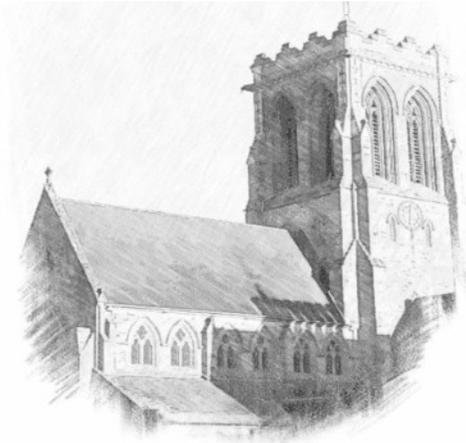


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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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, and in preparation, 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 to bring together the parish for a fun afternoon. It's also a major attraction for local people who come to our beautiful monastery gardens to enjoy our 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 assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Fr Luke's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday at 2.30pm

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£351.70
	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	£176.00
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 <i>Parish Outreach. Thank you!</i>		



The Second collection

Whilst the First Collection is your offering towards the upkeep and maintenance of the parish and church and the different annual levies, the second collection is more about our giving to other causes or appeals. This collection is usually reserved for special collections e.g. Cafod, mission or emergency appeals, the mandatory collections for the Church (Peter's Pence etc.) and so forth. However, over and above these collections there are Outreach Fund collections which will be given to worthy causes close to home and some abroad. Further information will be found in forthcoming Newsletters



The Angel

It is planned to trial a new format for The Angel to be published in early July. Articles of interest should be sent to the Parish office by 30 June to admin@belmontparish.org.uk please. Digital photos of events would also be welcome.



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

- Sat 2nd July Nathalie Eakins
 & Benjamin Mazur
- Sat 9th July Abigail Trumper
 & Joe Markewicz
- Sat 23rd July Kerry Matthews
 & Jon Dallow
- Thu 28th July Andzela Kacinskaite
 & Gerard Cleugh



Thank you, also, to Ray & Margaret Rose for organizing the 'Picnic for the Queen' last Sunday. The weather stayed dry and it was an enjoyable lunch.

Congratulations to Br Patrick who was ordained to the diaconate last week in Rome. He will be returning to the monastery at the end of the month.

Archbishop's House is seeking to employ a suitably qualified person as Office Manager commencing in September 2016. 35 hours per week. Salary to be negotiated. Further

details may be obtained from David Evans at finance@rcadc.org Interviews will take place mid-July.

St. Francis Xavier’s church (in Parish Hall/Annexe) Opens Monday 27 June until Sunday 10 July . Talk by Pam Moon: 2-3 pm Sunday 10 July.

Flower Festival – Cardiff Cathedral. As part of the Archdiocesan 100th anniversary celebrations, a Festival of Flowers is being held from 30th June-4th July.



Tea & Chat

The forthcoming dates for Tea & Chat are 21st June, 19th July and 16th August. All are welcome in the Parish Centre from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm.

Diamond Diners

The forthcoming dates for the Lunch Club are 5th July and 2nd August. If you are over 60 and would like to join a friendly group for lunch at the Three Horseshoes at 1:00 pm just tick or add your name to the list in the Parish Centre.



The Shroud of Turin Exhibition

This exhibition, featuring life-sized photographic replicas of the Shroud of Turin, was created by internationally respected expert Pam Moon and it aims to use the replica of the Shroud as a visual aid to tell the story of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and to examine the mystery of the cloth.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 21 June
2:30 pm
Tea & Chat

Friday 24 June
9:00 am
Church Cleaning

Sunday 26 June
Pay for and collect
Tesco Vouchers

16 July
Grandparents’ and
Grandchildren’s Day



Pilgrimage for Catholic Grandparents and their families

“A Grand Day Out” is being held by the 3 Welsh dioceses at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 16th July, from 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, to mark both the Year of Mercy and the 100 anniversary of the Archdiocese. It will be a fun family day, all ending with Mass at 3.00 pm celebrated by the bishops. See Poster in the porch.



Become a Holy Door Helper!

The Diocesan Evangelisation Team invites you to help run a “Mission to the Doors of Mercy” in September this year. Each day between 19 and 23 September we will visit a different Holy Door Church and put on a series of meals. With your help, we will invite non-Catholics and non-churchgoing Catholics to come and share a simple meal, hear something of Pope Francis’ message of mercy, and, for those who wish, take part in a short prayer service which ends with an opportunity to pass through the Holy Door.

We are asking for help when we visit your local Holy Door: Belmont Abbey – Monday 19th September

We need helpers available during the afternoon and/or during the evening who can: welcome guests at the door and as table hosts; prepare or serve tea, coffee and soup; provide music and readers for the simple prayer service. We also need your help before the Mission Day to design local invitation cards and invite members of your community!

If you can help, please come to one of our three team training events:

Monday 4th July 1.30 pm – 3.00 p.m.
at St Philip Evans Hall, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL

Monday 4th July 7.30 pm – 9.00 p.m.
at St Philip Evans Hall, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL

Monday 11th July 7.00 pm – 8.30 p.m.
at the Salvation Army Citadel, Victoria Street, Abergavenny, Gwent NP7 5DS

If you can’t make any of the training meetings but would still like to help, please contact Madeleine Walters on walters.sunnyside@btopenworld.com or Revd Gareth Leyshon on 029 2073 1061.



Longworth Pre-Reformation Catholic Chapel

His Grace Archbishop George Stack is coming again this year to celebrate Holy Mass in the Chapel on Thursday, 21 July at 11.00 a.m. It is hoped that parishioners from every Parish in the county will be able to come together for this celebration

This year we will be commemorating especially the Herefordshire martyr, Blessed Roger Cadwallador,,as the first small steps are taken in the Cause for his Canonisation. A full, vivid and moving account of his Life and Martyrdom, the first to be published, has recently been written by Lynn Surtees, a parishioner of St. Francis

Xavier's, (' Blessed Roger Cadwallador' available from Gracewing).

Note. The Chapel lies next to the old Bartestree Convent (now Frome Court HR1 4DX) and on the same entrance road as St. Michael's Hospice.



HOMILY

"Who do you say I am?"

Illustration

Forty years ago, when many Christians in South Africa were part of the struggle against apartheid, an influential book about Jesus was written by South African theologian and Dominican priest Albert Nolan. From the context of poverty and oppression in South Africa, *Jesus before Christianity* examined the person of Jesus and his mission. Nolan set aside all preconceived notions about Jesus and studied accounts of his life in the scriptures. He aimed to shed light on the person of Jesus, stripped of the doctrine, dogma and religious ritual in which Christian belief had clothed him over two thousand years.

Nolan found that Jesus closely identified with those at the margins of society, despite frequent disapproval from political and religious leaders. In fact he was often in conflict with

religious leaders. Compassion for those who were poor, sick and powerless featured strongly in his mission. Nolan found a Jesus who spread good news about a kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven", in which the people on the margins of society were valued and loved by God. Nolan suggested, "it would have been impossible for the people of Jesus' time to have thought of him as an eminently religious man who steered clear of politics". Jesus' mission was based out on the streets and roads among ordinary people, involved with the social problems of his time. Wherever he found injustice and abuse of power he confronted it; and it is this that led to his execution. The powers of his time perceived him as a threat.

Gospel Teaching

In the Gospels, the question "Who is he?" is whispered wherever Jesus goes. Everyone who meets Jesus seems to ask that question. He is obviously someone who makes an immediate impression on people he encounters. In today's Gospel, Jesus himself poses the question to his disciples. But first he asks his followers the safe question, "Who do *the crowds* say I am?" It is safer because to answer it requires no conviction, no commitment, no risk. Various names are put forward in response. But then Jesus asks the

dangerous question, “Who do *you* say I am?” The disciples are put on the spot. Peter speaks up: “The Christ of God”. It is a self-defining moment for Peter. Through the grace of God he has discovered himself in the presence of the one who discloses God and reveals the way of God, and it is the way of love and justice. He will spend the rest of his life being a faithful and courageous follower of Christ.

But what does Jesus say of himself in today’s Gospel? He says he will suffer horribly, he will be rejected by the political and religious leaders of his time, he will be killed, but he will be raised from the dead on the third day. From this moment onward in the Gospel story, Jesus is on his way to the cross. Everything he says and does is another step towards crucifixion, where he will demonstrate perfect love and total self-giving.

Application

Jesus’ question is an invitation for us to answer for ourselves. “Who do you say I am?” Who is Jesus for us? Is he simply a name or a person from history? Or is he someone who loves us and walks with us through life? Our answer to that question is shown in the way we live. Do we base our lives upon the worldly values of money,

possessions, prestige, status, privilege, power? If we make these our supreme values we will not truly be following in the way of Jesus Christ.

Being followers of Christ will transform our thoughts, our actions and our emotions. It is knowing who Christ really is that stirs in us the desire to do something great with our lives, to commit ourselves humbly to improving ourselves and society. It is the Christ in us who rejects us becoming tools of violence and destruction and indifferent to the signs of our times. We are people who defend peace, and we will not resign ourselves to a world where other human beings die of hunger, remain illiterate, have no work, or have to migrate in their tens of thousands to flee war zones. We will defend life at every moment of its development and strive to make this earth a just and peaceful place for all people. May we be recognised as Christ’s faithful followers, a people with the compassionate and loving Spirit of God alive in us.



Ministers, etc. For next <u>Sunday 26th June - 13th in Ordinary Time Year C</u>			
	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Kath Parry	Brenda Warde	Monica Russell & Rita Chamberlain
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Frances Wood	Jacqui Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Pat Draper
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui Ramage-S		Marje Hayes
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Anthea Morton-S & Mara Large	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees		Jan Wyman
Next Sunday -Parish Outreach			

<p>Why am I (still) a Catholic June 24-26 2 days (Reg Fee £26) <i>"Will you go away to?" Was the question</i> <i>Jesus put to Peter</i> The Belmont Community</p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 19 June	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	19-Jun	Pat Wood & Pauline Gill
	26-Jun	Jacqui Corrigan & Rob Blackburn
	03-Jul	Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman
10-Jul	Jacqui Corrigan & Rob Blackburn	

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

Deaths: Fr Luke, Lesley Hayes, Bernard Clayton, Sue Ball and Mary Carroll.

Anniversaries: Archbishop Bilborough, Katherine Fitzgerald, Dr. Michael McGinn, William Hart, Edith Lawrence, Tony Sperring, Ronald Wooles, George Meadmore, Dr. John Bates, John Bold, David Smith, Declan Smyrl, Norah Lenehan, Edward, Corrigan, Alice Mary Dawe, Douglas John Fish, Brother John Johnson and William Griffin.

The Sick: Please pray for: Gordon Wilson, Syliva Evans, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Peter Lee, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medlicott, Bridie Gittoes, Sr Philpa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Edna Ledford, Sue Rogers, Fr Michael Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 19th June Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 11 OT)

<p>12th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord and bless your heritage and govern them for ever.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread...</p> <p>Communion: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.</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	Hayes Family	Patrick Walesby	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Julia Davey	Marion Luscombe	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	William Jackson		Gabrielle Stanley
Bidding Prayer	Ann Jackson		Sally Johns
Offertory	Children’s Liturgy	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Monica Tomlin
Mass Intention	Fr Luke	Pro Populo	
Second Collection - Day for Life			
Food Bank Delivery: Ray Rose			

What’s On for the week	
Mon	Sts Alban, Julius & Aaron: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Aloysius Gonzaga: Mass at 8:00 am: 2:30
Wed	SS John Fisher & Thomas More: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Abbey; Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	Sts Etheldreda, Mildred & Holy Nuns of England: Mass at 8:00 am. 2:30 Requiem Mass for Fr Luke
Fri	Nativity of St John the Baptist: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition & Midday Mass in the Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am