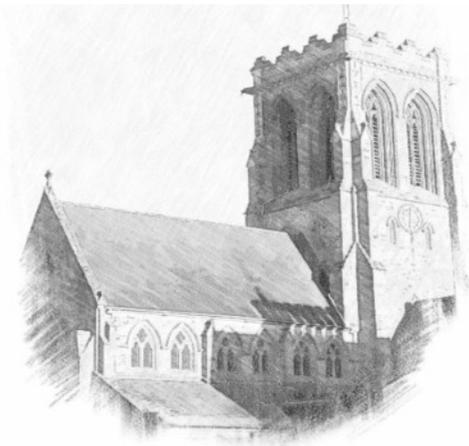


# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

### ***The Most Holy Trinity***

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

*(Cycle C)*

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Today, Trinity Sunday, the church rejoices in the impenetrable mystery that God is triune (three-in-one) - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How the Lord can be one God in three distinct persons is completely beyond the ability of any human to understand. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians accept this incomprehensible mystery as a fundamental article of faith. We were baptized in the name of the Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and adopted by God as his sons and daughters. So we are caught up in the love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and our part of this perfectly loving family, for God is Love itself.

Today, we welcome Archbishop George Stack to Belmont to celebrate with us the rite of Confirmation at the 11 am Mass. Please support and pray for our candidates and their families

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£593.87</b>
	Standing Orders	<b>£412.48</b>
The 1 <sup>st</sup> collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	<b>£153.86</b>
The 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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</i> . <b>Thank you!</b>		



### Hospital Dilemma for Chaplains

It almost goes without saying that most Catholics in hospital would like, and expect, a visit from the Catholic chaplain/priest and sacramental support. An unfortunate consequence of the Data Protection Act 1998 is that chaplains no longer have right of access to information about patients' religious affiliation. They rely entirely on commendations from patients, their families and friends and hospital staff. Unless you as a patient, or someone from the family tells them, they cannot know you are there and cannot visit you. So if you are going into hospital or you know someone who is going to be admitted and would like a visit, please inform the hospital catholic chaplain or your parish priest. If you are not sure on how to contact him, please ask the

staff nurse on the work, the hospital switchboard or your parish priest.



### Belmont Annual Garden Fete

**Five weeks only until the Fete!!** Once again we are asking for your help in presenting a wonderful Garden Fete, even better than last year.

It would be great if all the gardeners out there would start growing some plants for the flower stall and if you need small pots for your seedlings - we have a lot of them to give away.

We are really in need of bric-a-brac and books, soft toys and children's toys, and of course any jewellery you no longer use so that we can again have a great success with these stalls.

If you have an idea for a different stall or have any questions or are willing to help run a stall, especially the games please contact Kath Parry on 01981 250304.

We also need items for the **Grand Tombola**: unwanted presents etc. This is a popular stall and at the moment we have very little for it.

**Thank you** to those parishioners who have already given two bottles for the bottle stall, but we do need lots

more!! We haven't yet hit the 400 bottles that the Bottle stall needs.

adjacent to the Parish House rather than on the road in front.

Please leave all items for the Fete in the Parish Porch not the Glass Porch. Closer to the date we will ask you for help with items for the Tea Tent.

**Draw tickets are now on sale.** Please take some to sell to friends and neighbours.

Many thanks for your help!



**150 Club - May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Lee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Loader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jen Hackman



**Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey**

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Hugh Loughrey & Carley Yapp



**Parking**

Drivers are asked to respect the disabled parking areas – especially on a Sunday!

Parish Centre – unless you are dropping something off at the parish centre, please park in the car parks



**Tea & Chat**

The forthcoming dates for Tea & Chat are 21<sup>st</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**HEREFORD CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY**

Please note that the next meeting of the HCHS will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the Kemble Room at Belmont Abbey at 2:30 pm when we will have a talk by Gordon Amand on "Reginald Charles Schomberg (1880-1958), soldier, explorer, diplomat, priest and parishioner of St. Frances of Rome, Ross-on-Wye." Visitors welcome. Further info from [bmwarde@aol.com](mailto:bmwarde@aol.com)



### Parish Deanery Representative

Would any one like to take on the role of Parish representative to the Deanery pastoral Council? There are usually four evening meetings a year, generally held at Our Lady's Church hall. Please see Fr Nicholas or Chris Moore for more details.



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22 May  
Confirmation Mass  
11:00 am

Friday 27 May  
Church Cleaning  
9:00 am

Queen's Jubilee Picnic  
12 June

Belmont Grand Fete  
18 June

Tuesday 21 June  
2:30 pm  
Tea & Chat

16 July  
Grandparents' and  
Grandchildren's Day



#### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Poor Clare Monastery

See poster for details



### The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic

June 12<sup>th</sup> 2016

It would be good if Belmont Parish could take part in the Picnics that are being organised to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Perhaps we could have a shared table, with everyone attending bringing a plate of food, i.e. cold meat, sausage rolls, cheese, baguettes, ready-made sandwiches etc. If we all bring enough to feed ourselves, then share it with others this should not make too much work, especially as we have the Garden Fete the following Saturday. The food could be put on tables in the Parish Centre spilling out onto the Presbytery Front Garden if the weather is fine. This could take place at 12:30 pm ish, until we want to go home. The TV in the Parish Centre would be on to watch the festivities in London.



**Next Sunday**, the feast of Corpus Christi, there will be a service of Solemn Vespers at 4 pm followed by a procession and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.





### **Hereford Food Bank Coffee Morning**

At The Deanery, College Cloisters, Hereford, Tuesday 31st May 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. In the event of rain we will be relocating to College Hall. Come and enjoy: Coffee and cakes, lovely gardens, cake stall, Raffle. No entrance charge — donations welcome.



### **HOMILY**

*"I still have many things to say to you."*

### **Illustration**

The historian Cecil Woodham-Smith published an excellent book in 1962 called *The Great Hunger*. It tells the story of the famine in Ireland that raged through the country during the years 1845 to 1849. The book is renowned for its fairness and accuracy. *The Times* newspaper spoke of the author's "thoroughness of research and fair-mindedness". So terrible and devastating is the subject matter that it can easily lead to distortions of anger and accusation that only cloud the issue under discussion. This book is rightly regarded as authoritative and reliable.

Any reading of the story brings to light the age-old truth that "out of sight is out of mind". What the eye does not see the heart does not grieve over. While government agents in Ireland sent back reports of terrible suffering and starvation, civil servants in London filtered these reports and did not appreciate the horror of what was happening. Human beings do not like bad news and we are reluctant to admit it into our minds. A catastrophe in a far-off land becomes a hiccup in our own front room.

In contrast to this insensitivity, a Yorkshire businessman, James Hack Tuke, made a visit to the west of Ireland, and in particular to Erris in Mayo, and what he saw stayed with him for the rest of his life. Tuke was a Quaker and a philanthropist and he worked for the alleviation of the suffering that he found. Food supplies, shelters for paupers and emigration schemes to Canada were all part of his work to bring relief.

### **Gospel Teaching**

At the time of his own approaching suffering and death, Jesus tries to speak sensitively to his disciples about things that are too much for them. He has at various times made mention of his own death, but the disciples cannot take it in. We shrink away from bad news. We only begin to take it in when it actually happens. Knowing what is going to happen to

him, and the terrible shock it will be for his friends, Jesus realises that some things will have to wait. Only after his resurrection will some things begin to make sense.

When Jesus finally leaves this world in his bodily form, he has no intention of leaving his friends orphaned, no intention of leaving them to fend for themselves. He tells the disciples that he will send the Spirit from his Father, and it is that Spirit who will begin to tell them things, to explain things to them, to help them to see and to understand the ways of God with us. In the Acts of the Apostles we hear exactly how that Spirit came upon the disciples, and how they were changed people as a result. Not only were they given great courage and enthusiasm for their mission, but they were also given wisdom and insight and understanding of everything that had happened to them and to Jesus in those recent days. And as time went on, that wisdom and that understanding and that insight grew. Being docile to the Spirit of God, in silence, in prayer, in study and in contemplation, the disciples of the Lord were led by the Spirit into the ways of truth.

And so if we turn to the Spirit and ask for guidance and inspiration our prayer will not go unheeded. We will be given wisdom, insight and understanding. We will be given sensitivity to the needs of others and a loving desire to help them. These gifts of the Spirit are all forms of “seeing” and once we see, we will know how to act.

St Paul, in his life journey, was given new sight by the Lord after being struck blind on the Damascus road. His new sight proved to be tremendous vision. He could see the glory of God ahead of him as our glorious destination. He could also see that even our sufferings can be beneficial events in our life, that we can bring good out of them. Suffering leads to patience, and patience leads to perseverance, and perseverance to hope, and our hope will not deceive us. The brightness of God now blesses our lives and calls us to bless one another, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**Application**

The Spirit of God lives in the Church and in each person. This is the gift and the promise that the Lord made to us.

<b>Ministers, etc. For next Sunday - Corpus Christi - 29<sup>th</sup> May Year C</b>			
	<b>08:30</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Annette Mansie	Patrick Walesby	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Mary Hayes	Clare Nickerson	Margaret Rose
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Adrian Eyre		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayers	Liz Norman		Pat Draper
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Maria Large & Frances Riddell	
Extraordinary Ministers	Fran Smallwood		Rob Corrigan

**Next Sunday -Parish Outreach**

<p><b>One Foot in the Grave</b>  <i>June 10-12 (2 Days Reg Fee £26)</i>  <i>How do we enter the latter part of life with a modicum of humour and good grace?</i>  <i>Abbot Paul Stonham</i></p>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
	<b>8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 22 May</b>	
	<b>11.00 am Liturgy</b>	
	<b>22-May</b>	Pat Wood & Jackie King
	<b>05-Jun</b>	Marje Hayes & Rachel Cowdrey
	<b>12-Jun</b>	Jackie King & Mary Wood
<b>19-Jun</b>	Pat Wood & Pauline Gill	

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

**Deaths:** *Bernard Clayton, Sue Ball, Mary Carroll, John Wallin and John Keeler*

**Anniversaries:** *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, Martin O'Connor, Thomas Rafferty, Alison Evans, Tony Preedy, Eric Brooks, Leslie Langford, William Norman, Dom Dunstan Sibley OSB, Ametia Swettenham, Emily Carroll and Solveigh Hayes*

**The Sick:** Please pray for: *Lesley Hayes, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Peter Lee, Fr Luke, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medicott, Bridie Gittoes, Sr Philipa, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 8 OT)

<p><b><i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i></b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> We proclaim your death...</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.</p>
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<b>Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.</b>			
	08:30 am	09:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Cooper Family	Brenda Warde	Anne & Ross Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Fran Grant	Patrick Walesby	Confirmandi
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Julia Davey		Confirmandi
Bidding Prayer	William Jackson		Confirmandi
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Frances Riddell & Teresa Harriss	Confirmandi
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Frances Dees & Gabrielle Stanley		Jane Davies
Mass Intention	Siobhan Hayes RIP	<b>Pro Populo</b>	Edna Wood RIP
<b>Second Collection - Parish Outreach</b>			
<b>Food Bank Delivery: Ray Rose</b>			

<b><i>What's On for the week</i></b>	
Mon	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	<b>Dedication of Cardiff Cathedral:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	<b>St Bede:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: <b>Midday Mass in the Oratory:</b> Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	<b>Feria</b> Mass at 8:00 am.
Fri	<b>St Augustine:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: <b>Exposition &amp; Midday Mass in the Oratory</b>
Sat	<b>BVM:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am