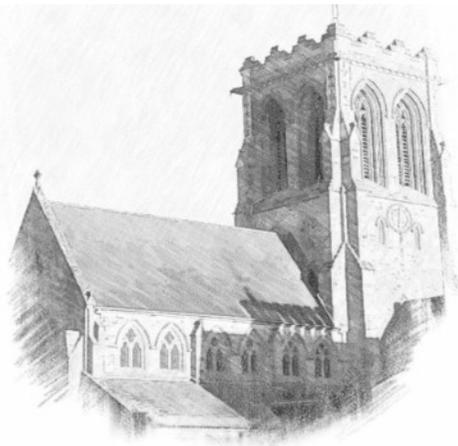


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of Lent

*14th February 2016
(Cycle C)*

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Welcome to Lent! A time for a bit of self-sacrifice, almsgiving and extra prayer! But if Lent is to mean anything in our lives, it has to be a season of renewal. The word itself means 'springtime'. So above everything else, it's a time for new life, for fresh beginnings and growth. Lent is a good time for us to take stock of what exactly is asked of us and how much we are doing to reflect Christ's presence in our world. Let us spend these days of Lent purifying our lives from the very sins that separated us from the love of God and make us more worthy to celebrate Easter, the great feast of our redemption. There are plenty of different things going on during Lent in the Hereford Parishes (see inside Newsletter) or visit the parish or deanery website for more information.

Margaret Campbell, after many years of devoted and loyal service, has decided to retire as Parish Treasurer. On behalf of successive parish priests I would like to thank Margaret for her tireless work in keeping our finances in order. Her devotion to duty and ability to keep parish priests on their toes will be much missed! Thank you.

The Parish telephone number is currently out of order. Please use the alternative number of 01432 271977 until the issue is resolved.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1st Collection	£235.35
	Standing Orders	£438.00
	2nd Collection	£250.65
<i>Parish Outreach - Thank you.</i>		

It is with sadness that we report the death of Mary Carroll who died on Wednesday. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 1st March. May she rest in peace.



The second collection today is for Marriage Care and their work to support married life.



JUMBLE SALE

The next Jumble Sale will be on March 12 at OLQM Parish Hall. As always we would be grateful for all items you have to bring in. Clothes should be clean and in wearable condition. If you have some that are not suitable to be resold, please put them in a black bag and MARK the bag as rags. We can sell the rag bags so nothing is wasted. Anything else you have, from a needle to an elephant, will also be useful. Please leave all items in our Parish porch and not in the Church porch. Many thanks for your help.



NEW ROTA OF MINISTRIES

A new rota is due for the period 13 March to and including 19 June. I would be grateful if you would send me your NON-available dates as soon as possible either on 01432-266307 or on frangrant235@btinternet.com.

Many thanks for your help.

Fran Grant



CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday 19 February

This Lent Fast Day, we have an opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week, and remember to fast on Lent Fast Day. And there is very good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent!



Lent Study Lunches at Ewyas Harold: Migration & Movement

On five Thursdays beginning 18th February at 12noon in the Ewyas

Harold Baptist Hall (With soup lunch from 1 pm - donations)



Hereford LIFE

There will be a meeting of Hereford LIFE on the Monday 29 February at 7 pm at St Martins which has an entry to the car park from Holme Lacey Rd. All are very welcome and if you would like to come but have no transport please ring 371654.



The Archbishop has appointed

Fr Matthew to be the new Dean of Herefordshire. We congratulate and pray for him on his appointment.



CENTENARY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF

2016 mark the centenary of the archdiocese and the year was launched with the Belmont monks singing vespers at Cardiff Cathedral last Saturday and a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving here at Belmont (the original cathedral for the Welsh Province) last Sunday. Unfortunately, this was an event organized by the archdiocese for all the churches and religious houses in South Wales and thus we were only allowed two invitations per parish. I'm sorry that more people were unable to attend. However, there will be a number of events during this year to mark this special occasion



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 16 February
Tea & Chat
2:30 to 4:00**

**Wednesday 17 February
Lenten day of Recollection
10 am to 4 pm**

**Friday 19 February
Church Cleaning
9:00 am**

**Thursday 10th March 7 pm
Lenten Station Mass
celebrated by Archbishop Stack
at Belmont Abbey**

**Saturday 12 March 1:30 pm
Jumble Sale
OLQM**

**Tuesday 15 March
Tea & Chat
2:30 to 4:00**

**Sunday 22 May
Confirmation Mass
11:00 am**



Please support **Nathan Morawiecki** in his fundraising events so that he can go to World Youth Day in Krakow in July 2016. He has a list of fundraising ideas and you can contact him on 07731886952. More details about

Nathan's fundraising efforts can be found in last week's newsletter on the website. Many thanks for your help!



'Walk With Me', the pocket-size booklets of prayers and reflections for Lent 2016, are now available. Archbishop George Stack, Bishop Tom Burns and Bishop Peter Brignall have written a forward to the booklet and recommend it as an aid to prayer. This year, 'Walk With Me' is entitled 'Lent – A Pilgrimage of Mercy'. In the introduction we read, 'The Lord says he wants mercy not sacrifice.

Mercy always requires right conduct towards another person. In the book of Hosea, the same word in Hebrew for mercy is also used for love (6:4 and 6:6).' The booklet includes daily reflections, which are rooted in the Gospel, tips for living a happy and peaceful life by Pope Francis, the teachings of the Church and the writings of the Saints.



Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society

Forthcoming talk as part of the Archdiocesan celebrations
Title: The Search for Our Cathedral
Speaker: Sean Cleary
Where: St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff

When: SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY at 3 pm. If you are able to join us, we look forward to welcoming you.

Further information contact Tricia Coulthard - phone: 02920 595 899
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150 Club Winners

for January

- 1st No. 44 Anna-Teresa Rossini - £50
- 2nd No. 34 Jeanette Livermore - £25
- 3rd No. 64 Dick Wareing - £12

for February:

- 1st No. 73 Doreen Bradshaw - £50
- 2nd No. 108 Mary Jo Donnelly - £25
- 3rd No. 2 Maureen Stacey - £12

A reminder to those who pay by cash or cheque – subscriptions are now overdue!
Chris Moore



Wednesdays in Lent at Belmont Abbey

St Paul and his Communities

Throughout his lifetime Paul, the apostle to the gentiles, travelled widely across the then known world, founding churches and building up relationships with those that already existed. During Lent we examine

Paul's relationship with five very different Christian communities.

*Wednesday 17th February: **Corinth:**
Dom Brendan*

*Wednesday 24th February: **Rome:**
Dom Brendan*

*Wednesday 2nd March: **Thessalonica:**
Abbot Paul*

*Wednesday 9th March: **Ephesus:** Dom
Andrew*

*Wednesday 16th March: **Philippi:** Ab-
bot Paul*

Morning Coffee 10.00, Talk 10.30,
Mass at 12 noon. 1.00 Simple Bread &
Soup Lunch. Talk 2.00. Afternoon Tea
3.30pm. Suggested Offering £10.00.
Includes Lunch.



HOMILY

..“If you are the Son of God...”

Illustration

Last year marked the fiftieth anniversary of a pivotal moment in the civil rights movement in the USA, when Dr Martin Luther King led a march from Selma, Alabama, to the state capital, Montgomery, to protest against the obstacles that were preventing black citizens from being able to register to vote. Although the

march was met with extreme violence on the part of the white police force, ultimately the movement was successful in its goals, culminating in President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, making discriminatory voting practices illegal. One scene in the film *Selma*, released to coincide with the anniversary, vividly captures the dramatic moment when the police barred the way of the marchers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, ordering the crowd to lie down on the ground. The marchers had a choice to make: whether to lie down or, in a very literal sense, to stand up for what they believed and suffer the painful consequences.

Gospel Teaching

All our readings today are descriptions of people standing up for what they believe and putting their lives on the line as a consequence of that belief. The words of Moses – “My father was a wandering Aramaean” – are a form of foundational creed of the Jewish people. It expresses their origins, their identity, their relationship with God, and their belief in what God has done for them and what God’s loving plans and intentions are for them. God turned this group of nomads into a settled people, freeing them from slavery and giving them a blessed and fruitful land in which they could live in peace with each other and with their God. That is

the dream. St Paul expresses his belief in how that dream has in fact come to fruition in Jesus Christ: God's plan of a holy nation, living at peace with each other and with God, is now extended to embrace the whole of humanity – "Jew and Greek". All who put their faith in Jesus as Lord can know the liberation, the salvation, the mercy of God.

Jesus' responses to the devil's three temptations in effect give us Jesus' own statement of faith. He rejects the lure of materialism, the danger of thinking that all that is important to the human person is to feed the body, to look for happiness and fulfilment in the material things of life. Man and woman need more than that to be whole. Jesus also resists the attractions of power, fame, glory, popularity, wealth. These are idols, false gods that demand our souls but cannot save. God alone is worthy of our worship. And finally, perhaps the greatest temptation, Jesus refuses to doubt God, to put God to the test. This is the refusal to presume on God's mercy, or to try to manipulate God or seek to make God act according to my plans, my timetable, my agenda. Significantly, the devil withdraws to await a more opportune time. And it is in Gethsemane, and on the cross, that Jesus has, in effect, to stand up and be counted for his beliefs. So although he prays that the chalice of

suffering might pass him by, nevertheless he is able to pray: "Not my will, but yours be done."

Application

What about us? What are our statements of belief? Each Sunday we recite our creed at Mass. We profess with our lips what we hold dear in our hearts: that God is the loving Father of us all; that Jesus is the Son of God, our Lord, who died and rose again so that we might have life; that God's Holy Spirit is at work in us, inspiring us to live as the holy people of God in service of the world. Are these mere ideals, dreams, pious hopes? Or dare we stand up and truly place our lives fully behind these beliefs? Are we willing to live out the consequences? We are invited to make Jesus' creed our own: to look beyond mere material goods to make us happy; to reject the false gods of power, popularity, wealth; to trust God's loving plan for us, even in our own personal Gethsemane or Calvary moments. Do our lives reflect our faith that through all our wanderings, God is leading us from slavery to freedom, from brokenness to wholeness, from death to life? And can we spend our lives making this dream more of a reality for others?



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 21st February Second Sunday of Lent Year C			
	8:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Welcomer(s)	Liz Norman	Nickerson Family	Morawiecki Family
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1st Reading	Marje Hayes	Patrick Walesby	Pat Draper
2nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayer	Ann Jackson		Liz Morawiecki
Offertory	Hayes Family	Margaret Campbell & Menna McBain	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Julia Davey		Stephen Fisher
Next Sunday - Cafod			

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 10 am - 4 pm Day of Recollection with Mass Lenten Lunch Confessions 2.30 pm - 3:30 pm Wednesday 24 February	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 14 Feb	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	14-Feb	Marje Hayes & Monica Russell
	21-Feb	A Morawiecki & R Blackburn
	28-Feb	Jacqui Moore & Pauline Gill
06-Mar	Jacqui Corrigan & Mary Wood	

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

Deaths: Mary Carroll, John Wallin, Sheila Kinsey, John Keeler and Lil Green

Anniversaries: Leslie Blackmon, Rev. Hilary Brightling, Elwin Lyons, Claude Meredith, Isabel Wheatly, Fr. James Formby, Ernie Saith, Gordon Taylor, Catherine Carroll, Maurice Cummings, Catherine Davies, Alfred Rosser, Charles Hill, Olive Morgan, Michael Betan, Robert Hann, John Harrison, Molly Hawkins, Robert Hogan, Sr Aloysius Walsh, Terance Falkiner, Rose Magness, Phyllis Mailes, William O'Toole, Helena Rhodes, Maurice Blackmon, and James Prosser.

The Sick: Please pray for Henry Werzley, Kenny Hanna, Peter Lee, Fr Luke, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medicott, Bridie Gittoes, Sr Philipa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Edna Ledford, Sue Rogers, Fr Michal Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna, and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 14th February

Readings: Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2

<p>1ST SUNDAY IN LENT</p>	<p>Entrance: When he calls on me, I will answer him: I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread ...</p> <p>Communion: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	8:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Hayes Family	Anne Stapleton	Monica Russell & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1st Reading	Fran Grant	Menna McBain	Jennifer Hackman
2nd Reading	Jacqui Ramage-Smith		Marje Hayes
Bidding Prayer	Liz Norman		Deacon Eddie
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Maria Large & Frances Riddell	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Frances Dees & Seamus Hayes		Tony Archer
Mass Intention	Siobhan Hayes RIP	Pro Populo	
Second Collection : <i>Marriage Care</i>			
Food Bank Delivery: Ray Rose			

<i>What's On for the week</i>	
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in the Abbey. Tridentine Mass at 7 pm.
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am Exposition at 11-12 and Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00