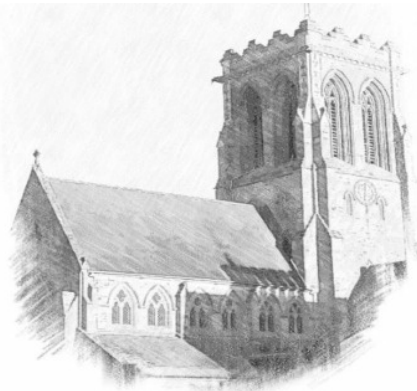


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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PENTECOST

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Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as described in the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty Days after Jesus' resurrection the apostles were gathered together probably wondering "what's next" when the Holy Spirit rested upon them and they began to boldly proclaim the Gospel of the Risen Lord. Pentecost is also the Greek name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks, falling on the 50th day of Passover. This feast also commemorates the occasion when the earthly Church of Christ began its apostolic mission to the ends of the world.

At 11 am Mass today we officially welcome Bonnie Collins into the Church through Baptism.

Adoremus – There are still places available for the *National* Eucharistic Congress which takes place in Liverpool on 7th-9th September 2018. See Fr Nicholas or Fr Matthew for more details.

GDPR Update: We are currently completing a Data audit. This includes assessing what data we currently hold and for what purpose. I have also contacted members of the parish, former parish priests and volunteers to see if they have retained any lists or information. If you have any parish lists or information please contact Fr Nicholas for advice.

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	£638.25
	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	£188.91
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 World Communication Day. Thank You		



The **Summer fete** looms ever nearer (June 16) and preparations are well under way but we still need your help! Can you offer your services, help with a stall, or perhaps have spare bottles, unwanted presents or items for one of the many stalls (not jumble please at this time). Contact Fr Nicholas or Kath Parry for more details. Thank 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.



Thank you

From Emily Shortland-Hayes to everyone who attended the Fashion Show last Friday or who kindly contributed to Emily's Malaysian trip. The fashion show made just over £500.



Dates for your diary

27 May

Last day for Red Boxes

Sunday 3rd June 4 pm

Feast of Corpus Christi

Solemn Vespers

and

Benediction with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

1 June

Church Cleaning

9:00 am

16 June

Garden Fete

2:00 pm





Lift up your Hearts

A Day of Recollection at Belmont Abbey led by Fr Matthew for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Saturday 2 June 10 am to 4 pm. Ideal day for those who missed the parish day before Easter. See poster for more details.



The Fete

We are now looking for bric-a-brac, books, good condition children’s toys and only clean and in very good condition clothes. We can no longer take “rags” as we have no way of disposing of them. We also cannot take electrical goods for the fete, as customers cannot test them in the tent. We also need items that can be used for the **Grand Tombola**, so if you have any gifts you cannot use, do give them to us for the Tombola. As always all **bottles** are gratefully accepted. The bottle stall is one of our best ones but it does take a lot of bottles to stock, so please be generous. If you have **spare plants**, please remember the Plant Stall. We will also need lots and lots of **yummy cakes! Also needed is jewellery and nice smelly things.**

Many thanks for your help!



*With sadness we report the death of Lillian Allsopp. May she rest in peace. Her requiem Mass will be at **12.30** on **Tuesday 29th May***



Bereavement Support

The Archdiocese will be running a course for those interested in supporting the bereaved. This will be held on Saturday June 30th from 10 am until 4 pm at the Pastoral Resource Centre, Newport Rd. Cardiff. It is aimed at those who are already part of a Bereavement Support Group in their parish, anyone wishing to be part of a group or who would like to start one. If you are interested please speak to Fr Nicholas.



ROME PILGRIMAGE

There is the possibility of a Deanery Pilgrimage to Rome this October - Monday 15 October to Friday 19 October. Includes: Flights from Manchester, Coach Transfers, One included excursion. Basilicas of Rome, St Mary Major, St John Lateran and St. Paul’s Outside the Walls. Half Board Accommodation, 3 Star Hotel. All rooms ensuite. 5 days

/4 nights. Papal Audience (Subject to the Holy Father being in Rome). Organised by Leisure Time Travel in Liverpool. Optional Full day trip to Assisi (price depends on numbers) Insurance is not included. Price £629 per person. Single Supplement £120. If interested contact Fr. Matthew at OLQM Church: fr.matthew@live.co.uk - H 265177.



HEREFORDSHIRE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the HCHS will be a visit to the new Hereford Record Office (HARC) on Monday 4 June at 2.30 pm. This will be a rare opportunity to see their excellent facilities and to view a wide selection of historical documents relating to local Catholic history. Visitors are welcome to join members for a small charge of £2.00. Further information from bmwarde@aol.com



NOAH'S CAMP

A Catholic family camp set in rural Gloucestershire (near Dymock). 13 to 17 August 2018. Youth and children's activities, live worship band, inspiring talks. For more information see our website:- www.noahscamp.co.uk or phone 07961 346343



WAMCHS Annual History Day

Saturday June 9th 2018 at St. David's
6th Form College Cardiff

10.00 am Holy Mass; 10.30 am Tea/Coffee; 11.15 am Tim Davies 'Hugh Owen, Plas Ddu, Caernarfon' A Catholic Spy in the Reign of Elizabeth 1; 12.45 pm Lunch; 2.15 pm Lynne Surtees 'Blessed Roger Cadwallador': Roger Cadwallador was martyred in Leominster on 27 August 1610. End at approx. 3.30; Cost for the Day: £12 (Members) £15 (non-Members) includes teas, coffees, pastries and buffet lunch. All are welcome for what is always a very enjoyable day. To book a place and for further details please contact: Tricia Coulthard - triciacoulthard@outlook.com or 02920 595 899.



Hereford Food Bank

Coffee Morning at The Deanery, College Cloisters, Hereford Friday 1st June 10.00 — 12.00 The Dean, Michael Tavinor, and the Hereford Food Bank cordially invite you to a coffee morning to be held in the Deanery's lovely gardens on the banks of the River Wye. In the event of rain we will be relocating to College Hall.





Homily



“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Illustration

They say it’s all in the preparation. Any task that needs to be done well needs to be prepared well. Chefs will tell you this is true; musicians, artists, sportsmen and sportswomen. It is also true of some major biblical events, and certainly when God approached Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai, in preparation for the people receiving the stone tablets of God’s Law. On that occasion, Moses and the people gathered at the foot of the mountain.

People prepared for three days during which Moses consecrated them to the Lord. On the third day, they discovered what they had been preparing for. It was dramatic. The

mountain was covered in smoke, because the Lord came in fire. The whole mountain shook, and the noise of what sounded like a trumpet got louder and louder. Moses climbed the mountain and was given the Law, the way in which God reached out to all of them, inviting them into a relationship as God’s children. This tale gives the background to the first reading for our feast of Pentecost, and the experience of the disciples in the room where they were gathered for the Jewish feast of Pentecost. Luke, the author of Acts, cleverly tells this story against the background of this Mount Sinai experience.

Gospel Teaching

Pentecost was and is a major feast for Jewish people. It marked the end of Passover, just as for Christians it marks the end of Easter. The feast of Pentecost came about because of the belief that God gave the Law to Moses fifty days after the Israelites left Egypt. Since the events of the death and resurrection of Jesus were related to the Jewish Passover, it was perfectly logical for Luke in the Acts of the Apostles to connect the sending of the Holy Spirit to the final act of Passover – Pentecost.

Luke fully recognises that the Holy Spirit came on different groups of people in different places and at different times, and gives examples of

these in Acts. John's Gospel speaks of Jesus giving the Holy Spirit to the disciples in the upper room on the day of resurrection, so it would be wrong to think of Pentecost as in any way a one-off occasion. Rather, Luke presents Pentecost in the upper room as the fulfilment of the giving of the Law: hence what seemed like fire descended on the disciples – as there was when God descended on Sinai. There was noise that sounded like a tremendous wind – like the noise of trumpets at Sinai. And the house seemed to shake – as did Mount Sinai as God descended.

The result of this dramatic scene is a powerful witness to the risen Christ by those who had just received the Holy Spirit. Now neither limited by their own fear, nor impeded by the barrier of different languages, the arrival of the Holy Spirit creates confident disciples, and they achieve what Jesus promised they would through the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel speaks of the Spirit who witnesses to Jesus, and the disciples who will also witness because they receive the Spirit. This Spirit leads disciples to the complete truth.

Application

Clearly, the gift of the Spirit is not limited to the first generation of disciples, or even subsequent disciples in the Acts of the Apostles. It

is often pointed out that the book of the Acts of the Apostles doesn't come to an end; it merely stops at a particular point. The reason is that the story is still being constructed, and by us who are the present-day disciples in the tale of Jesus' witnesses, because we too are empowered by the Spirit. We use the word "Paraclete" to describe the Holy Spirit. This is a word that was known to Jews and Gentile alike. For the Gentiles – Roman and Greek – a Paraclete was a legal representative; for the Jews, a Paraclete meant a comforter, a counsellor. The presence of the Spirit keeps us in the knowledge of God, and enables us to experience the presence of God.

St Paul reminds us how we recognise the presence and action of the Spirit in ourselves and in others. The Spirit is never found in anger, jealousy, self-indulgence, immorality. Rather, the Spirit is found where there is peace, joy, love, kindness, truthfulness, self-control. Where we see these, says Paul, we see the Spirit of God. When we do these, we are witnesses to the risen Christ.



Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 27 May 2018</u> <u>Holy Trinity</u> Year B Cycle			
	08:30:	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Kath Parry	Phyll Buckley	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Julia Davey	Menna McBain	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S		Sergio Pavia
Bidding Prayers	Fran Grant		Pat Draper
Offertory	Hickey Family	Anthea Morton-S & Maria Large	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees & Fran Smallwood		Deacon Edie & Tony Archer
Next Sunday - Monk's Training			

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.	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	20-May	Andrew M & Pauline Gill
	27-May	Half Term
	03-Jun	Half Term
	10-Jun	Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman
	17-Jun	Andrew M & Mary Wood

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 20 May)

Deaths: Claire George, Lillian Allsopp, Gill Wiseman and William Padden

Anniversaries: Abbot Alphege Gleeson *osb*, Patricia Hunn, Dom Placid Smith *osb*, Sebastian Anderson, Mary Broderick, Kathleen Clayton, Dorothy Edge, Eileen Morgan, Irene Pogson, Evelyn Rafferty, St Guthlac's Priory remains of 30 monks, Solanje Bowen, Dom Raymund Frost *osb*, Amelia Warren-Swettenham, Thomas Rafferty and John O'Neill.

The Sick: Please pray for: Veronica Mayne, Delia Swainson, Sally Johns, Neal Harries, Kenny Hanna, Fr Aidan, Rachel Thompson, Phillip Archer, Sonja Hayes, Robin Hayward, Gil Savory, Denise Ellis, Chris & Sue Rogers, Peter Draper, Dominique Wetz, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

<h2 style="margin: 0;"><i>Feast of Pentecost</i></h2>	<p>Entrance: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread ...</p> <p>Communion: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30:	09:30	11:00:
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Annette Mansie	Nickerson Family	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Liz Norman	Basil Nickerson	Liz Morawiecki
2 nd Reading	Fran Grant		Pat Draper
Bidding Prayer	Mary Hayes		Tony Archer
Offertory	Ramage-H Family		
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Deacon Eddie		Deacon Eddie & Gabrielle Stanley
Mass Intention	<i>Brooks Family RIP</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>Edna Wood RIP</i>
<i>Second Collection: Supporting Catholic Education</i>			
<i>Food Bank Collection: Chris Moore</i>			

<i>What's On for the week</i>	
Mon	Mary Mother of the Church: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Rita: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8 am: Midday Mass in the Oratory:
Thu	Our Lord Jesus, the Eternal High Priest: Mass at 8 am
Fri	St Bede: Mass at 8 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in the Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10 am