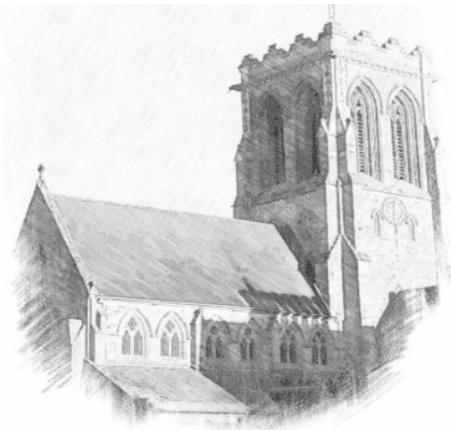


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th September 2016

25th in Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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Home Mission Sunday is celebrated today and is themed: "Proclaim the Joy of Love". On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the second collection which funds the bishops' national work of evangelisation. The collection also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

During this month our second collections have largely been the mandatory ones for the diocese – Catholic Education Service, SVP, Home Mission and next week a special collection for the shrine at Walsingham.

Fr Nicholas will be away from tomorrow for a couple of weeks visiting his mother. Please contact Deacon Eddie if you have any parish queries during this time. No Midday Mass this Wednesday.

Tesco Vouchers – Don't forget that the September distribution is today.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£220.24
	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	£127.85
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 Catholic Education Service. Thank you!		

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Forthcoming Marriages

We offer our prayers and best wishes to the following couples who are preparing for marriage here at Belmont Abbey over the next few weeks:

15th October

Rebecca Kenzie & Thomas Green

5th November

Emma Holder & Joel Grisman

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The next **JUMBLE** is on 29 October - so we do need some more items. If you do have clothes that are not fit for purpose do put them in a bag and mark it rags - we can sell them. Thank you for your continued efforts.

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New Rota of Ministries

A new rota is due from 9 October to and including 20 January 2017. Could I please have your non-available dates by 25 September either by e-mail on Frangrant235@btinternet.com or on 01432 266307. Many thanks. *Fran G.*

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Congratulations to Bryony Barling & Victor Lamarque who were married in the Abbey yesterday. We wish them every happiness in the years ahead.

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Diamond Diners

This is a lunch club for those over 60 years. We meet at the "Three Horseshoes" public house at Allensmore, behind Locks Garage. We are a friendly group which enjoys eating together once a month on the 1st Tuesday in the month at 1pm. The price for two courses is £6.95 and for three courses is £8.95. If you would like to join us please let Ray Rose know, 0783 773 2611, or sign/add your name to the form in the Parish Centre not later than the previous Sunday.

The dates until December are: - October 4th, November 1st and December 6th. We look forward to meeting you there, it is best to be there by 12:45 to allow time to order food. Many thanks

Tea & Chat

We are an informal group who are all part of the wider Belmont Abbey

Community. We have a cup of tea, slice of cake or a biscuit and sit and chat. The cake is provided by some of those present. (We can always do with more cake makers.) We meet in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We do ask for a donation in order to buy milk, tea and coffee and to contribute to heating costs on the winter. It is a friendly relaxing environment, and much welcomed by those who live on their own and like company.

The advertised date of **September 20th** has been **CANCELLED** due to many people being away and the nearness to the Macmillan Coffee afternoon on 30th September (See separate notice).

The remaining dates are: - October 18th and November 15th. There won't be one on December 20th due to the nearness of Christmas. No need to let anyone know, just turn up and enjoy yourselves. *Margaret Rose*



Fr Nicholas will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee of Ordination later this month. It is planned to mark the occasion with a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 9th October.



Help needed Please

Due to a broken wrist, I cannot walk my dog for the next 4 weeks. Is there anyone who could walk Millie for half an hour at 2pm. Please ring Frances Wood on 01432350389! Many thanks!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday - 18 September
**Tesco vouchers
Pay & Pick up**

Tuesday - 19 September
Holy Door Event
1 pm & 6:30 pm
Hedley Lodge

Sunday - 25 September
Deadline for
New rota of Ministries

Tuesday - 18 October
Tea & Chat
2:30
Parish Hall

Friday - 21 October
6:45 for 7:00 pm
Quiz Supper
Hedley Lodge



The parish First Holy Communion programme will be beginning in the

New Year. The children are prepared by parishioners who have a great love for the Eucharist and who wish to pass on their love and understanding to the next generation of Catholics. The family, the school and the priest also have an important role to play in preparing the children. The children will make their First Holy Communion in early summer 2017 and there will be a series of preparatory classes which take place usually on Saturday mornings. Parents who would like their children (Year 3 and above) to be considered for First Holy Communion next Summer should speak to Fr Nicholas or Jacqui & Rob Corrigan.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We have supported the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' for some years now and this year it is on

September 30 th at 2:30 in the Parish Hall

Jan Wyman will be organising it this year, with Margaret Evans and family helping to setup tables and chairs the evening before.

Please do come and support this very worthy cause. Bring some homemade cake with you, or buy some cake and biscuits to share with others, and most importantly bring with you a

donation which will be sent to Macmillan. Traditionally we have always been very generous to this cause. Most of us know someone who has benefited from the care and attention of a Macmillan Nurse. All monies raised are used locally for our own Nurses. Many thanks for making the effort. Jan's telephone number is 01432 263575. *Margaret Rose*



Thank - you

Once more, my heartfelt Thanks to everyone who has prayed for me during this recent set back . The Osteoporosis is not going to go away ,so, your prayers are very supportive. Thank you all again!

Polly Maund - Powell



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!



Do you live in Herefordshire? Do you have a heart for helping people become Catholics or re-connect with the Catholic faith? If so, you are invited to meet members of the Cardiff ArchDiocesan Evangelisation Team (CADET) over tea at 4 p.m. next Monday, 19th September, at the parish hall of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Hereford. If you are interested but cannot attend, or wish further information, please contact Bernadette Andrews: 01531 635634.



HOMILY

“The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.”

Illustration

The vast majority of criminal cases in the United States are now settled by plea-bargaining rather than jury trial. A plea bargain is an agreement between the prosecutor and the defendant whereby the defendant agrees to plead guilty to a particular charge in return for some concession. It may mean that the defendant will plead guilty to a less serious charge, or to one of several charges, in return for the dismissal of other charges, or it may mean that the defendant will plead guilty to the original criminal charge in return for a more lenient sentence. Some countries ban plea-bargaining as they feel it puts unfair pressure on both guilty and innocent

parties. What is clear from research is that innocent parties are less likely to take advantage of plea-bargaining than guilty ones and subsequently suffer more if found guilty, especially as those who contest charges are generally given harsher sentences than those who accept at least some guilt to start with. Recent research shows an increased likelihood for innocent people to plead guilty if it means avoiding bail or getting a swifter trial. There is also a sense that true justice goes missing in the transactions that occur. The guilty escape proper punishment and the innocent are encouraged to give up their integrity, all for the sake of speed and economy.

Gospel Teaching

One of the stranger elements of parables is that they can seem at times to be encouraging behaviour that may not be in line with the Gospel message of love and mercy. Kings are harsh; their stewards deceitful. The content is not necessarily moral as such. They are rather stories that highlight certain choices and predicaments, with the sting always in the tail. The end of today’s parable has the rich man praising his steward for his astuteness. He has managed to get himself out of a sticky situation by getting his master’s debtors on his side. He may have done this by cutting back on his own commission or he

may have reduced what was owed to his master. What matters is his cleverness in avoiding the full consequences of his actions. Is he the first known example of plea-bargaining?

Jesus does get exasperated at times by his followers and especially those who claim to be righteous. He has just told the parable of the prodigal son, a story aimed not so much at the wastrels of the world but at those like the elder son who are self-righteous. He wants his followers to be more imaginative, more adventurous in pursuing his ways. Why can't they be as inventive and able in what they believe as those who pursue a more worldly existence?

Application

What is Jesus asking us to do? He is not asking us to be as deceitful as the steward, for he goes on to say that you have to choose to be the servant either of God or of money. Nor would he be happy to see us forsaking our innocence for the sake of an easier conclusion to life's challenges. His own life provides us with a clear framework of the courage and honesty he asks of us, whatever the trials put in our way. So what are the skills a follower of Jesus needs that display the same ability or astuteness in matters of the Gospel that the unjust steward reveals in his commercial dealings? The main quality Jesus highlights, something the unjust steward is certainly not an

example of, is trustworthiness. He also asks for freedom from greed and from a devotion to riches and money, again the opposite of the unjust steward.

After a brief exchange with the Pharisees, who laugh at him for this attitude to money, Jesus will go on to tell the parable of the rich man who ignores the poor man, Lazarus, at his gate. It is those who are poor, not those who are rich, who are the specially chosen friends of God. Ultimately Jesus uses the example of the steward to turn upside down the world and call us to defend with the same energy and passion his new option for those who are poor. This is where we may get confused. We are not to be taken in by the world of the steward. Rather we are to use all our wit and wisdom to promote the values of the Gospel and the recognition of those who are vulnerable and weak in the eyes of that world.



Prayer for Home Mission Sunday

O God, who sent your Son into the world as the true light, pour out the Spirit he promised to sow the seeds of truth in people's hearts. Awaken our faith, we pray, so that, walking in the ways of salvation and love, we may call all people to become one in Christ. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 25th September- 26th in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant			
Welcomers	Kath Parry	Clare Wichbold	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Fran Smallwood	Brenda Warde	Jacqui Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayers	Adrian Eyre		Tony Archer
Offertory	Hayes Family	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry		Jan Wyman

Next Sunday - Walsingham Appeal

<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	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	18-Sep	A Morawiecki & Pauline Gill
	25-Sep	Jackie King & Rachel Cowdrey
	02-Oct	Pat Wood & Monica Russell
	09-Oct	Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman

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

Deaths: Margaret O'Connor, Robert Moriawiecki, Peter Lee and Father Jerome.

Anniversaries: Margaret Treanor, Alice Johnson, Rev. James Belt, Marjorie Hill, Evelyn Knights, Maria Vaughan and John Williams.

The Sick: Please pray for: Philip Herderschee, Connie Luxon, Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, David Kinsey, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Sr Philipa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

Liturgy for Sunday 18th September Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 25) OT)

<p>25th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord for ever.</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the world ...</p> <p>Communion: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.</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	Liz Norman	Patrick Walesby	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Richard Batho	Clare Wichbold	Pat Draper
2 nd Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayer	Fran Grant		Marje Hayes
Offertory	Parish Children	Margaret Campbell & Maria Large	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Fran Smallwood & Julia Davey		Monica Tomlin
Mass Intention	Tom Dawson & Dick Hayes RIP	Pro Populo	Peter Stacey RIP
Second Collection - Home Mission Sunday			
Food Bank Delivery: Kath Parry			

What's On for the week	
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Sts Andrew Kim Taegon & comp: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	St Matthew: Mass at 8:00 am: No Midday Mass : Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	St Pius of Pietrelcina: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	Our Lady of Walsingham: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am