

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



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016**

**30<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time**  
(Cycle C)

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Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a **special second collection for Missio**, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries, like those in Rwanda, as they share God's mercy and love with those who are suffering. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and the Gospel message of dignity for all.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is working to commemorate the lives of unborn children lost by abortion since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Today, you will be invited to complete a postcard asking your MP to act to protect unborn babies. Please support this initiative which gives us an opportunity to make our voices heard on behalf of unborn children.

Parishioners and visitors are very welcome to tea and coffee in Hedley Lodge **after all Masses** today. Do pop in – even if for only five minutes!

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£203.55</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>£231.47</b>
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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 **Parish Outreach. Thank you!**



Our **JUMBLE Sale** is on Saturday, 29 October. As always we are looking for helpers - to help us set up on Friday and Saturday mornings and to help us with the Jumble Sale itself and to help us tidy up afterwards. All help will be gratefully received!



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Leaflets are available in the porch for this year's Christmas shoebox appeal. Fill a shoebox with toys, sweets, basic hygiene items and school stationery for children in dire poverty. Filled shoeboxes can be left in the porch for collection.



**Congratulations** to Beatrix Hazell who was baptised into the Catholic Church last Sunday and to T Cutter who will

be baptised this afternoon. We pray for them and their families.



### **Diamond Diners**

A lunch club for those over 60 years. We meet at the "Three Horseshoes" public house at Allensmore. If you would like to join us please let Ray Rose know, 0783 773 2611, or add your name to the form in the Parish Centre by the previous Sunday. The dates until December are: - Nov 1st and Dec 6th. We look forward to meeting you there, by 12:45 to allow time to order food.

### **Tea & Chat**

We are an informal group who are all part of the wider Belmont Abbey Community. We meet in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The last date, this year, is: 15 November. *Margaret Rose*



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.





**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 28 October  
9:00  
Church cleaning

Saturday 29 October  
2:00  
Jumble Sale  
OLQM Parish Hall

Sunday 30 October  
Collect & Pay  
For Tesco Vouchers

Thursday 1 December  
Light up a Life  
7:00 pm  
Abbey Church

Sunday 11 December  
Christmas Draw  
Parish Hall  
After 11 am Mass

Wednesday 14 December  
Retired Persons  
Christmas Lunch  
12:30 pm



**150 Club Winners**

September

1<sup>st</sup> 77 Aileen Moore  
2<sup>nd</sup> 81 Lillian Allsopp  
3<sup>rd</sup> 37 Jan Wyman

October

1<sup>st</sup> 118 Eileen Walsh  
2<sup>nd</sup> 100 Fr Nicholas  
3<sup>rd</sup> 138 Brenda Sherwood



**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!



**Missio ( APF ) Red Boxes**

Please make arrangements to hand in your Red Box to your promoter. Name & Tel: No: on label on bottom of box.

**New Box Holders**

Your promoter will phone you in the coming weeks to make arrangements

with you. Please can I have all monies in by the end of November.

I have been secretary of the APF for over 15 years and will finish at the end of December. Is there any one who would take this on? I am more than willing to give help initially with procedures.

Please phone me on 01432-356878 if you are interested. *Liz Norman*



**Full time job opportunity:** The Archdiocese is seeking a talented organiser and communicator passionate about the Catholic Faith. This full-time post requires flexible hours since the successful candidate will be coaching and training small groups of evangelisation volunteers across South-East Wales and Herefordshire as well as providing administrative support to Diocese's Religious Education projects and the Welsh Church Schools Association. The successful candidate will be based at the Pastoral Resources Centre.

Salary c. £23,000 p.a. For more details, see the poster in the Church or contact *Revd Gareth Leyshon*



Please pray for Rowena Simon, one of our parishioners, who recently took vows to the Archdiocese of Cardiff as

a hermit. She has taken the name of Sister Mary Rita of the Blessed Sacrament.



2017 marks the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. The deanery are thinking of a short pilgrimage to mark this occasion. However, as demand will be high to visit next year, the prices seem to reflect this! Fr Matthew is looking at the level of interest in a six day visit around September with an approximate cost of £750. Please let Fr Nicholas or Fr Matthew know if you seriously might be interested.



### **Walsingham Association Hereford & Belmont Group**

Meeting on Wednesday 26 October at 5:55 pm in Abbey Church for Vespers, Angelus, Rosary and Mass (Extraordinary Rite). Tea and Coffee afterwards in Parish Hall. All welcome members and non-members. Enquiries phone 01568 -797077



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 wheelchair, kept near the porch, which is available for helping less mobile people to and from the Church.



## HOMILY

*"I thank you God, that I am not... like the rest of mankind."*

### Illustration

In recent history we have heard of a number of cases where there has been a miscarriage of justice. It may be the Birmingham Six or the Guildford Four, where men and women were imprisoned for years after being found guilty of being involved in planting bombs as part of an IRA campaign of terror. Subsequently their convictions were quashed, leaving the credibility of the justice system tarnished. It was the wrongful conviction and execution of Timothy Evans in 1950 that played a part in the eventual abolition of capital punishment in the United Kingdom in 1965. There are many other examples of judicial systems that are even worse, as well as places where the rule of law barely exists at all. When unfair and unjust judgements are made, there can be awful consequences for people whether they are innocent or guilty.

### Gospel Teaching

This, of course, is not a modern phenomenon. The scriptures record many examples of perverted judicial processes, of which the condemnation and execution of Jesus

is the prime example. In his parables, Jesus uses the example of an unjust judge to teach lessons about perseverance in prayer. For Jesus and his hearers, it's not an uncommon experience. But today the scriptures show us that no matter how bad our experience of human justice may be, God is always a righteous judge who is not swayed by power or privilege, but stands always on the side of those who are poor and oppressed. St Paul tells us of his experience of the justice system. When nobody would speak in his defence, he had to rely on the power of God, so that he could use his trial as a means for proclaiming the truth of the Gospel. Paul believes that the Lord will keep him safe from all that threatens him until he finally comes into God's kingdom.

In contrast to St Paul and his trust in God's providence, we hear of the Pharisee in the Gospel, who sets himself up as the righteous judge. Looking at himself, he thinks that he is not like the rest of humankind, "grasping, unjust, adulterous". No, he fasts twice a week and gives tithes on all he gets. He thanks God especially that he is not like the tax collector, a well known example deserving of scorn and hate. He judges himself to be worthy of God's praise, while he judges the tax collector to be worthy of God's condemnation. The Pharisee is caught up in his own little world of

self-congratulation and praise, cut off from the messy reality of the rest of humankind, and this prevents him from seeing things as God sees them. It is, in fact, God who is the righteous judge, and God is moved not by the self-applause of the Pharisee, but by the humble confession of the tax collector.

### Application

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are encouraged to be merciful as God is merciful. Jesus teaches us to see God our Father not so much as a judge ready to condemn us and punish us, but rather as the God who knows our fragility and forgives us anyway. For God, mercy is the key. None of us deserves forgiveness; none of us can earn forgiveness. It is simply God's nature to forgive, no matter what our sin may be.

Once we acknowledge that God is merciful towards us, then we are called to show mercy towards others. We are in no position to judge others or to build ourselves up by putting others down. Pope Francis describes the Church, wherever it is to be found, as "an oasis of mercy". Every little grouping where two or three gather in the name of Jesus is to be such "an oasis of mercy". But we will only be able to invite others into this oasis when we have drunk from the fountain of mercy ourselves.

So, far from criticising others and setting ourselves apart from others, we are called to develop hearts that are welcoming, communities that reach out especially to those who are weak and poor. We are to be the face of God's mercy in a world that experiences so much injustice and hatred. And so let us ask God for the humility first to know our own need for mercy, and then to help us build "oases of mercy" where all the hurts of the world may find healing and peace.



**Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October- 31<sup>st</sup> in Ordinary Time Year C**

	<b>08:30</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Cooper Family	Patrick Walesby	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Liz Norman	Menna McBain	Jacqui Corrigan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Bill Jackson		Tony Archer
Bidding Prayers	Ann Jackson		Jane Davies
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Nickerson Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Julia Davey		Gabrielle Stanley

***Next Sunday - Parish Outreach***

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Anniversaries</b></p> <p>These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.</p>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
	<b>8.30 Children's Liturgy - temporarily cancelled</b>	
	<b>23-Oct</b>	Marje Hayes & Mary Wood
	<b>30-Oct</b>	Pat Wood & Rachel Cowdrey
	<b>06-Nov</b>	Jacqui Moore & Monica Russell
	<b>13-Nov</b>	Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman
	<b>20-Nov</b>	Jacqui King & R Blackburn

Please pray for all who have died: ***May they rest in peace.*** (W/C 30 Oct)

***Deaths:*** Diana Gosnell, Winifred Lewis, Connie Luxon, and Margaret O'Connor

***Anniversaries:*** Kieran Roebuck, Mary Behau, Violet Rosser, Sarah Hayward, Rt Rev Robert Richardson, Harry Wooliscroft, Florence McMann, Mary Fee, Anne Hudson, Fr Bernard Chambers osb, Thomas Treanor and Patricia Wybourne.

***The Sick:*** Please pray for: Mother Regina, Ann Thomas, Mary Smith, Fr Michael Cronin, Philip Herderschee, Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, David Kinsey, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medlicott, Sr Philipa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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**Liturgy for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 30 OT)

<p><b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>In</b> <b>Ordinary Time</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> When we eat this Bread ....</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.</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	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	Marnie Archer & Rita Chamberlain
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Jacqui R-Smith	Polly Maund-Powell	Sally Johns
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Fran Smallwood		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayer	Julia Davey		Lucy Reed
Offertory	Parish Children	Frances Riddell & Maria Large	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Kath Parry		Gabrielle Stanley
Mass Intention	<b><i>The Parish</i></b>	<b><i>Pro Populo</i></b>	
<b>Second Collection - World Mission Sunday</b>			
<b>Food Bank Delivery: Eddie &amp; Jan Wyman</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 7:00 pm
Thu	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	<b>SS Simon &amp; Jude:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	<b>BVM:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am