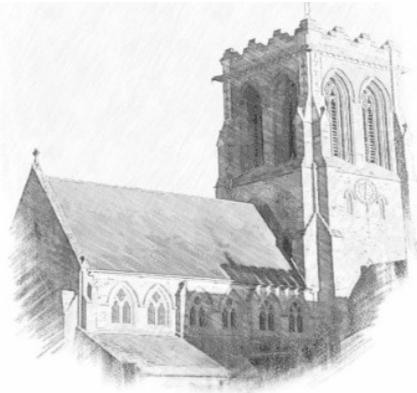


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Corpus Christi

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Today, we keep the Church's yearly feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. On this feast the Church joyfully expresses her thankfulness to the Lord for the greatest gift she has been given and recognises, in faith, that Christ by His Real Presence in the Eucharist, fulfils His promise to be with us "always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:20)

This afternoon, there will be a service of Solemn Vespers at 4pm followed by a procession and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£238.16
	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	£222.52
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: Peru Appeal Thank You!		



Parish Outreach

The outreach second collection for the next two weeks will be for the parish of San Lorenzo in Peru. The parish used to support this parish whilst Fr Joseph was parish priest. We have received a request for help from the local community to assist in the rebuilding of their church which was badly damaged during the devastating floods earlier this year. The collection on June 18th will be the annual Day for Life collection and the mandatory Peter's Pence collection will be taken on June 25th.



Be an Angel

And write or photograph something for **The Angel**, which we hope to publish shortly. Please send items to the Parish Office or give to Fr Nick.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Eucharistic Adoration
Poor Clare Convent

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th June
See Poster for more details

Corpus Christi

Sunday 18th June at 4pm
Solemn Vespers and Procession
at Belmont Abbey

20 June
Tea & Chat
3:30
Parish Hall

24 June
First Holy Communion Class
10:30

30 June
Church Cleaning
9:00 am



DAY OF REFLECTION – Pope Francis' vision for a renewed Church

CAFOD is hosting a day of reflection to contemplate the deeper meanings of Pope Francis' teachings. This will be a chance to learn more about some of

the issues that Pope Francis has spoken out on, including issues around global poverty, inequality, refugees, the environment and care for the global family – all through the theme of mercy. The day will be a chance to stop, pray and reflect and look at how we can reconnect our lives to the values of the Gospel. Please do make a special effort to come along to what will be an informative and transformative event! Free – all welcome.

Wednesday 21 June, 10:30-15:00, at Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey, Hereford HR2 9RZ. Please see the poster at the back of Church for further details or call 02920 344882.



Emmaus Youth

Due to there being two celebrations of First Holy Communion at Our Lady's Church on Saturday 24th June we have decided to change the date of the next Emmaus Youth meeting.

It will now be held on Saturday 1st July from 2.30-5.30 pm. This will replace the meeting scheduled for 15th July. We will be sending out future dates later in the summer.



Hereford Food Bank

The Food Bank is in urgent need of more supplies and is particularly short of **tinned soup and tinned fish**. At this time there is no need for pasta or tins of beans but all other items would be very much welcomed. Thank you for your continued support. Chris



Patrick Walesby wishes to thank everyone for their kind messages and cards of support, prayers and help during his great illness.

Patrick was very much touched and humbled by everyone's intervention; and is very grateful, as his recovery is now making good progress as he continues to hope for even better news in the coming months after further tests, examinations and reviews.



Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) taking place June 23rd – 26th in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project, Guvna B & Written In Kings. To

journey together in Faith through liturgy & worship and to hear stimulating input about the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our website: brightlights.org.uk, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival



Confirmation 2018

Will you be in School Year 9 or above this September? Do you have a desire to learn more about your faith and to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the summer of 2018? This usually involves a commitment to a weekend non-residential retreat at the start in the autumn and 22 sessions lasting approximately 90minutes over the following months (avoiding school holidays).

Please contact Fr Nick or Chris Moore (cjm1957@btinternet.com) (if you are interest) as soon as possible so we

can consider the options for preparation of candidates.



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 29th July

Jennifer Woodman &
Charles Kirby

Sat 19th August

Kitty Massarella &
Jonathon Nicholls

Sat 26th August

Natalie Dewhurst &
Robert Dewen



HOMILY

“Whoever eats me will draw life from me.”

Illustration

An old man remembered the days of his childhood. He had been an altar boy and often served Mass in the early morning before school. Every time he came into the church as the day was beginning he looked up to the sanctuary and saw the lamplight aglow, red and yellow. He then felt it strongly: this is no empty building. Here the Lord lives, and the boy knew himself to be in the presence of God. At school the boy had learned about

the Mass and how bread and wine became the body and blood of the Lord, and that at communion time he received into himself, into his heart's core, the gift of Christ himself.

On Sundays the church was full of people, people he knew very well. He saw them every day on the street and in school. Now gathered in church they were one family together. They felt proud to belong to one another. Their common life, at school or at work or at play, was brought together here at Mass. There was a sense of belonging to one another and that was a lovely feeling. Presence, sacred food and company – what great gifts to have at the start of life!

Gospel Teaching

When life begins for any of us those first gifts are the ones we need. We need the presence of those who love us. We need the daily nourishment of food so that we may grow strong. And we need the joy and the interest and the stimulus of others, wider family and friends to introduce us to the world.

When the Lord began to form his own family, his community of disciples, his first gift to them was his very presence. They lived with him night and day. Each day they grew in their understanding of him and of who he was. His presence inspired them and

gave them joy and hope for life. He fed them with every word he said and the people flocked to hear what he would say. This word truly was nourishing to their lives. A new company was born into the world, the followers of Christ, and it was the word of Jesus and the presence of Jesus that nourished and formed this family. His crowning gift to them on the night he was betrayed was to give them himself in a sacred sign, in bread and wine. His presence among us would now take the form of a sacred and sacrificial meal, a sacramental gift to bind his Church together. Present in these sacred signs, in his word and in bread and wine, the Lord would preserve and nourish his Church throughout the ages. His followers, now called his friends, indeed his brothers and sisters, would become the living presence of the Lord in the world.

Application

St Paul, writing to the Galatians, said of his own life, "I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me." This is the life that the Lord invites us constantly to live. By receiving the body and blood of Christ into ourselves we can become part of that living Lord in this world. The first manifestation of this is our human presence to others. To be present to others is a simple and powerful act of self-giving. To be present to others in

an attentive and kindly manner is to allow the grace of the Lord to be there at work in the world.

The second manifestation of Christ is in our speaking. Whenever our words are kind and thoughtful, patient and understanding, then the word of God is alive and active through us. People's lives are nourished by the words they hear from us.

The third gift of Christ to the world comes through the sharing of love and affection, kindness and consideration. The company of the Lord, his friends, live by this spirit.

And so the feast of Corpus Christi is the feast of life's fullness. The presence of the Lord among us, the gift of himself in the holy sacrament, and the joy of being part of his company, the Church, is what we celebrate today: gathered together, fed by his word and sent out into the world. As the altar boy knew long ago, the Church is no empty building. Here the Lord lives among us.



The sacrifice you are looking at was instituted by Christ our Lord as the sacrifice of his own body and blood. His body was pierced by the spear and there flowed out water and blood, through the medium of which we

have obtained the forgiveness of our sins.

Mindful of this gracious gift, approach with fear and trembling to take part in this feast, know that God himself is at work in you. Recognize in this bread the body that was hanged on the cross. Recognize in this cup of wine the blood that gushed out from his pierced side. Take and eat the body of Christ. Since in the body of Christ you have become Christ's members. Take and drink the blood of Christ.

When you eat this food and drink this wine, they be transformed into your substance. Equally you will be transformed into the body of Christ, if you live in obedience and faithfulness. The Apostle reminds us of the prediction in Scripture: 'Two will become one flesh.' And elsewhere, in reference to the Eucharist itself, he asserts: 'Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.'

You, therefore, begin to receive what you already begin to be. (*Augustine*)



Ministers, etc. For next <u>Sunday 25 June 12 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Cycle 1</u>			
	08:30	9:30	11:00
Celebrant			
Welcomers	Cooper Family	Brenda Warde	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Clare Wichbold	Jacqui Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Pat Draper
Bidding Prayers	Ann Jackson		Margaret Rose
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Maria Large & Frances Riddell	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Julia Davey		Rob Corrigan & Andre Pavia
Next Sunday - Peter's Pence			

Anniversaries	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.	18- Jun
25-Jun		Jackie King & Mary Wood
02-Jul		Jacqui Moore & Rob Blackburn
09-Jul		Pat Wood & Jan Wyman
16-Jul		Jackie King & Pauline Gill

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 18 June)

Deaths: Brian Lawrence, Sister Clare, Mary Jo Donnelly and Maureen Toner

Anniversaries: Agnes Rogers, Archbishop Bilborrow, Dr Michael McGinn, William Hart, Edith Lawrence, Tony Sperring, Ronald Wooles, George Meadmore, David Smith, Declan Smyrl and Norah Lenehan.

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

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Liturgy for Sunday 18th June 2017 *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 11)*

<h1 style="margin: 0;"><i>Corpus Christi</i></h1>	<p>Entrance: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.</p> <p>Acclamation: We proclaim your Death...</p> <p>Communion: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Liz Norman	Desmond Keohane	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Julia Davey	Anthea Morton-Saner	Niamh Cole
2 nd Reading	Mary Hayes		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayer	Jacqui R-Smith		Pat Wood
Offertory	Hayes Family	Teresa Harriss & Menna McBain	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Joao Pavia & Gabrielle Stanley
Mass Intention		<i>The Parish</i>	<i>Evie Walsh</i>
Second Collection - Day for Life			
Food Bank Delivery: John Goodall-Copestake			

<i>What's On for the week</i>	
Mon	St Romould: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Alban: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	St Aloysius Gonzaga: Mass at 8:00 am: NO Midday Mass
Thu	SS John Fisher & Thomas More: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Sacred Heart of Jesus: Mass at 8:00 am: NO Exposition or Midday Mass
Sat	Nativity of St John the Baptist: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am