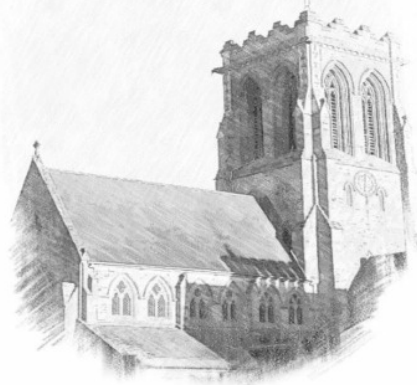


# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**23 July 2017**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

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We are planning to hold a parish lunch on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August to say thank you to our parishioners who help in one way or another. If you help with church cleaning, the liturgy, fund raising, parish administration or one of the other many ways that keep our parish going – then please come along to our lunch. The weather will determine whether it's inside or out! Please complete one of the forms in the porch if you would like to come along.

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

As the schools break up and the holiday season kicks in, we are reminded of the importance of “getting away” from the business of life. If you are going away on holiday this month, then have a wonderful time and travel safely! Don't forget to rest in body and soul and spend some time with God in prayer. If you're planning to be away, don't forget the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday still holds! Check with me or the Internet to locate the nearest Sunday Mass near your vacation spot.

The second collection today is for the Hereford Food Bank.

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£277.93</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>£180.58</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>Martha Trust. Thank You!</b>		



During July, our parish outreach second collection will be going to the Apostleship of the Sea (9<sup>th</sup> July), the Hereford Martha Trust Disabled Children's Charity (16<sup>th</sup> July), the Hereford Food Bank Appeal (July 23<sup>rd</sup>) and Hereford Close House (30<sup>th</sup> July).



### 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!



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 July  
Church Cleaning  
9:00 am

30 July  
Pay & Collect  
Tesco Vouchers

1 August  
Diamond Diners  
Three Horseshoes  
12:45 pm

6 August  
Summer Lunch Party  
Parish Volunteers

15 August  
Tea & Chat  
Parish Hall  
2:30 pm

17 November  
Quiz Night  
Hedley Lodge  
7:00 pm

23 November  
Rise Theatre  
Hedley Lodge  
7:30 pm





### Hereford Food Bank

The Food Bank is in urgent need of more supplies and is short of **everything. Please contribute what you can do help them build up supplies again.** Thank you for your continued support. Chris

Taize evening, age related kids 7 youth groups. All denominations welcome. You can camp or commute daily, only about 40 minutes from Hereford. For more information visit our website: [www.noahscamp.co.uk](http://www.noahscamp.co.uk), Tel 07961 346343 or contact Jacqui/Rob Corriگان on 01432 352241 for more information.



### Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Jennifer Woodman &  
Charles Kirby

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> August  
Kitty Massarella &  
Jonathon Nicholls

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> August  
Natalie Dewhurst &  
Robert Dewen



### NOAH'S CAMP

A new Catholic family camp set in rural Gloucestershire from 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Inspiring talks, fun times for families, live worship band, Quiet prayer times,



### Homily

*“Let them both grow till the harvest.”*

### Illustration

The desert Fathers (and Mothers) were a group of hermits and monks who, after Christianity became established in the third century, decided to go out into the Egyptian desert where they could face the struggle between God and the devil alone. They lived austere lives but gained a reputation for wisdom and holiness. Stories grew up about their sayings and deeds, which inspired people in their Christian lives.

Macarius was such a desert Father. He had a reputation for holiness, but a story tells that one day a woman in a nearby village accused him of making her pregnant. Macarius remained silent and did not answer

the accusation, while the villagers came with great zeal to punish and abuse him for what they saw as his hypocrisy. But it happened that the woman had a very difficult delivery and was not able to give birth until she admitted that she had accused Macarius falsely. The villagers then all searched for Macarius so that they could ask his forgiveness for their hasty judgement. But he had fled, not wanting the praises of the world.

### **Gospel Teaching**

Sometimes it is better to wait before acting too zealously. This is what Jesus is talking about today. He, too, faced a good deal of criticism because he mixed with the wrong sort of people, the tax collectors and the prostitutes.

The Pharisees were constantly asking him why he did not observe the law and get rid of those people who were not pure. But he did not change his behaviour, for he knew some of these sinners would eventually change and repent. After all, he was a doctor seeking out those who were sick.

In today's Gospel he gives them an answer in the parable of the weeds. A man had sown good seeds, but then his servants told him that weeds had appeared.

Where did they come from? He could only presume that an enemy had sown them. His servants are ready to spring into action and pull out and destroy the weeds. But the farmer is more prudent. He knows that the weeds and the wheat are quite similar in appearance, and if you start pulling up the weeds you may also destroy the wheat. He advises patience. Wait until harvest time when both wheat and weeds are mature, and then the reapers can cut them and divide them into separate bundles.

Later in this passage Jesus gives an explanation of the parable. He explains each point: the Son of Man is the sower of the good seed, the field is the world and the weeds are the subjects of the evil one.

He makes it fit into the situation at the end of the world when the final harvest comes and the angels will separate out the agents of the devil, who will face the final judgement. Here the emphasis is not so much on the delay but the certainty that there will be final punishment, which will bring justice.

### **Application**

Jesus makes it clear that the world is not an innocent place. There will be always be evil at work in it and that will frustrate the growth of the kingdom. And even in church

communities there will be a mixture of good and bad. Christians should be scandalised but not surprised that sin can exist in the Church. How should it be dealt with? Sometimes immediate action needs to be taken to root out a poisonous cancer; there is no room for compromising with scandal.

But there are other occasions when God's forbearance must be recognised and in a sense we are called to imitate it. Sometimes it may be wiser to wait and not judge too quickly. There are zealous people in every community who want to act now and



root out what they see as sinners or their influence. But, as Jesus shows, both on an individual and community level we may do more harm than good by rushing in with our hasty judgements. Better to wait, allowing for change and repentance. This is not a false tolerance of sin, but rather a situation that can occur in families and in parish communities, and which needs patience. Jesus teaches us to have a deep faith that God is in control, and that God can bring good out of the most unpromising situations. In

the end there will be a judgement and God will bring about justice.



### St James the Greater

Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater."

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again. When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight. Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said

that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did. Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die.

As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him.

In the ninth century his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago. Because Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place pilgrims migrate to following Rome and Jerusalem, Pope Leo declared it a shrine.



### **Saint Joachim and St Anne**

Saints Joaquin (sometimes spelled "Joachim," pronounced "wal-keem") and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing form the second century AD. We do know from scholarship that the Gospel of James was not written by James, the

Brother of Jesus, despite its claim to be so authored.

Even the early Church fathers expressed scepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joaquin and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life.

Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

Joaquin and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.



<b>Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 30 July, 18 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Cycle 1</u></b>			
	<b>08:30</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Annette Mansie	Desmond Keohane	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Bill Jackson	Marion Luscombe	Pat Wood
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Liz Norman		Jacqui Corrigan
Bidding Prayers	Julia Davey		Niamh Coyle
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Frances Riddell & Menna McBain	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Fran Smallwood		Jan Wyman & Joao Pavia
<b>Next Sunday - Parish Outreach (Hereford Close House)</b>			

<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
	These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.	<b>23-Jul</b>
		<b>None until beginning September</b>

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 23 July)

**Deaths:** Sr Phillipa, Bernadette Higgins, Teazel Chowles and Mary Walsh .

**Anniversaries:** Juliana Simon, Helen Brown, Maurice Edge, Keith Upham, Alice Mason, Rt Rev Abbot Fowler OSB, Dom Ambrose Buisseret OSB and Kevin Roebuck.

**The Sick:** Please pray for: Seamus Hayes, Denise Ellis, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017** *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 15)*

<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>In</b> <b>Ordinary Time</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> See I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.  <b>Acclamation:</b> Save us, Saviour of the world...  <b>Communion:</b> The Lord, the gracious, the merciful has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.</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	Kath Parry	Brenda Warde	Rita Chamberlain & Jennifer Hackman
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Fran Grant	Phyll Buckley	Margaret Rose
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Fran Smallwood		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayer	Adrian Eyre		Sally Johns
Offertory	Parish Children	Nickerson Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Frances Dees & Jacqui Ramage-S		Chris Moore & Monica Russell
Mass Intention	<b>Thomas Davey</b>	<b>The Parish</b>	
<b>Second Collection - Parish Outreach (Hereford Food Bank)</b>			
<b>Food Bank Collection: Eddie &amp; Jan Wyman</b>			

<b>What's On for the week</b>	
Mon	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	<b>St James:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	<b>Sts Joachim &amp; Anne:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am and Midday Mass at 12 noon
Sat	<b>Sts Marta, Mary &amp; Lazarus:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am: