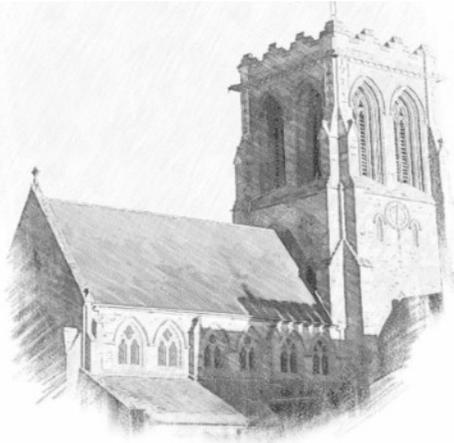


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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(Cycle C)

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The Vatican has published Pope Francis' eagerly-awaited Apostolic Exhortation on the family, drawing together almost three years of consultations with Catholics in countries around the world. The lengthy document, entitled '*Amoris Laetitia*', or The Joy of Love, affirms the Church's teaching that stable families are the building blocks of a healthy society and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others. At the same time the text warns against idealising the many challenges facing family life, urging Catholics to care for, rather than condemning, all those whose lives do not reflect the teaching of the Church. In particular the document focuses on the need for "personal and pastoral discernment" for individuals, recognising that "neither the Synod, nor this Exhortation could be expected to provide a new set of general rules, canonical in nature and applicable to all cases".

Pope Francis has appealed to Catholics in Europe to undertake a collection today for humanitarian aid for Ukraine. The purpose of this collection is to show support and compassion for the victims of the all but forgotten hybrid war which is continuing in Eastern Ukraine. The money will go towards the physical and psychological rehabilitation for the wounded, maimed, and traumatised; humanitarian aid for the people who have lost their homes; support for families who have lost relatives in the war; rebuilding infrastructures and care for the two million displaced persons. *Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£293.53
	Standing Orders	£412.48

The 1st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.

	2 nd Collection	£248.38
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The 2nd collection is reserved for specific charitable causes or appeals and our own Outreach projects as detailed in the Newsletter. Last week was for ***Diocesan Priests Training Fund. Thank You.***



Torchlight Procession

The annual Devotion in honour of Our Lady at Belmont Abbey takes place this year on Wednesday 11th May at 9 pm.



MISSIO Red Box Holders

Time once more to give your red box to your promoter whose name and phone number are on the label on the bottom of your box. We raised over £1000 last year, so thanks to all box holders and promoters for all their efforts.
Liz Norman



Congratulations to Beshar Allos & Prita Banerjee who were married in the abbey church yesterday. We wish them every happiness in the years ahead.



Pentecost Vigil Service

Our Lady's Church on Saturday 14th May. To include Exposition, music and readings, from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. All welcome.



Wales Celebrate Weekend 2016

Saturday 30th April 2016, 9 am - 9 pm to Sunday 1st May 2016, 9 am - 4 pm.

CELEBRATE WALES is a non-residential weekend for the whole family, full of teaching, workshops, lively praise and worship, Mass, opportunities for Confession and prayer ministry.

The CELEBRATE conferences welcome thousands of people. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God.



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

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| Sat 30 th April | Patrick Harrington & Kimberly Wood |
| Sat 7 th May | Anthony Catlin & Rachael Layton |
| Sat 4 th 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 adjacent to the Parish House rather than on the road in front.



Tea & Chat

The next dates for Tea & Chat are: Tuesday May 17th and Tuesday June 21st. Anyone who would like to meet others over a drink and slice of cake, and a good chat will be very welcome. These meetings are proving very popular so don't be shy. Come along, bring your knitting or anything else and enjoy the company of others. All meetings start at 2.30 pm and finish around 4.00 pm.



150 Club April Draw

1st prize No. 165 Sarah de Rohan

2nd prize No. 30 Patrick Walesby

3rd prize No. 11 Richard Batho

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 29 April

9:00 am

Church Cleaning

Wednesday 11 May

9:00 pm

Torchlight Procession

Tuesday 17 May

2:30 pm

Tea & Chat

Sunday 22 May

Confirmation Mass

11:00 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





The Memorial Acclamation

On several occasions during Holy Mass, the laity are invited to *acclaim* what the priest celebrant has *proclaimed* because the liturgy is a dialogue. So when we hear the proclamation, “The word of the Lord”, we respond, “Thanks be to God”. Likewise when the celebrant proclaims “The Gospel of the Lord” we acclaim, “Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ” and at Communion when the host is held up before our eyes, the priest proclaims the host to be “The Body of Christ” and we acclaim (affirm our belief) by saying a resounding “Amen”.

So it is in the Eucharistic Prayer, immediately after the consecration, when we have heard the words Jesus used at the Last Supper and the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, where the priest proclaims that what we have just seen and heard is “The Mystery of Faith”. In unison, we acclaim this using one of the three responses in the Roman Missal (as shown on the last page of the parish newsletter).

The responses at Mass matter and it is very important that we make them with vigour as we acknowledge the

Paschal Mystery that unfolds before our eyes at every Mass.



HOMILY

“Everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

Illustration

Karol Wojtyla, the man who would become St John Paul II, had to experience many hardships before he entered the kingdom of God. He lost his mother when he was nine years old. His elder brother died when Karol was just thirteen, and before the age of twenty he had lost his father, too. While this series of sorrows was entering his life, his native land was also convulsed by tragedy, being invaded from west and east by Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, who sought to wipe Poland from the map.

Wojtyla’s life, as a student and then as a priest, was lived under a regime of oppression. Life under communism was anything but free. When Wojtyla was elected Pope in 1978, he had spent a lifetime living under an alien and oppressive government. This experience had clearly toughened him, for under that smiling exterior and that easy way with people was a strong-minded person who stood

very firmly for values he had seen so easily dismissed by ungodly people. People in the West hailed this man from a far country with delight, and then began to be troubled by him. After all, he came to preach the Gospel and not to curry favour with people. He had the knack of disturbing people's consciences. He was, like St Paul before him, constantly on the move, from the days of his strength even into the years of his frailty, wanting to spend himself for Christ and to put fresh heart into people.

Gospel Teaching

Today we hear about the great missionary journey of the disciples Paul and Barnabas through Asia Minor. A great message that they gave to people, on their travels, was to give them encouragement in the midst of their trials and hardships. "We all have to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God," they told their listeners. This is a most consoling thing to hear.

In our lives, when hardship strikes us, we can feel very much alone in our sorrow. Our troubles are isolating experiences. If we lose someone in death, if a precious relationship breaks down, we feel terribly alone, and the lives of other people seem so much

more peaceable than our own. But as our sorrows ease, we begin to see again that other people suffer the very same things as we do. This recognition brings us back once more into the mainstream of life, and we can find consolation in the truth of our common story and shared experience.

The Lord himself, when about to enter the most painful experience of his life, leaves with his disciples his most precious gift, the instruction to love one another as he loves us. There is no sorrow greater than the sorrow that came to the Lord, and out of that dark place the Father restored him to life. For it is the nature of God to wipe away all tears from our eyes.

Application

In our own lives, perhaps the best way in which we love one another is precisely by giving one another encouragement, putting heart into one another. A mother and a father will do this for their children who are setting out into the world, coaxing them and supporting them and believing in them. Friends will do this for one another, not allowing jealousy to enter their souls, but urging one another on to greater things.

People of faith can see a new heaven and a new earth, and they help to inspire the lives of others by what they can see. On the night before he

died, Jesus talked to his disciples about his glory, about how his faithfulness to God would bring him to glory. It did not look like that the next day, and yet when the Lord was lifted up on the cross that moment of agony was to become a true exaltation. The hardship of the cross led to the brightness of the resurrection. The death and resurrection of the Lord is the new heart that gives life to our lives. And there is nothing greater in life than to put new heart into people, to encourage them to that daily faithfulness of following the Lord. Karol Wojtyla, St John Paul II, through all the hardships of his life held before his eyes the dignity of every human person, and preached it to the very end of his days.

SUMMARY

1. Karol Wojtyla suffered many hardships in the journey of his life and in his journeys became a modern St Paul.
2. To give people encouragement is a powerful way of loving them. We all suffer many things in the journey of our life.
3. Faith in the Lord, risen from the dead, empowers us to love others and to put heart into them.



Belmont Annual Garden Fete

Eight 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.

We also need clean and ironed "Nearly New" Clothes.

And as always we need bric-a-brac and books, soft toys and children's toys so we can make a great success with these stalls.

If you have an idea for a different stall do have a word with Kath Parry.

We also need produce, all sorts, just make sure it is in date, but fresh produce would be good as well.

Please leave all items for the Fete in the Parish Porch not the Glass Porch.

Many thanks for your help!



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday - 6th of Eastertide - 1st May Year C			
	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Cooper Family	Desmond Keohane	Rita Chamberlain & Brenda Sherwood
Sacristan			Stephen Fisher
1 st Reading	William Jackson	Sally Johns	Pat Draper
2 nd Reading	Mary Hayes		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayers	Anne Jackson		Marje Hayes
Offertory	Ramage-Hill Family	Nickerson Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Julia Davey		Tony Archer
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach			
<p>WHOSE FEET TO DO YOU WASH? May 13-15 (2 Days Reg Fee £26) Pentecost Weekend To grow spiritually St Benedict advised his monks to turn East. "Read St Basil" he said.... Dom Brendan Thomas</p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 24 April		
	11.00 am Liturgy		
	24-Apr	Pat Wood & Rachel Cowdrey	
	01-May	Jackie King & Rachel Cowdrey	
	08-May	Marje Hayes & Monica Russell	
15- May	A Morawiecki & Pauline Gill		
<p>Please pray for all who have died: May they rest in peace.</p> <p>Deaths: Bernard Clayton, Sue Ball, Mary Carroll, John Wallin and John Keeler</p> <p>Anniversaries: Sidney Donovan, Dom Fabian Lee OSB, Rose McLoughlin, Dorothy Rawkins, Bernadette Tonking, Rosabelle Borkorski. Prudence Buttress. Marie Dolores Sessarego. Phyllis Bond, Bridget Bury, Colette Hogan, Reginald Holt, Charles Preedy, Lady Mildred Falkiner, Jane Smith, John Simpson, Margaret Stevens, Doreen Sulston and Elizabeth McLoughlin.</p> <p>The Sick: Please pray for 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.</p>			

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Liturgy for Sunday 24th April Readings: Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2

<p>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>Entrance: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world...</p> <p>Communion: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.</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	Annette Mansie	Marion Luscombe	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Richard Batho	Polly Maund-Powell	Jane Davies
2 nd Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S		Peter Davies
Bidding Prayer	Fran Grant		Jacqui Corrigan
Offertory	Children’s Liturgy	Frances Wood & Menna McBain	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes		Chris Moore
Mass Intention	Pro Populo	Bernard Clayton RIP	Margaret Hughes RIP
Second Collection -Ukrainian Appeal			
Collect & pay for Tesco Vouchers today. Food Bank Delivery: John Goodall-C			

<i>What’s On for the week</i>	
Mon	St Mark: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in the Oratory - Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am.
Fri	St Catherine of Siena: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition & Midday Mass in the Oratory
Sat	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am