 2017's biggest young Catholic Summer Festival!

**Inheritance**, a 5-day camping festival run by young people for young people. It is about us discovering who we are as we come face-to-face with the God who made us, knows us and loves us. See Poster for more details.



**Congratulations** to Henry Nicholas David Catlin who was baptised yesterday and welcomed into God's Church and family.



### **Homily**

*"As soon as he felt the force of the wind."*

### **Illustration**

The ferry sailed from Troon on the Scottish coast and was making for Larne on the Irish coast, a voyage of two hours. An hour into the journey, as the boat left the waters of Clyde and entered the wider sea, the weather suddenly changed, the sea became choppy and the boat began to shake. People on board began to look at one another with some

concern. Some faces went pale and everyone sat still and held on to something sturdy. The ship's captain and crew had to make manoeuvres to ease the passage through the waves and the boat came into harbour after three hours at sea.

The trip was a reminder of how stormy this particular sea can be. In 1953 the *Princess Victoria* car ferry, also bound for Larne, had gone down in a storm with great loss of life. Storms are powerful forces of nature and there is only so much that human beings can do to survive them. When human skill and bravery are spent, we are at the mercy of the waves and in our peril we call out to the Lord to save us or we perish. In extreme situations such as these, brave people often emerge. On the *Princess Victoria* the radio operator, David Broadfoot, remained at his post sending out messages for assistance until the ship sank. The captain, too, continued to radio his position, his final message saying that the Irish coast was visible.

### **Gospel Teaching**

In today's Gospel we hear of the storm that suddenly broke over the disciples on the Sea of Galilee. They are taken by surprise by a sudden squall, quite a regular occurrence on this particular sea, and they are hard pressed to keep the boat and themselves afloat. When the Lord

comes towards them during that dark and troubled hour of the night, they fear they are seeing a ghost. But the Lord assures them that it is he and Peter, anxious to reach him, comes to him across the water. This event, like so many others, deepens the disciples' faith in Jesus that he is not just an ordinary man, but also the Son of God. This extraordinary event reveals to them that Jesus is an extraordinary person. They can put their trust in him even in the most worrying of circumstances. Peter, feeling the force of the waves, begins to sink as he makes his way towards the Lord, and the Lord reaches out his hand to steady him.

In days to come another storm will overcome these same men and it will bring Jesus to a cross on a hill outside Jerusalem. The disciples will be scattered, frightened and fearful for their own lives, and Jesus will be taunted by people who will take delight in reminding him that he saved others. Can he not now save himself?

### **Application**

Storms occur in every human life. Like storms at sea, they can be overwhelming events and we can find ourselves helpless to avoid them or to escape from their consequences. Terrible weather is bad enough but human violence, be it in family, in society or in international strife, is a

force that we can feel powerless to survive, much less to overcome. In the middle of such storms, when anger is raging, when things are said and done that hurt us, we are in great danger of adding fuel to the flames by the storm of anger that invades our own soul. In times like these we need brave people to emerge who will faithfully carry out the things that make for safety and sanity in life. Storms play themselves out at sea and they will also play themselves out in human relationships, as long as we do not add our own fury to the fire. Calm and quiet-natured people are needed in volatile situations – people who pray and call out to the Lord of the storm for assistance.

Prayer brings us the gift of wisdom and a way of responding well to those who are out of control. In personal life it is a gift of not responding angrily to the barbs that others may send our way. In public life it is the gift of diplomacy that seeks understanding with our enemies, and not their destruction. People of little faith that we are, we pray to the Lord of the storm for the salvation of our world.



<b>Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 20 August 20</u> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Cycle 1</b>			
	<b>08:30</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Annette Mansie	Clare Wichbold	Rita Chamberlain & Marnie Archer
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Liz Norman	Marion Luscombe	Jennifer Hackman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Mary Hayes		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayers	Bill Jackson		Pat Wood
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Teresa Harris & Menna McBain	
Extraordinary Ministers	Julia Davey & Kath Parry		Monica Russell & Jan Wyman
<b>Next Sunday - Parish Outreach (Marriage Care)</b>			

<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.		
		<b>None until beginning September</b>

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 13 August)

**Deaths:** Jo Berry, Kevin Hanna, Sr Phillipa, Bernadette Higgins and Teazel Chowles

**Anniversaries:** Francis Wegg-Prosser, Bernard Carney, Ella McGinn, John Quinn, Alphons Sikora, William J Williams, Archbishop Vaughan OSB, Hilda Lampard and Andrew Massey.

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

**Liturgy for Sunday13 August 2017** *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 19)*

<p><b>19<sup>th</sup> Week</b> <b>In</b> <b>Ordinary Time</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause and forget not the cries of those who seek you.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> Save us Saviour of the world ....</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who give you your fill of finest wheat.</p>
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<b>Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.</b>			
	08:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Cooper Family	Ann Stapleton	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Adrian Eyre	Basil Nickerson	Margaret Rose
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Ann Jackson		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayer	Fran Grant		Pat Draper
Offertory	Parish Children	Nickerson Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Frances Dees & Jacqui R-Smith		Rob Corrigan & Monica Tomlin
Mass Intention		<b>Pro Populo</b>	<b>Len Langford RIP</b>
<b>Second Collection - Parish Outreach - (St Joseph's Makeni)</b>			
<b>Food Bank Collection: Chris Moore</b>			

<b>What's On for the week</b>	
Mon	<b>St Maximilian Kolbe:</b> Mass at 8:00 am; Vigil Mass The Assumption: 7:30 pm
Tue	<b>Assumption of Our Blessed Lady:</b> Masses at 8:00 am; 9:30 (sung) and 12:00 noon
Wed	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: <b>NO Midday Mass:</b> Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Midday Mass at 12 noon
Sat	<b>BVM:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am: