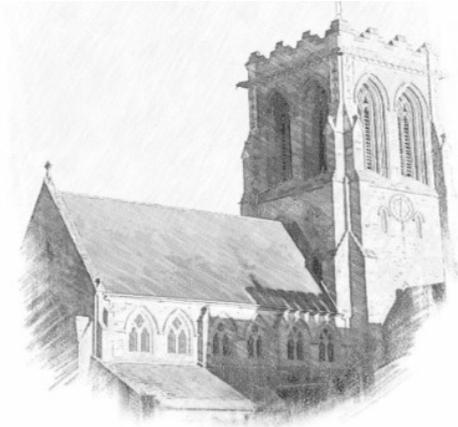


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th November 2016

33rd Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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Today is Remembrance Sunday, the day traditionally put aside to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom that we enjoy today. On this day people across the nation will pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave Service men and women. We remember especially friends and relatives, former pupils of the School and members of the Parish who lost their lives in Two World Wars and more recent conflicts. Let us also remember today in our prayers members of the armed forces who are currently serving in peacekeeping roles around the world.

As the Church's liturgical year draws to a close and Advent looms near, our readings take on a slightly apocalyptic theme. We are reminded that this world is transitory and only Christ and his message have any permanence. Although this sounds gloomy, we rejoice in the knowledge that from death comes new life. The season of Advent will bring new hope and new expectations as we eagerly await the coming of Christ. Next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King and to mark the end of the liturgical year there will be an extended period of Exposition from 1pm and finishing with Vespers and Benediction at 6pm. Please try and pop in for a short while and take advantage of this special prayer opportunity.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£267.26
	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	£169.17
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 Clergy Welfare Fund. Thank you!		

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Second Collections

During November, the Second Collections, marked as Parish Outreach, will be for local Hereford charities caring for the Homeless and the Hereford Food Bank

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Collections have already started for our **Christmas draw**. Please put your name down if you would like to donate a prize, or part of a prize, towards the wonderful hampers that are put together for this Christmas draw. This fundraising event produces many wonderful hamper type prizes that the parish can win before Christmas.

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Each day during November Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls in purgatory especially the names of all our loved ones on our November lists resting on the high altar.

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The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has condemned the Department of Health's decision to roll out the new Non Invasive Prenatal Test (NIPT), which campaigners say will increase the number of abortions for babies with Down's syndrome, and have a devastating impact on the Down's syndrome community. The test is due to be launched in 2018 but if you would like to voice your opposition, please write to your local MP or the Department of Health.

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Shoobox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already returned a filled shoobox. Please make sure all shooboxes are placed in the porch by the morning of **Sunday 20th November**.

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A Day Retreat

A Day Retreat 'Saints & Martyrs of Herefordshire' on Saturday 19th November with Fr Andrew Berry & Lynne Surtees at Belmont Abbey. 10 am to 4 pm. No need to book. Tea & Coffee provided. Suggested Donation £8. (Bring Sandwiches)

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This week, the Monastic Chapter (senior monks) meet to discuss and vote for their abbot. Abbot Paul's eight year term is completed but he is eligible for re-election.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tea & Chat Tuesday 15 November Parish Hall - 2:30
Red Box Last hand in date 30 November
Thursday 1 December Light up a Life 7:00 pm Abbey Church
Sunday 11 December Christmas Draw Parish Hall After 11 am Mass
Wednesday 14 December Retired Persons Christmas Lunch 12:30 pm



Diamond Diners Festive Party

Will be held on the next scheduled date, 6th December. The cost is 3 courses £12 or 2 courses £10 and consists of a full traditional Christmas lunch. Christmas menu MUST be pre-booked and menu sheets, for you to make your selections, are available in the Parish Centre and MUST be completed by 20th November and the full amount paid, by the same date, to Ray Rose. The usual Diamond Diners Menu will still be available for those NOT wishing to have the Christmas

Lunch. Everyone, as usual, is welcome, 1:00pm at The Three Horseshoes, Allensmore.



Emmaus Youth

If you are of secondary school age up to sixth form you are invited to come on a faith journey with us. We will be exploring our faith in interesting and fun ways and looking at how, even with faith the size of a mustard seed, we can move mountains! Come and join us at Our Lady's Church on Saturday 19th November from 4-7pm. Rob & Jacqui Corrigan/Annie Ridgway 01432 352241 & 07739 566578 jacqui.corrigan@btopenworld.com



One of our parishioners has kindly invited up to four parishioners for **Christmas Day Lunch**. This festive invitation is extended to anyone who might be one their own or lonely this Christmas. Transport can be arranged. Please contact Fr Nicholas if you would like to take up this invitation or know somebody who would be on their own.



Venature

There is a presentation on the work of the local charity Venature at Our Lady's Parish room, on Thursday 17th November from 7-9pm. Come along to find out more. Organised by the Hereford RC

Deanery Council. In 1856 John Venn and his sister Emelia founded Hereford City Mission. Their vision was to reach out to local people struggling with the problems of homelessness, hunger and health care. Today, Hereford City Mission is renamed Vennture and remains a Christian cross-church initiative true to their original vision of loving those who are marginalised or vulnerable.



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!



The Angel - If you would like to write a piece for The Angel magazine or have any articles or digital photographs you would like published please submit them to the parish office, preferably by email, by 4th December.



Parish Retired Person's Christmas Lunch

12.30 pm Wednesday 14th December at Hedley Lodge. Tickets £10.00 – please return completed leaflet to Parish Office



The Holy Door and the Year of Mercy will close at Belmont Abbey next Sunday, on the Feast of Christ the King



Our Lady's Twentieth Anniversary

Over the weekend of Friday 25th – Sunday 27th November, Our Lady's Parish is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the building of the new parish church. All are welcome to join us for the events taking place. All weekend there is an exhibition and display on the history of the parish and of our local county saints. On Friday 25th at 8.00pm there is a talk from Lynne Surtees on the Saints and Martyrs of Herefordshire in the parish hall. The exhibition is open from 10.00am till 4.00pm on Saturday. Then a Ceilidh in the evening featuring the local band "Sheila's Wheels", with supper, tickets are £5 for adults, £2 for kids. For tickets ring Lindsay on 08732 694284, or Fr. Matthew on 265177.





National Flame Conference 2017

On Saturday the 11th of March CYMFed is holding a huge event for young people in the SSE Arena, London. Flame is a massive celebration with music, guest speakers, and activities and over 10,000 other young people! If you are aged 14-21 and would like more information, please fill out the forms at the back of the church and return to your parish priest before the 20th November.



HOMILY

“You will be hated by all... on account of my name.”

Illustration

During the 1980s in El Salvador 75,000 people were murdered by a brutal military regime. Church workers for justice and peace put their lives in danger by speaking out against poverty, violence and war. Archbishop Oscar Romero, eighteen priests and thousands of catechists were killed. Twenty-seven years ago this week, on 16 November 1989, six Jesuit priests working at the Jesuit University of Central America in San Salvador were dragged out of their house by soldiers and forced to lie down on the ground in their pyjamas. In their own garden all six were shot dead, along with their housekeeper

and her daughter. The massacre was headline news around the world. The Jesuits gave their lives following Jesus, speaking out against violence and announcing God’s reign of justice and peace.

Their little house was already full of bullet holes from government death squads coming past the house and shooting at them. They had received many death threats, and their house had been bombed twenty-one times, but their mission continued. The president of the university, one of the dead, was a great Jesuit theologian and philosopher named Ignacio Ellacuría. He once said, “The purpose of the Jesuit University in El Salvador is to promote the reign of God.” He felt it was vital to stand up against evil and oppose violence, so he said, “We’re against hunger, poverty, the death squads, but it seems like everyone is mad at us and everyone wants to kill us.”

Gospel Teaching

As for us, we are coming close to the end of the Church’s year, and at this time the Church invites us to think about the end of things. Our world, in which we spend so much time planning and securing our worldly future, is only temporary. Our own lives in this world will not last for ever, but, while on earth, we have a duty to be faithful witnesses to the message

of peace and love given by Jesus. Jesus cautions that this will not make us popular. Jesus warns that his followers will be manhandled, persecuted, summoned before synagogues and imprisoned because of their faith. Some will be betrayed by family, relatives and friends. Earthquakes, plagues and famines may make us selfish and move us to focus predominantly on our own security, but the mission of following Jesus should not be forgotten, whatever the personal cost.

Jesus asks his followers to remain committed to him in an often hostile environment. He counsels them not to be frightened but to be faithful. By recalling his words and his promise of support, the disciples of Jesus will be equipped to face whatever difficulties arise as a consequence of Christian commitment. Moreover, each follower is encouraged to accept whatever persecution or rejection may come as an opportunity for witnessing to that commitment. Each follower of Jesus can expect to face a backlash from society if they demonstrate authentic discipleship.

Application

The Gospel challenges us to get involved in the world, working for the common good, justice and peace. Jesus urges his followers not to be passive, complacent or apathetic, but

to be willing to take a stand to promote God's kingdom, regardless of cost. There are campaigns and Christian justice organisations to get involved in which support vulnerable people and serve the common good. We are called to remain steadfast in our faith in God's reign. In our times, we are seeing terrible famines, wars and environmental crises, which are threatening life as we have known it, and they frighten us. There is an imperative for us as Christians to challenge structures of injustice and violence and to be a people of hope and love. Jesus promises that good will triumph over evil, love over hate, justice and peace over injustice and war, life over death.

However, for many of us, the problem is not anxiety about the end of our world but living as if there were an eternity of tomorrows. We work hard to try to guarantee ironclad security for our families. We seem to believe that all we have to do is gain enough money to guarantee a future under our control. The words of Jesus in today's Gospel are ignored. Yet the readings remind us how short and precious life is, calling us to reflect upon our lives, urging us to look ahead to see where we are headed and ask ourselves: What do we need to do to get ready for Christ?

Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 20th November- Christ the Universal King -Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Desmond Keohane	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S	Basil Nickerson	Jane Davies
2 nd Reading	Julia Davey		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayers	Fran Smallwood		Niamh Coyle
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Anthea Morton-S & Teresa Harriss	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Kath Parry		Chris Moore

Next Sunday - Parish Outreach

<p style="text-align: center;">Anniversaries</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>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 Children's Liturgy - temporarily cancelled	
	13-Nov	Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman
	20-Nov	Jacqui King & R Blackburn
	27-Nov	Marje Hayes & Pauline Gill
	04-Dec	Pat Wood & Mary Wood
11-Dec	JacquiCorrigan & Rachel Cowdrey	

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

Deaths: Michael Kenneth Rose, Beryl Lonergan, Diana Gosnell and Winifred Lewis.

Anniversaries: Mary Alice Barlow, Frederick Mertz, Fr. Matthew Henson OSB, Richard Hayes, Stella (Peggy) Keeler, Anthony Rigby, Roland Reynolds, Abbot Basil Whelan OSB, Florence Buckeridge, Thomas Passmore, Francis Snell, Carole Elizabeth Upham, Anna Harrington, Patrick Joseph Lonergan and Elizabeth O'Shea.

The Sick: Please pray for: Wendy Lyle Cameron, John Pimblett, Sister Trish, Brian Holberry, Mother Regina, Ann Thomas, Mary Smith, Fr Michael Cronin, Philip Herderschee, Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, Denise Ellis, 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 13th November Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 33 OT)

<p>33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you and I will lead back your captives from every place.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and</p> <p>Communion: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.</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	Kath Parry	Anne Stapleton	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Mary Hayes	Clare Nickerson	Pat Draper
2 nd Reading	Ann Jackson		Gabrielle Stanley
Bidding Prayer	Bill Jackson		Margaret Rose
Offertory	Parish Children	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Julia Davey		Jane Davies
Mass Intention	<i>Richard Hayes RIP</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>Holy Souls on the November Lists</i>
Second Collection - Parish Outreach			
Food Bank Delivery: John Goodall-Copestake			

<i>What's On for the week</i>	
Mon	St Dyfrig: Mass at 8:00 am:
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	St Gertrude the Great: Mass at 8:00 am: No Midday Mass: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	St Hugh of Lincoln: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am