

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



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**29<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

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Today is World Mission Sunday. This year the focus is on the Church in South Sudan where sadly, conflict continues; more and more people are hungry, homeless and traumatised. Retribution is rife. This young country is on the brink of collapse, but you can help bring peace to the people of South Sudan. World Mission Sunday is your chance to support our missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. On this special day we join Catholics worldwide in praying for our global Church and supporting brave missionaries and churches overseas that are too young or poor to support themselves.

Next month, the parish is hosting the Christian Rise Theatre Company who are touring the country with their new play. Please put the date in your diary and have an enjoyable and thought provoking evening by coming along to their performance of '**Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador**'. On March 24th 1980, during Mass, Archbishop Oscar Romero was killed by a single bullet from an assassin. A modern day martyr created. The play will be held in Hedley Lodge on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30 pm.**

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£346.38</b>
	Standing Orders	<b>£412.50</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>£171.31</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: <b>Christian Blind Mission. Thank You!</b>		



**Parish Outreach** - During October, our second collections will be for Cafod (8 Oct), the CBM Charity, formerly known as the Christian Blind Mission (15 Oct), the annual mandatory collection on World Mission Sunday (22 Oct) and a collection supporting Catholic education on 29 Oct.



### QUIZ SUPPER

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
at Hedley Lodge  
6.45 for 7.00 pm

Fish/Vegetarian Options Available  
Application slips can be had from  
Folder in Foyer

Entry by ticket only - Your support for the Parish would be much appreciated



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 October  
Collect & Pay  
For Tesco Vouchers

3 November  
Church Cleaning 9:00 am

17 November  
Quiz Night

23 November  
Rise Theatre  
Hedley Lodge 7:30 pm

Wednesday  
13 December  
Retired Persons Lunch



### RED MISSIO BOXES

It is collection time again, please give your red boxes to your promoter or give them to me at church, I go to the 8.30 mass but can wait to meet you at the start of the 9.30 if that helps. Please hand them in by 29 October. If there is a problem and you'd like me to come and collect from you just give me a ring on 01885 488388.

If you would like a Red Box and you haven't already got one again contact me and I can issue you with one.

Every bit helps for this charity so please do not be embarrassed if you only have a small amount your box.

*Mandy Cooper*



### **Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy**

If you have a relative or fellow parishioner in hospital and you know they would like to be visited by Fr. Matthew then please contact him with the details of the person concerned on 01432 265177 or [fr.matthew@live.co.uk](mailto:fr.matthew@live.co.uk). Details of patients are now available, but it would be prudent to let Fr Matthew know.



Please respect other church users and parishioners and park safely and tidily on a Sunday morning. Please only park in the disabled parking bays if you have the appropriate badge. Thank you.



### **Parish finances**

If you would like Standing Order or Gift Aid forms, or would like more information about our other revenue projects (Tesco Vouchers, 150 Club etc.) please speak to Fr Nicholas or

put your name on the information request sheet in the porch.



### **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

This year's Shoebox Appeal is now under way, leaflets are available in the porch. Please help spread the message of Christmas and change a child's life this year. A few small items and a lot of love are all that is required, surely we can each do that? If you need any help, advice, an empty shoebox or if you feel unable to fill a whole box but would like to contribute something, please speak to Kitty Nicholls. The deadline for completed boxes will be in the middle of November.



### **Trianon Music Group**

On Thursday, 26th October, at 7.30 pm in the Abbey Church the Trianon Music Group from Cambridge will be giving a concert of choral and instrumental music.

There will be over 60 performers. Admission is free, but there will be a "retiring collection" towards the work of the Belmont Community in Peru. All are welcome.



Don't forget, the nave of the Church has a loop system. If you use a hearing aid, simply adjust your aid to the 'T' setting. We also have a wheel chair, kept near the porch, which is available for helping less mobile people to and from the church.



Please pray for Sebastian Bean who will be baptised this afternoon. We wish him and his family every blessing on this wonderful occasion.



### **The Herefordshire Catholic History Society**

The next meeting of The Herefordshire Catholic History Society will take place on Thursday 2 November in the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey at 2.30 pm when we will have a talk entitled: **How did they cope? "Ordinary Catholics" in Herefordshire c1580- the Civil War.** All welcome. Further information [bmwarde@aol.com](mailto:bmwarde@aol.com).



### **Retreat: Meditations from a Monastery**

Featuring Belmont, Downside and Pluscarden Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 24th, 25th, 26th October BBC Four 9 pm.



Hereford Food Bank is always in need of the following: rice, fish, soup, baked

beans, tinned cold meat, Smash, UHT milk, baby formula milk, baby shampoo, soap, wipes, shampoo and shower gel. Many thanks.



### **What is World Mission Sunday? Share Your Faith - Give Life**

World Mission Sunday falls on the penultimate Sunday in October. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Missio is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday and provides new, young or poor dioceses with the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient.

Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that

resources are distributed equitably and justly – on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories - local church directly helping local church!



## Homily

*“Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.”*

## Illustration

*Who Do You Think You Are?* is a popular British TV programme, which has its equivalent in many other countries as well. The idea is to delve into the past of present-day celebrities, using modern research and technology to build up a picture of where they came from. Some potential candidates for the programme are turned down because there is nothing out of the ordinary in their family history. What matters to the programme is finding something significant, strange or wonderful among their ancestors. For example, the mother of one of the subjects was convinced their family was descended from the Anglo-Irish Protestant aristocracy. She was, her daughter admitted, strongly anti-Catholic. The research showed that in fact the family was descended from some Irish Catholic travellers who had adopted the name of their landlords in Ireland

as they thought it would help them settle more easily in England. The daughter could not wait to inform her mother, who, needless to say, was not amused.

How we construct our sense of identity differs from one to another. Teenagers are well known for being uncertain about their identity and trying on different personalities. In a typical teenage bedroom, the walls may be covered with pictures of the celebrities the young person identifies with or admires. In the past our social position contributed greatly to our assumptions or expectations about how we might be. The modern world offers us a greater choice, but it is a choice not always connected with reality. If I am tone deaf, I am probably not going to be a great musician, whether pop or classical.

## Gospel Teaching

Jesus lived the whole of his life in an occupied country. The Romans were probably not such an immediate presence in Galilee, leaving its control to their puppet king Herod Antipas, but their presence in Jerusalem was much more evident, their main garrison being attached to the Temple Mount, much to the chagrin of the Jews. The question put to Jesus by the Pharisees, who were no lovers of the Romans, was devious. If Jesus says the Roman taxes should be paid, he can

be accused of being a traitor to his country. If he says they should not be paid, he can be accused of being a rebel and handed over to the Roman authorities.

As ever, Jesus avoids the direct answer and takes the question to another level. The story of Cyrus, who freed the Jews from their exile in Babylon, is just one example from biblical history of how God makes use of Gentiles for the good of God's people. Jesus, however, uses the Roman coin to make a distinction we would think of today as that between the secular and the spiritual. The head on the coin is that of Caesar, so give him back his coin. But we are made in the image and likeness of God, and that is what we should be paying attention to.

### Application

Our identity is intimately bound up with God. What does that mean? In the book of Genesis it says God made human beings in God's own image and likeness, "male and female he created them". The first element in our identity is being male and female. It does not say whether this is a statement about our separate identities as male or female or whether each of us is to consider the male and female elements within ourselves. It is certainly an appeal for us to use our male and female qualities to work together to imitate

God in God's creativity.

Here is the second element of our identity with God. God hands over to us the stewardship of the world and asks us to carry out that stewardship as creatively as God has demonstrated himself. This is initially illustrated by our being asked to name all that surrounds us, the plants, the animals and the natural world. In modern ecology we are discovering the full depth of this responsibility, a sensitivity more often held by other traditions. A Maori, for example, in asking you where you come from, will ask you to tell the name of your mountain and your river. God is creator and sustainer, God is healer and inspirer. God loves this world and loves us. Our challenge is to discover whether we can love in the same way as God loves.



**Ministers, etc. for next Sunday 29 October -30 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Cycle 1**

	<b>08:30</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Cooper Family	Desmond Keohane	Marnie Archer & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Adrian Eyre	Anthea Morton-S	Pat Draper
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S		Tony Archer
Bidding Prayers	Fran Grant		Pat Wood
Offertory	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Fran Smallwood & Seamus Hayes		Monica Tomlin & Margaret Evans

**Next Sunday - Parish Outreach (Catholic Education)**

<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
	22 Oct	No Children's Liturgy
	29-Oct	No Children's Liturgy
	05-Nov	Pat Wood & Rob Blackburn
	12-Nov	Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman
	19-Nov	A Morawiecki & Pauline Gill

These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 22 Oct)

**Deaths:** Rachel George and R D Anthony osb

**Anniversaries:** R D Paul Bloom osb, Kieran Roebuck, Mary Behau, Violet Rosser, Sarah Hayward, Rt Rev Robert Richardson, Harry Wooliscroft, Florence McMann, Mary Fee and Anne Hudson.

**The Sick:** Please pray for: Gil Savory, Jennifer Hackman, Teresa Ingarfield, Liz Norman, Basil Nickerson, Sam Evans, Denise Ellis, Carol Baines, Chris & Sue Rogers, Peter Draper, Norma Naudain, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medlicott, Elaine White, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

**Liturgy for Sunday 22 October 2017** *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 29)*

<p><b>29<sup>th</sup> Week</b> <b>In</b> <b>Ordinary Time</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> We proclaim your Death, O Lord .....</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.</p>
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<b>Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.</b>			
	08:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	Rita Chamberlain & Monica Russell
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Mary Hayes	Basil Nickerson	Jacqui Corrigan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Ann Jackson		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayer	Julia Davey		Margaret Rose
Offertory	Parish Children	Gillick Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Frances Dees & Kath Parry		David Wood & Jan Wyman
Mass Intention	<b><i>W &amp; J Wybraniec</i></b>	<b><i>Pro Populo</i></b>	
<b>Second Collection - <i>World Mission Sunday</i></b>			
<b>Food Bank Collection: <i>Ray &amp; Margaret Rose</i></b>			

<b><i>What's On for the week</i></b>	
Mon	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 followed by Midday Mass
Sat	<b>Sts Simon &amp; Jude:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am