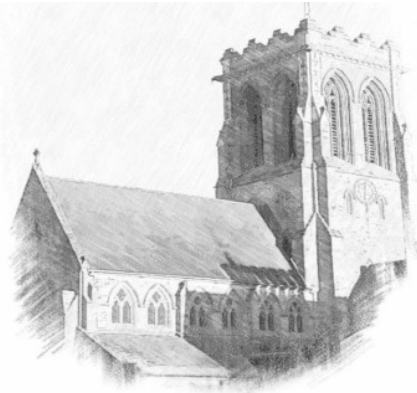


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



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20th Week Ordinary Time

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Congratulations to Kitty & Jonathon who were married in the abbey church yesterday. We offer them our prayers and best wishes for their future life together.

The parish financial year ends shortly at the end of August. It would greatly assist our book keeping if payments for Tesco vouchers and catholic newspapers were received by Sunday 27th August latest. Thank you.

The second collection today is for Marriage Care

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£257.08
	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	£182.62
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: St Joseph Makeni. Thank You!		



During the month of August the **Parish Outreach 2nd Collection** will be devoted to St Joseph's School, Makeni and Marriage Care. St Joseph's is a very special school, started in Makeni, Sierra Leone in 1979, destroyed in the civil war of the 90s, & lovingly re-established in 2003. Care & education is provided for over 250 hearing impaired students aged 3 to 18 from very poor backgrounds, who are often marginalized or rejected. For more information do chat with Monica Tomlin who devotes much of her time to this school or read the article in the Angel magazine.

Marriage Care helps couples and individuals to build and sustain strong, fulfilling healthy relationships, as well as providing counselling support in times of relationship

difficulty. The parish also uses the local branch of Marriage Care in the preparation of our wedding couples. Unfortunately, the government is removing the grants to Marriage Care and similar charities so they rely on donations to continue much of their work.



Summer Holiday Request

If you are away on holiday this summer and visit the parish church, please bring back a newsletter to help us with different ideas and formats. Thank you!



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While you are away, remember that you can keep up with parish news at: **www.belmontparish.org.uk**





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25 August
Church Cleaning
9:00 am

17 November
Quiz Night
Hedley Lodge
7:00 pm

23 November
Rise Theatre
Hedley Lodge
7:30 pm



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 26th August
Natalie Dewhurst &
Robert Dewen

Sat 16th September
Chelsie Jones &
David Shutt

Sat 30th September
Arabella Anderson &
Chris Haughian



Herefordshire's Hidden Saint

No children's liturgy of the Word during the school holidays. Don't forget we are always looking for new volunteers to lead or merely help with these sessions. Please see Fr Nicholas for more details.



Rota of Ministries

A new rota is due for the period 10 September to and including 24 December. I would be grateful to have your non-available dates by 3 September at the latest. Many thanks for your help. Contact me on Hfd 266307/ Frangrant235 @Btinternet.com *Fran Grant*

A day conference on Saturday 26 August, 10 am to 4 pm at Belmont Abbey. Michael Questier and Lynne Surtees will speak about this brave and inspirational young man who was loyal to both King and Country but who put his devotion to the Catholic Faith first. Abbot Paul Stonham will preside at a Mass in honour of the Herefordshire Martyrs. Cost £12 including tea and coffee, bring sandwiches. Poster and leaflets at the back of the church.

On Sunday 27th August at 3 pm – at the Catholic Church in Leominster to dedicate the memorial stone which marks the burial place of Roger

Cadwallador's relic; followed by Vespers and Benediction.



We have made a few changes to the **Parish Graveyard Policy**. Copies of the new guidelines are available in the porch.



150 Club Winners - August

1 st	Jo Reed	£50
2 nd	Mary Smith	£25
3 rd	Theresa Donovan	£12



Mini Pilgrimages

Sunday
27 August 3 pm
Annual Saint David Lewis trip
Usk

See poster for details

Sunday
3 September 3 pm
Sung Vespers at Tintern
Father Abbot presiding



Join the **Ride and Stride** this year to help fund repairs badly needed in many of Herefordshire's churches. This national event takes place on

Saturday 9 September. Cycle or walk between the churches in your area. Half of the sponsorship raised goes to the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, half to the church of your choice. For more information go to www.herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride.php.



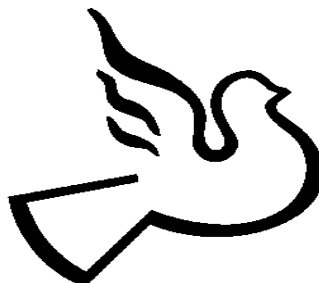
Youth 2000 Annual Prayer festival

Hosted by the national Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham between 24th - 28th Aug. 2017's biggest young Catholic Summer Festival!

Inheritance, a 5-day camping festival run by young people for young people. It is about us discovering who we are as we come face-to-face with the God who made us, knows us and loves us. See Poster for more details.



Daily and often hourly Masses can be found on line at this address: www.churchservices.tv





Homily

*“Jesus answered her,
‘Woman, you have great faith.’”*

Illustration

In 1979 the United Kingdom elected its first ever woman prime minister, Margaret Thatcher. She held office for the next eleven years, and so became the longest-serving prime minister of the UK in the twentieth century. Her dogged determination and, some might say, her stubbornness had already won her the nickname of the “Iron Lady”.

In October 1980 she addressed the annual Conservative Party Conference. Unemployment was in the news. It was mounting so steeply that many of her own colleagues were disturbed. They began to argue that the time had surely come for a U-turn in Margaret Thatcher’s policies. Her disdainful reply, which was to become almost her motto, was, “You turn if you want to, but the lady is not for turning.”

Gospel Teaching

In today’s Gospel we meet a lady who was certainly not for turning. She was a woman who wouldn’t change her mind, but, incredibly, seems to have

successfully encouraged Jesus to change his. Jesus and his apostles have moved towards pagan territory in the north of the country, close to modern-day Lebanon. A woman from the district approaches Jesus, crying aloud. She is described as a Canaanite, which means that she would have been regarded by the Jews as a pagan, an outsider, and as ritually unclean. Yet she proves to be one of the most attractive characters in the Gospel. Her anxious cries are not for herself but for her little daughter who is sick. Perhaps she has heard about Jesus’ extraordinary ability to heal sick people. Could it be that he would be able to help her? She is determined to find out. Her efforts meet with apparent rebuff on the part of Jesus – no word from him, just a stony silence. That doesn’t stop her crying out for his help.

In the end the apostles are so annoyed that they beg Jesus, “Give her what she wants.” He explains that for the moment his mission is restricted to the Jews, to “the lost sheep of the House of Israel”. But the expression he uses sounds insulting: it’s not right, he says, to throw the children’s food to the house-dogs. Far from putting off this good woman, Jesus’ words seem only to encourage her. She’s already on her knees before him and now, alluding to what he has just said, reminds him that even

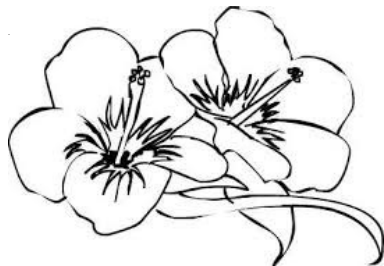
house-dogs eat the leftovers. Jesus is moved by her persistence, her love for her daughter, her sense of humour – but above all by her faith, her conviction that Jesus could and would help her. If initially he had meant to concentrate his attention on the Jewish people, he is so won over by this pagan woman that he sees that an exception is called for: he assures her that her child will recover.

Application

This incident reads like a commentary on what happened in the early Church. The first Christians were all convert Jews, and there was great uncertainty as to whether Gentiles could become Christians unless they were first prepared to become Jews. Only gradually, especially through the influence of St Paul, did the Church come to see that her mission was to the whole of humanity. Paul, who never lost his love for his own people, gladly called himself “the apostle of the Gentiles”. In fact in today’s second reading he expresses the hope that his very success in bringing Gentiles into the Church might lead some of his Jewish friends to embrace Christianity.

In today’s world many people find it hard to respect “the other”, the one who differs from them because of the colour of their skin or the sound of

their accent or the land of their birth or the religion to which they are affiliated. There is no excuse for Jesus’ followers ever to lose sight of the fact that his love is for everyone: Catholics and Protestants, Jews, Hindus and Muslims, believers and unbelievers – all alike are his. In fact Jesus’ final words before he ascended into heaven were that the apostles should go forth to all the nations. Each person is precious to him. He died for all without exception. His Spirit is at work in all. Like that wise and wonderful woman in today’s Gospel, please God we too will not be for turning, will never lose sight of the fact that where human beings are concerned there are no “house-dogs”, only beloved sons and daughters of God.



Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 27 August 21</u> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Cycle 1			
	08:30	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Patrick Walesby	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Jacqui R-Smith	Clare Nickerson	Jacqui Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Fran Grant		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayers	Ann Jackson		Tony Archer
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Frances Riddell & Anthea Morton-S	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Chris Moore & Joao Pavia
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach (Marriage Care)			

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.	
		None until beginning September

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

Deaths: *Jo Berry, Kevin Hanna, Sr Phillipa, Bernadette Higgins and Teazel Chowles*

Anniversaries: *John Bennallack-Hart, Vincent Hourahane, Andrew Pracey, Rose Rogers, Francis Spolnik, John Jeffrey Taylor, Edwin Townsend, Margaret Ward, Agnes Rosser, George Hyde, Sister Mary Rawlinson, Noel Warde, David Pook, Mary Martin and Dr Declan O'Brien.*

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

Liturgy for Sunday 20 August 2017 *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 20)*

<p>20th Week</p> <p>In</p> <p>Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.</p> <p>Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord ...</p> <p>Communion: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.</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	Annette Mansie	Clare Wichbold	Rita Chamberlain & Marnie Archer
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Liz Norman	Marion Luscombe	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Mary Hayes		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayer	Bill Jackson		Pat Wood
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Teresa Harris & Menna McBain	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Julia Davey & Kath Parry		Monica Russell & Jan Wyman
Mass Intention	Jeff Taylor RIP	Richard Hayes Jr RIP	For the Donald Family everywhere, living & dead
Second Collection - Parish Outreach - (Marriage Care)			
Food Bank Collection: Margaret & Ray Rose			

What's On for the week	
Mon	St Pius X: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St John Kemble: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	St Rose of Lima: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	St Bartholomew: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Midday Mass at 12 noon
Sat	Bl Dominic Barberi: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am: