

St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Ordinary Time Week 2

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(Cycle C)

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which begins today, is a worldwide movement of Christians of many denominations, languages, and great diversity of race and culture, who are engaged in praying and working for the unity of Christians. Traditionally the week of prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated between 18-25 January. The theme for 2016 was proposed by the Christians of Latvia and comes from the first letter of St Peter encouraging the newly baptised to live holy lives and to answer the calling shared by all the baptised to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord. There is an **Ecumenical Service this afternoon at 3 pm in St Michael's Ewyas Harold** organised by Churches Together in Ewyas Harold to mark the beginning of this Week. All are welcome. Followed by refreshments!

'Overcome indifference and win peace'

In his World Peace Day message this year Pope Francis invites us to reflect on how we can hope for peace without working to challenge the causes of violence and injustice in our world today. Time and again Pope Francis has spoken of our 'throw-away culture' which dehumanises and destroys the human person, whether through war and conflict or economic injustice. On Peace Sunday, which we celebrate in England and Wales today, we have an opportunity to learn from this message and put our faith into action.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1st Collection	£336.13
	Standing Orders	£533.00
	2nd Collection	£198.98
<i>SPUC - Thank you.</i>		

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Many Thanks to all who prayed for me and kept in touch while I was ill. It was and is greatly appreciated.

Polly Maund-Powell

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The Angel

The Christmas edition of the Angel will now be the New Year edition. Please help us to continue to produce this parish magazine by writing or submitting an article for publication. The new deadline for submission is Sunday 17th January.

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Tea and Chat

The next Tea & Chat will take place on January 19th, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm everyone most welcome, including gentlemen. It is not only ladies who like to talk. A reminder to those who promised cake and help.

Looking forward to seeing you all after our Christmas break. *Margaret R*

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Dates for your Diary

Sunday 17 January

LAST DAY

for

ANGEL ARTICLES

19 January 2016

Tea and Chat 2:30 pm

22 January

Church Cleaning - 9 am

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**CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN EWYAS HAROLD
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN
UNITY
THE SALT OF THE EARTH
Monday
18th to Monday 25th January 2016**

The theme for the 2016 Week of Prayer - The Salt of the Earth – was prepared by the Christians of Latvia. We will be given the opportunity to reflect upon our Christian vocation to be salt and light, to be one in Christ, and to work together in service to our local community and to the world.

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you

out of darkness into his marvellous light" 1 Peter 2 v 9.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Special launch Service followed by bring and share refreshments. **Sunday 17th January 3.00 pm at St Michael's Church .**

Daytime Prayers each prepared by one of the diverse Church communities in Latvia. **Monday 18th to Monday 25th January** (omitting Sunday 24th January) **at The Acres, Pontrilas Road HR2 0EN (Pam Wright's house) from 11.30am to 12.15pm.**



**Hereford & Belmont Abbey
Walsingham Association
Year of Mercy**

**Pilgrimage to the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of England now designated by the Vatican as the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham
6 - 9 May 2016**

Come and pray at the Holy Door at the Slipper Chapel. We still have some vacancies left. Three nights' half board and all transport £187. Please Telephone Menna McBain on 01568 797077 for more information.



The Archdiocese of Cardiff Family Life Commission in co-operation with Care for the Family will be running a day's course in the Pastoral Resource Centre on Saturday 6th February at 9.30. This course is aimed at anyone who would like to become part of an existing Bereavement Support Group or who is thinking of starting a group within their Parish. The cost of course is £30 to include a light lunch. Parishes will usually pay for this. Previously trained people are also welcome to join us. Places are limited so if you wish to reserve a place please e mail anstic2002@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07799704970.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Take your relationship to another level"

Marriage Encounter offer enrichment weekends for good marriages. A meeting will be held on **Sunday 24th January** at 3 pm at Christ the King Church Hall, Newborough Avenue, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5AA . Please come to find out more about how to enrich and refresh your relationship.

For more information on Marriage Encounter visit wwme.org.uk.



A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

A day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers, First Holy Communion Catechists and all involved in Celebrating, Sharing, Receiving, and Building up the Body of Christ in the Parish. With Tom O’Loughlin (Professor of Historical Theology, Nottingham University), and Workshops on Home Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Catechesis, and Prayer. At Saint Illtyd’s School, Rumney, CF3 1XQ, on Saturday 27th February, 10.30 – 3.30. For further details of the day and a booking form, please contact Fr Nicholas.



HOMILY

“For the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.”

Illustration

In 2004, ten years before the general consultation on marriage and family that preceded the synods in Rome more recently, the Roman Catholic

Bishops of England and Wales commissioned a similar consultation, *Listening 2004*, and gathered couples and families across the region to hear about their experiences of family life and the daily living of Christian households. The report that was published remains a rich testimony not only to the struggles and difficulties of Christian family living in modern society, but also to the great care, insight and wisdom that many Christian spouses and parents have. Too often these are voices that go unattended in our teaching and thinking.

However, one of the things that struck the researchers in the project was a cause for some concern. It became clear that very few of those who took part recognised their homes as potential places of holiness and spirituality. These were “religious” or “churchy” things, many thought – family life is too messy, too worldly to be a place of spiritual renewal and insight. This seemed to be the view of many then – and may still be now. It is all too easy to fall into thinking that we must be in church to meet Jesus.

Gospel Teaching

For all this, it is precisely in the heart of “ordinary” married love and family that most of us come to understand the depths of who God is for us. It is for this reason that the prophets, like Isaiah, as

we heard today, so often describe the relationship between God and God's people as one of marriage, of being in love. How extraordinary that God should look at God's difficult people and rejoice in them, like a bridegroom over his bride! As extraordinary, in fact, as that everyday mystery of falling in love, and promising to be together in married life. It is in this great prophetic tradition that we come to understand the significance of Jesus' miracle at the marriage in Cana. Here, in that place of ordinary mystery of the wedding and the gathered family, the glory of the Lord is revealed – not in heavenly wonders or visions, but in graced hospitality and celebration.

But to stop at this point would be to risk being too romantic, too idealistic about these matters. In fact – as Paul in his letter to that tricky Christian community of Corinth makes clear – life together, in family and in community relationships, is not so easy. We are not all the same, and have different gifts, and temperaments and flaws; and those differences can be causes of misunderstanding, hurt, jealousies and even the breaking up of relationships. What makes the binding and life-giving power of this loving across differences possible is the great gift of the Holy Spirit. We can be sure that when we see such love in diversity we are witnessing the work of that one Spirit who draws all closer to Christ and to the Father.

Application

The vast majority of us live – or have lived – as a part of some kind of family or household. This experience is always, at some point, an experience of challenge – particularly the challenge to love the one who is close to but different from us, the one who is going through a tough time, the one who seems not to love us. For many of us, too, this daily or household experience is further complicated by the fractures, diverse choices and more complex family relationships that are increasingly a part of our societies. We can often find ourselves called to love the one we really don't agree with, or the one who seems to have come in and disrupted what we had been used to.

Yet the Gospel and prophetic tradition make clear that it is still in these domestic places, even when the wine of celebration seems to have run out, that we can discover the Lord rejoicing in his people, and providing them miraculously with fresh celebration. Opening our need to Jesus and his mother, and opening our hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, transforms our mistakes, our squabbles, our brokenness and emptiness. The deeper our faith in these "ordinary mysteries", the more often we can turn first to God in prayer, in all our household difficulties. And the more often, too, we will meet God's grace

and power in our own homes, and understand them as “domestic churches”.



St Cadoc

Tradition has it that Cadoc was a native of Gwent, born in the early part of the sixth century, the son of Gwynllyw ap Glywys, a princeling of Gwent who founded St. Woolos Church in Newport.

He founded his first monastery at Llanancarfan in the Vale of Glamorgan, and from there he went to Ireland to study for three years. Returning to Wales, he studied with Bachan.

He then travelled to Scotland where he founded a monastery at Cambuslang. Back at Llanancarfan, his influence helped it to grow into one of the chief monasteries in South Wales.

One tradition has it that he went on pilgrimage to Rome, but more certain is the knowledge of time spent in Brittany. He settled there on an island in the Etel river, now called L'île de Cado, where he built an oratory, founded a monastery and devoted himself to spreading the Gospel.

This monastery became quite important, although this may have

occurred after his time. According to legend, the island was invaded by some pirates who destroyed the monastery and Cadoc was forced to flee.

He returned to Llanancarfan, was consecrated bishop and remained there until he became too old to govern the monastery. It is thought he spent his latter years at "Beneventum", the location of which is not known.

He may have suffered martyrdom there at the hands of the Saxons, but more certain is that after his death, his relics were transferred to Llanancarfan. The most important source of information is the Life of Cadog written by Lifris about 1100, which is the longest and most significant of the Welsh Lives.

Although the Life contains the numerous portents and miraculous happenings of the early Medieval tradition which were considered a necessary element in the accounts of the saints, it is clear that much of the material reflects genuine traditions.



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 24th January Week 3 in Ordinary Time Year C			
	8:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Welcomer(s)	Kath Parry	Marion Luscombe	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1st Reading	Jacqui Ramage-Smith	Lucy Zammit	Margaret Rose
2nd Reading	Fran Grant		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayer	Fran Smallwood		Jacqui Corrigan
Offertory	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Julia Davey		Chris Moore
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach			

<p>The Tender Gaze of Love January 29-31 (2 days Reg fee £26) <i>Dom Alex explores the mystery and meaning of Icons of the Virgin in the beautiful period between Christmas and the Presentation of the Lord.</i> <i>Dom Alex Echeandia</i></p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 17 Jan	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	17-Jan	A Morawiecki & R Blackburn
	24-Jan	Jacqui Moore & Pauline Gill
	31-Jan	Pat Wood & Mary Wood
07-Feb	Jackie King & Rachel Cowdrey	

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

Deaths: Lil Green

Anniversaries: Christopher Bates, Richard Radclyffe, Helen Bates, Bernard Berto, Sarah Buckridge, Pamela Connell, Gwendolin Massey-Lynch, Dom Laurence Maxwell, Kevin McGinn, Anthony Moruzzi, Dorothy Passmore, William Price, Frances Roebuck, Jennifer Snell, Gerard Wakelam, Fanny West, Cornelius Driscoll, Sr Mary Kinersley, Alice Locans, Caroline Martin, Robert Ward, John Bray, Dom Dyfrigg Harris osb, Anne Lewis, Rose Lewis, Catherine Lyons, Lisle Massey-Lynch, Ellen Pritchard and Dorothy Thorn

The Sick: Please pray for Kenny Hanna, John Wallin, Peter Lee, Fr Luke, Shirley Brymer, Mary Carroll, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Jo Hourahane, Edward Medlicott, Bridie Gittoes, Sr Philpa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Edna Ledford, Sue Rogers, Fr Michal Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna, and Sadie Bowyer.

Liturgy for Sunday 17th January

Readings: Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2 (OT Wk 2)

<p><i>ORDINARY TIME Week 2</i></p>	<p>Entrance:<i>All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!</i></p> <p>Acclamation: <i>We proclaim your Death,....</i></p> <p>Communion:<i>You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.</i></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	Desmond Keohane	Morawiecki Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1st Reading	Liz Norman	Clare Nickerson	Sally Johns
2nd Reading	Mary Hayes		Liz Morawiecki
Bidding Prayer	Fran Grant		Pat Draper
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Maria Large & Frances Riddell	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Frances Dees & Gabrielle Stanley		Monica Tomlin
Mass Intention	Donald Parry	Pro Populo	In Gratitude
Second Collection : <i>Parish Outreach</i>			

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