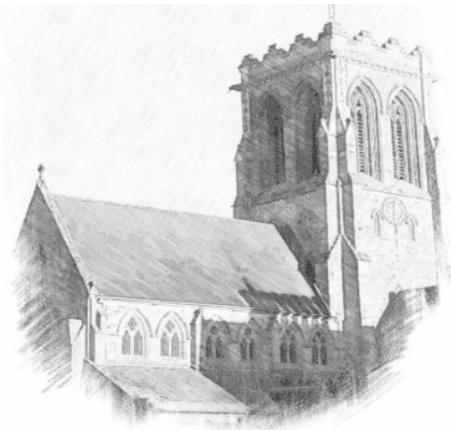


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd October 2016

**27th in Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)**

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CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is this Friday, 7 October. Your support and donations this Harvest Fast Day will enable Cafod to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund their work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis. Cafod envelopes are available in the glass porch.

At the invitation of the Dean and Chapter, the monastic community will be singing Vespers for the Feast of St Thomas Cantilupe at Hereford Cathedral today at 5pm. There will be no public vespers or benediction here in the Abbey today.

The Belmont Community are on Retreat this week.

Fr Nicholas will be back tomorrow

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£358.65
	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	£136.54
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 Walsingham Appeal. 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 Sale** is on 29 October - so we do need some more items. **Change:** Please do not send us any rag bags. We can no longer sell them. We could do with some more books and bric-a-brac. Thank you for your continued efforts.

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**BELMONT ABBEY PARISH
QUIZ SUPPER
FRIDAY, 21- OCTOBER 2016
AT HEDLEY LODGE
6.45 FOR 7.00 PM SHARP PLEASE
APPLICATION SLIPS CAN BE HAD
FROM FOLDER IN FOYER
ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY - YOUR
SUPPORT WILL BE MUCH
APPRECIATED**

Diamond Diners

This is a lunch club for those over 60 years. We meet at the "Three Horseshoes" public house at Allensmore. 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 meet in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The remaining dates are: - 18 October and 15 November .

Margaret Rose

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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.



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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 14 October
9:00
Church Cleaning

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

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

Friday 28 October
9:00
Church cleaning

Saturday 30 October
2:00
Jumble Sale
OLQM Parish Hall



Herefordshire Catholic History Society

Following the great interest shown by the attendance at Mass on 15th August at Rotherwas Chapel, there will be a talk on the History of the Bodenham Family of Rotherwas on Friday, 14th October in the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey at 2.30 pm. All welcome. Further information bmwarde@aol.com





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!



New Rota

The new Rota of ministries has been sent out. If you have not received yours please check your spam box and then contact me. Many thanks!



HOMILY

“Lord, increase our faith.”

Illustration

The tragic events of 11 September 2001 are etched in the world’s memory – 9/11, the day when two hijacked planes slammed into the

twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York, killing nearly three thousand people. Among the stories of personal heroism that marked that day is that of thirty-two-year-old Todd Beamer. He was not in New York as the twin towers came tumbling down; he was high above Pennsylvania in another hijacked Boeing 757 that was to be deliberately crashed. Sitting at the rear of the plane, he knew that all aboard were doomed unless some daring action was taken. He decided on a bold move: he would try to overpower the terrorists.

After secretly signalling his intention to other passengers, he prayed the “Our Father” aloud. Then he uttered his last recorded words: “Let’s roll,” and with that he led several other men in an attempt to take control of the aircraft, so that they could bring it down safely. Later his bereaved wife spoke of him as a gentle man who wouldn’t stand for others being hurt. And she added: “Todd’s faith was his top priority in life.”

Gospel Teaching

In today’s Gospel we hear the apostles asking Jesus to increase their faith. It looks as though faith was their top priority too. This is one of only two occasions in the Gospel of Luke where the apostles make a precise

request of Jesus. Real faith means so much more than subscribing to a list of beliefs; it means committing oneself to a person and putting all one's trust in him. And for the Christian that person is Jesus Christ.

We're not going to make much sense of Jesus' response to his friends unless we recognise that what he says is not meant to be taken literally. "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed," he replies, "you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Jesus is not expecting us to litter the sea with uprooted trees. It's just a bold way of saying that faith can do the impossible. And so it can.

At the same time, trusting in the Lord is not the same thing as meekly accepting whatever happens in our world, without so much as a word of complaint. Just look at today's first reading, where Habakkuk the prophet rebukes the Lord because a fearful enemy is approaching and it looks as though violence and power are going to win the day. Despite his pleas for an explanation ("How long, Lord, am I to cry for help... why do you look on where there is tyranny?"), the only response he gets is that "the upright... will live by [their] faithfulness". Our God is big enough to accept our anger and our cries of indignation, provided only that we do not lose hold of our

faith in God.

Application

In our heart of hearts we all know that faith is a gift to be cherished as a top priority. Faith is the basis of our relationship with the Lord; without it, we can have no friendship with him; without it, the reception of the sacraments would be worthless; without it, the words of the Bible would lose their power for us; without it, coming to Mass would be pointless; without it, we'd never understand, as today's Gospel tells us, that even when we've done all that the Lord requires of us, we are doing no more than our duty.

If faith is as vital as that, then we want not simply to hold on to it but to cultivate it, to encourage its growth. And that leads us to the only other place in Luke's Gospel where the apostles make a specific request of Jesus. One day when they'd seen him praying, they begged him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Faith and prayer go together. If we pray, our faith grows; if our faith grows, we are drawn to prayer. Of course, "Lord, increase our faith" is itself a prayer. It's a prayer we could make especially our own today; perhaps we could repeat it time and time again throughout this day. And there is no reason to stop praying it; it can become our companion through life, an oft-repeated request that we

may become people of prayer, that through our faith we may become people who live close to the Lord.



Missio (APF) Red Boxes

Please make arrangements to hand in your Red Box to your promoter. Name & Tel: No: on label on bottom of box.

New Box Holders

Your promoter will phone you in the coming weeks to make arrangements with you. Please can I have all monies in by the end of November.

I have been secretary of the APF for over 15 years and feel now is the time to hand over to someone else who can take this important work forward. I have given my resignation to head office and will leave at the end of December. Is there any one who would/could take this on? I am more than willing to give help initially with procedures.

Please give this serious consideration and phone me on 01432-356878 if you are interested. *Liz Norman*



Celebrate Family Conference – Bristol Weekend 2016

Sat 22nd Oct 2016, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. to Sun 23rd Oct 2016, 9 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Theme: “Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God” Micah 6:8

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Celebrate Weekend. Whether joining us for the first time or a regular participant, whether coming on your own, in a group, or with family.

CELEBRATE is a conference for all, young and old. We are expectant that the Lord shall move powerfully amongst us all during the coming conference: Encountering God in the Teaching, Praise & Worship, Healing through Prayer Ministry and Confession, Children’s & Youth Ministry through led streams.

A small fee includes an evening meal on Saturday. Tea, coffee, and refreshments are available throughout the conference. You should make provisions for a packed lunch on both conference days. For more information and for booking online please go to the website:www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/bristol or e-mail Bristol@celebrateconference.org or phone Jane Davies 01432 267089. One of our own young people, together with her husband, is part of the Core Team and Worship Ministry for this Conference. Hope to see you there.



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 7th October- 28th in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Annette Mansie	Ann Stapleton	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Richard Batho	Sally Johns	Niamh Coyle
2 nd Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayers	Fran Smallwood		Jane Davies
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Julia Davey		Monica Russell

Next Sunday - Cafod

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.	8.30 Children's Liturgy - temporarily cancelled
02-Oct		Pat Wood & Monica Russell
09-Oct		Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman
16-Oct		A Morawiecki & R Blackburn
23-Oct		Marje Hayes & Mary Wood
30-Oct		Pat Wood & Rachel Cowdrey

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 2 Oct)

Deaths: *Connie Luxon, Margaret O'Connor, Robert Morawiecki and Peter Lee*

Anniversaries: *Gladys Cummings, Rt. Rev Abbot Alan Rees, Patrick Connell, Maureen Plant, Henry Stewart, Thomas Forder, James Morgan, Anne Hardy, Ellen Stewart, Tony Tulacz, Monica Blake, Myles Davey, Abbot Ildephonsus Cummins, Vincent Dolman, Mary Green, Denise Patricia Huckle, Bruno Locans, Frank Today, Jessica Esther Zochowski and Helena Spolnik.*

The Sick: Please pray for: *Mary Smith, Fr Michael Cummins, Philip Herderschee, 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 Medlicott, Sr Philipa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.*

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Liturgy for Sunday 2nd October *Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 27 OT)*

<p>27th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: Within your will O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are Lord of all.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread ...</p> <p>Communion: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30 am	09:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant			
Welcomer	Kath Parry	Desmond Keohane	Rita Chamberlain & Monica Russell
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Mary Hayes	Marion Luscombe	Jane Davies
2 nd Reading	Liz Norman		Peter Davies
Bidding Prayer	Bill Jackson		Pat Draper
Offertory	Parish Children	Nickerson Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Frances Dees & Seamus Hayes		Rob Corrigan
Mass Intention	Belmont Parish	Pro Populo	
Second Collection - Parish Outreach			
Food Bank Delivery: Chris Moore			

What's On for the week	
Mon	Guardian Angels: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Francis of Assisi: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: No Midday Mass : Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	St Bruno: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Our Lady of the Rosary: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Midday Mass in the Abbey
Sat	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am