

St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



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A very special thank you to all those who worked so hard over the last few weeks and months to help organise our Parish Fete, and to those who gave up their time yesterday to make it a success. Hopefully, I will be reporting to you this morning how successful we have been! Although fund raising is the main reason for such an event, it is also an occasion for local people to come to our beautiful monastery gardens to enjoy our parish hospitality and cream teas once a year.

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. The proceeds of the second collection today assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Fr Nicholas

Welcome to Belmont Abbey. If you are a visitor here and would like to Gift Aid your offertory collection, please collect an envelope from the Porch. Thank you!

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£403.42
	Standing Orders	£581.00
The 1 st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 nd Collection	£256.82
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 St Joseph, Makeni. hank You		



Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy

If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from Fr Matthew, please let him know on 01432 265177 / fr.matthew@live.co.uk.



If you are not able to get a newsletter - remember that you can go to our website to find out what is going on in the parish. Website address is on the first page.



CAFOD Free will-writing service

Did you know that CAFOD offers a free will-writing service? Pick up a leaflet in the porch, email legacy@cafod.org.uk or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367 to find out more.



Dates for your diary

29 June

Church Cleaning
9:00 am

Diamond Diners

July 3rd
August 7th
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th

Tea & Chat

June 19th
July 17th
August 21st
September 18th
October 16th
November 20th
December 18th



St Michael's Hospice - Wheelie Big Cycle

On Sunday 15th July I am cycling 58 miles at the Wheelie Big Cycle event in aid of St Michael's Hospice. If you would like to donate to this cause, please visit my JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-moore38> or I'll be happy to accept cheques or cash. Many thanks for your support, Chris Moore.





Readers – please note that next Sunday is the Feast of St John the Baptist



On Saturday 30th June; 9.30 -17.00, at Douai Abbey the English Benedictine Congregation will be holding a day of monastic exploration. So if you are aged between 18 and 30 and would like to learn more about the monastic way of life then join us for a day exploring the depth of our monastic tradition. Come and discover a wisdom that helps you make better choices and offers a way to God. For further details visit our website www.benedictines.org.uk/open or contact Dom Andrew Berry OSB on 01905 454352.



How do we help people become active Catholics?

How can we share our faith better? Sherry Weddell’s book tells us how 150 people become active Catholics! Come and find out how with Madeline Page our diocesan Evangelisation and Education Officer. Please join us either in All Hallows’, Miskin every Tuesday, 3 pm – 4 pm, June 5– July 10 or **Our Lady’s, Hereford every Wed-**

nesday, 7 pm-8 pm, June 6– July 11. For any questions please contact Madeline on 029 2036 5965 / madeline.page@rcadc.org



Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill

Baroness Nuala O’Loan’s bill (as above) is proceeding through Parliament. This Bill will protect medical staff from having to be involved in abortion-related activities and other areas including the withdrawal of medication, nutrition and fluids from patients at the end of life. This is an important Bill and further information about it, including how to contact your MP, can be found at: www.freeconscience.org.uk.



EMMAUS YOUTH are having their next meeting on Saturday 23rd June from 2.30-5.30 pm at Our Lady’s church hall. We would also like to invite current Year 6’s to an open session on Saturday 14th July from 2.30-5.30 pm where they can join us for faith, fun and friendship. For information please call Jacqui on 01432 352241 or email emmaus.youth@hotmail.com.





Homily

“This is what the kingdom of God is like.”

Illustration

The British Empire is no more, and yet, not too long ago, that empire covered the greater part of the globe. Maps of the world were splashed with red colour to show where Britain’s rule held sway. Her navy ruled the waves and from icy wastes to the hottest sands the flag of empire proudly flew. What had started as a seafaring habit of trade developed into a worldwide order of government, that came about more by accident than by design.

Books have been written and films made to tell this story of empire, to explain its grandeur and, more

recently, to show its follies. Television has enjoyed making films about Queen Victoria to show us what the world was like in those days. Authority was strongly imposed on its subjects. Deference to superiors was the norm, and imperialism became a mindset and attitude for all those who enjoyed the benefits of empire.

In 1897, at the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and at the zenith of this empire, the poet Rudyard Kipling wrote a hymn that not only sounded the glory of empire, but also gave a warning of how great empires fall. In his poem “Recessional”, Kipling wrote the following words: “The tumult and the shouting dies; / the Captains and the Kings depart: / still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, / an humble and a contrite heart. / Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, / lest we forget – lest we forget!”

Gospel Teaching

Today Jesus talks to us about another empire, the mysterious kingdom of God. This kingdom is not so easy to see with the naked eye and its power of growth can leave people unimpressed. And yet it is the strongest power of all and its ability to grow is certain. “My kingdom is not of this world,” Jesus told Pilate on that fateful day we call Good Friday, and there are no legions of soldiers to fight any earthly cause for him. But

the kingdom is not of this kind. Explaining this mysterious kingdom to us today, Jesus reminds us how seed sown on the ground takes root and sprouts and grows in its own mysterious way. Its power to grow and produce the food that feeds us is amazing. Even while we sleep that seed is growing. In a second example Jesus talks about the mustard seed and how small it is and yet how large a tree it becomes. We need not be worried if God's ways seem to be unimpressive. The power that the word of God holds is beyond our reckoning.

God's word, God's justice and truth and love are indestructible. It may not seem like this in our noisy, argumentative and violent world. The power to rule and run riot over the earth by means of human might seems invincible and never more so than on the cross of Calvary. But it is the quiet one and not the noisy who has won the day.

Application

During the celebrations to mark the jubilee of Queen Victoria a young boy was in the London crowd to see the festivities that proclaimed the glories of empire. His name was Clement Attlee. He would later find himself a soldier, fighting for king and country in the Great War. Later again he would serve in the war cabinet beside

Winston Churchill in the struggle against Nazi Germany. Then when war was over, and to great surprise, he became prime minister of Great Britain.

Attlee is regarded with great honour by all sides. He was no superstar. He was a shy and retiring kind of person, but he had strong beliefs in how we should live and how we should share one another's burdens. Although religion did not attract him, Attlee lived by the values of the kingdom of God and sought to promote them in his entire political life. His brief government of 1945–51 was the great reforming government of the age and brought into British life the National Health Service. He believed in the value of every person and the calling of each one to live the life of an honourable citizen in society. He equally believed in the common good, and that each person is called to contribute to the welfare of all. These are the values of the kingdom of God, as preached to us by the Lord himself. Each one of us is called to live by them.





Saint Romuald's Story

In the midst of a wasted youth, Romuald watched his father kill a relative in a duel over property. In horror he fled to a monastery near Ravenna. After three years, some of the monks found him to be uncomfortably holy and eased him out.

Romuald spent the next 30 years going about Italy, founding monasteries and hermitages. He longed to give his life to Christ in martyrdom, and got the pope's permission to preach the gospel in Hungary. But he was struck with illness as soon as he arrived, and the illness recurred as often as he tried to proceed.

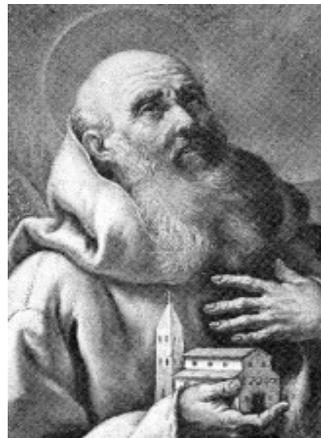
During another period of his life, Romuald suffered great spiritual dryness. One day as he was praying Psalm 31 ("I will give you understanding and I will instruct you"), he was given an extraordinary light and spirit which never left him.

At the next monastery where he stayed, Romuald was accused of a scandalous crime by a young nobleman he had rebuked for a dissolute life. Amazingly, his fellow monks believed the accusation. He was given a severe penance, forbidden from offering Mass, and

excommunicated—an unjust sentence that he endured in silence for six months.

The most famous of the monasteries Romuald founded was that of the Camaldoli in Tuscany. Here began the Order of the Camaldolese Benedictines, uniting the monastic and eremetical lives. In later life Romuald's own father became a monk, wavered, and was kept faithful by the encouragement of his son. St Romuald died on 19 June.

Reflection: Christ is a gentle leader, but he calls us to total holiness. Now and then, men and women are raised up to challenge us by the absoluteness of their dedication, the vigour of their spirit, the depth of their conversion. The fact that we cannot duplicate their lives does not change the call to us to be totally open to God in our own particular circumstances.



Ministries for next <u>Sunday 24 June 2018</u> <u>Nativity of St John the Baptist</u> <u>Year B Cycle 2</u>			
	08:30:	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Kath Parry	Nickerson family	Rita Chamberlain & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Richard Batho	Phyll Buckley	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Anne Jackson		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayers	Bill Jackson		Pat Wood
Offertory	Ramage-H family	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees & Julia Davey		Deacon Eddie & Gabrielle Stanley
Next Sunday -Mary's Meals			

<p>Low Mass in the Extraordinary Rite (Tridentine Mass) is usually celebrated here at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sunday afternoons at 4 pm.</p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	17-Jun	None this week
	24-Jun	Jacqui Moore & Pauline Gill
	01-Jul	Pat Wood & Monica Russell
	08-Jul	Pat Wood & Jan Wyman
	15-Jul	Andrew M & Mary Wood

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 10 & 17 June)

Deaths: *Dominique Wetz, Claire George and Lillian Allsopp*

Anniversaries: *William Holtom, Mary de Bollegui, Fr. Cyril Adams, Edward Harris, Dorothy Elsie Harris, Roger Langford, Ghassan Salem Hanna, Barbara Meredith, Emily Rogers, Austen Lilwall, Dom Bede Moore osb, Ida Davies and Marion Rosser. Edna Ledford, Muriel Daniels, Patricia Firkins, Victor Hill, Cardinal Basil Hume osb. Cecilia Wegg-Prosser, Agnes Rogers, Archbishop Bilborough, Dr. Michael McGinn, William, Hart, Edith Lawrence, Tony Sperring, Ronald Wooles, George Meadmore, David Smith and Declan Smyrl.*

The Sick: Please pray for: *Delia Swainson, Sally Johns, Neal Harries, Kenny Hanna, Fr Aidan, Rachel Thompson, Robin Hayward, Gil Savory, Denise Ellis, Chris & Sue Rogers, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medlicott, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.*

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<h1>11th Sunday In Ordinary Time</h1>	<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: Save us, Saviour of the world ...</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:	09:30	11:00:
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Liz Norman	Desmond Keohane	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Patrick Walesby	Pat Draper
2 nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Jane Davies
Bidding Prayer	Julia Davey		Gabrielle Stanley
Offertory	Hickey Boys	Nickerson Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Deacon Eddie & Kath Parry		Deacon Eddie & Andre Pavia
Mass Intention	<i>Parish Volunteers</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Second Collection: Day for Life			
Food Bank Collection: Jan & Eddie Wyman			

What's On for the week	
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Romuald: Mass at 8:00 am;
Wed	Sts Alban, Julius & Aaron: Mass at 8 am: NO Midday Mass
Thu	St Aloysius Gonzaga: Mass at 8 am
Fri	Sts John Fisher & Thomas More: Mass at 8 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in the Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10 am