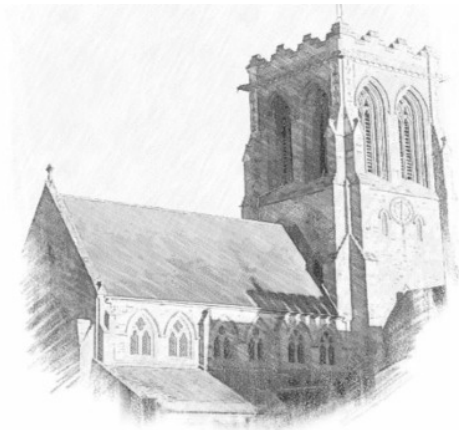


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st August 2016

21st in Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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Niamh Coyle and friends will be selling cakes after the 11 am Mass today to raise money for their community project to build raised vegetable planters in the communal gardens of Hampton House, a care home for the elderly.

This year's pilgrimage to the grave of St John Kemble takes place today. The walkers from Monmouth meet other pilgrims at **3.00 pm at St. John Kemble's Grave** in the Churchyard at Welsh Newton for the Rosary, Readings and Prayer.

During the month of August the Parish Outreach 2nd collection will be devoted to both local and international charities. These will include St Joseph's School, Makeni. 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.

Collect Tesco Vouchers today.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£227.75
	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	£163.20
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. (Mary's Meals)Thank you!</i>		

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Tea & Chat

The dates for forthcoming meetings are: September 20th, October 18th, November 15th. Meet in the Parish Centre starting at 2:30 pm.

Diamond Diners

The dates for forthcoming dinners are: September 6th, November 1st, December 6th. Meet at the Three Horseshoes, Allensmore at 1.00 pm.

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MacMillan Coffee Morning

This year the Coffee Morning is on Friday 30th September. As I shall only just be back from the Belmont Pilgrimage to Rome, I do not feel able to organise it. I have been hosting it for several years now and feel it would be good for someone else to take over. It would be great if someone came forward to organise support for this very worthwhile cause. We usually raise about £300+ which is all spent locally. Most of us know of someone who has benefited from the MacMillan Nurses. Please contact me on 01432 376782 and I will pass on all the contacts and information necessary to run a very enjoyable Coffee Morning.

Many thanks *Margaret Rose*

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The 25th - 29th of August are the dates for **Youth 2000's Walsingham retreat 2016!** A 5 day Prayer Festival, packed with dynamic talks, live-band worship, powerful prayer services, fun social activities, and loads more with over a thousand other young Catholics from the UK. With top speakers from the USA and all over the country, all descending on the National shrine of Walsingham. For more details on the festival, e-mail: info@youth2000.org or find us on Facebook.

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Congratulations to Jacob James Wilson and Joseph William Wilson who were baptised into the Catholic Church yesterday. We pray for them and them families.

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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!



150 Club Winners

- 1st Jo Hourahane
- 2nd Donated to Food Bank
- 3rd Lillian Allsop

- 1st Maureen Stacey
- 2nd Rob Blackburn
- 3rd Mary Jo Donnelly



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:

3rd Sept

Agnieszka Chepa &
Roberto Degl'Innocenti

9th Sept

Natalie Sadler &
Michael Paiano

17th Sept

Bryony Barling &
Victor Lamarque



With sadness we report the death of Margaret O'Connor who died on Thursday morning 4th August. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 31st August at 2.30 pm.

July



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 21 August
Collect & Pay for
Tesco Vouchers

Friday 2 September
9:00 am
Church Cleaning



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 10th 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 herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/Ride.php



No children's liturgy of the Word during August. 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.



Homily

"There are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last."

Illustration

In his novel *The Magic Mountain*, the German author Thomas Mann describes how the visit of a young man to his cousin in a Swiss sanatorium ends up in a seven-year stay as his own health deteriorates. Once in the sanatorium the young man's perception of space and time alters, and it is only with the advent of the First World War that he is jolted

into leaving. Mann's novel speaks to each of us, for we all seek to find refuge from the reality of life, and once in the security of our refuge it takes a momentous event to jolt us out. In scripture we are given the story of how human beings, through the sickness of sin, are driven from their home. The prophets are sent to help the people overcome this sickness, but the people prefer to remain in the false refuge of their sins. It will take a momentous event, *the* momentous event of human history, to jolt us out of our sin: the narrow door that is the cross of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Teaching

At the time of Jesus there is evidence of various Jewish groups who claimed to be the true remnant of Israel, the few from among all those who called themselves Jewish who would be saved. Is this what Jesus came to establish: a small group of the chosen; the few from among the mass of humanity who are to be saved?

At first sight this is what Jesus seems to be saying: "many will try to enter and will not succeed". Later, however, he refers to the prophetic vision of Isaiah that people from "east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God". Any attempt to

identify a small core or remnant in contrast to the mass of humanity runs against what Jesus is teaching. So how are we to understand the saying about the narrow door?

A door can seem narrow to us for two reasons. Firstly, if the door really is narrow relative to our size. Secondly, if, although the door is wider than our body, we are unsteady on our feet and so cannot get through it. It is in this second sense that Jesus talks of the narrow door of salvation. It is due to the sickness of sin that the door to salvation is narrow, for we prefer to remain in our sins rather than accept the help of the one who can heal us and bring us through that door. We find ways of living with our sins, of avoiding the reality of our lives, so that when we are invited to enter into reality, to go through the narrow door, we grow resistant. It is with the shock of the crucifixion that we are jolted out of our complacency. We can only know Jesus Christ if we look upon the crucified one, but this is not the final word; for the one who is crucified will rise to new life. Our salvation will bring us to the glory of the heavenly banquet. In the cross the reality of this world is revealed, but that reality is not ultimately one of hopeless violence but of a transforming love, healing us and raising us to new life.

Application

All of us find times in our lives when we need the help of others. It is no different with the life of faith, except that in every moment of that life we need the help of Jesus Christ. The narrow door of our salvation is the help that God sends to each one of us in the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The life of a Christian is one that centres upon Jesus Christ and the help he sends to us.

Through sharing in the life of the Church we receive the help we need to find healing and begin our journey to the kingdom of God. On this journey we are transformed, so that we, as instruments of grace, become the means through which Christ's healing and transforming presence is given to others. This journey will not be easy, as we will need to face our own frailty and the sickness of this world. Yet we do not do this alone, but through the help of Jesus Christ and those he sends to aid us in our struggles.



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approaching 80 he was falsely implicated in the Titus Oates plot. St John Kemble was beatified in 1929 by Pope Pius XI and canonized on 25 October 1970 by Pope Paul VI. His feast day is 22 August. One of the martyr's hands is preserved at St. Francis Xavier's, Hereford. His body rests in Welsh Newton churchyard. The annual pilgrimage to Welsh Newton churchyard in honour of St John Kemble takes place today but the main devotions begin at the grave in Welsh Newton at 3 pm.

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Fr Kemble was staying near Welsh Newton, when he was arrested (by one of his own parishioners!) and although warned about the impending arrest he declined to leave his flock. He was taken to London for trial and although cleared of these charges he was nonetheless found guilty of the treasonous crime of being a priest. He was returned to Hereford and was hung, drawn and quartered at Widemarsh Common in 1679. Before he was led out to his execution Fr Kemble insisted on

saying his prayers and finishing his drink, and the assembled party joined the elderly priest in a final smoke and a drink.

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Prayer to St Rose of Lima

Admirable Saint Rose, you were truly as sweet flower blooming on the rugged soil; you were indeed a rose among the thorns, bearing meekness and patience the strings of envious tongues and preserving perfect purity and modesty amid the alluring blandishments of a deceitful world.

By the merits which you have thus gained with our divine Lord, obtain or me the grace to bear my afflictions with patience, to remain pure and modest, to be meek and humble and to be faithful to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit so that I may be ever more pleasing and acceptable in the sight of my dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 28th August- 22nd in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Liz Norman	Marion Luscombe	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Sally Johns	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Liz Norman		Jacqui Corrigan
Bidding Prayers	Julia Davey		Gabrielle Stanley
Offertory	Hayes Family	Anthea Morton-S & Menna McBain	
Extraordinary Ministers	Fran Smallwood & Kath Parry		Monica Russell

Next Sunday - Parish Outreach

<p>A Vision of Angels Sept 2-4 (Reg Fee £26) From Genesis to Revelation, angels are always there.. We will reflect on their origin, portrayal and meaning. Dom Brendan</p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 4 Sept	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	No Children's Liturgy in August	
	For 8:30 am or 11:00 am Masses	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 21 August)

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

Anniversaries: Francis Spolnik, John Jeffrey Taylor, Edwin Townsend, Margaret Ward, Agnes Rosser, George Hyde, Kathleen Jury, Sr Mary Rawlinson, Noel Ignatius Warde, David Pook, George Sproule, Mary Martin, Dr. Declan O'Brien, Patricia Barnett and Margaret Phillips.

The Sick: Please pray for: Connie Luxon, Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Eddie Wyman, Bernard Johnson, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, Syliva Evans, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medlicott, Sr Philipa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Fr Michael Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 21st August Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 21 OT)

<p>21st Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me O Lord for I cry to you all the day long. Acclamation: When we eat this Bread ... Communion: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.</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	Nickerson Family	Rita Chamberlain & Monica Russell
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Liz Norman	Patrick Walesby	Pat Draper
2 nd Reading	Fran Smallwood		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayer	Mary Hayes		Jane Davies
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Nickerson Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Kath Parry		Monica Tomlin
Mass Intention	Richard Hayes RIP	Pro Populo	R Morawiecki RIP
Second Collection - Parish Outreach (St Joseph - Makeni)			
Food Bank Delivery: Eddie & Jan Wyman			

What's On for the week	
Mon	St John Kemble: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Rose of Lima: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	St Bartholomew: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	St Monica: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am