

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



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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The gospel today poses questions for us. How would we react in the circumstances? Do we think it fair that the last are paid the same as the first arrivals in the vineyard? Of course it may seem unfair to us, especially in the sort of world we live in today but as always, we forget the loving and generous nature of our heavenly father. As the Lord says in the writings of the Prophet Isaiah: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Is 55:8). May we try each day to learn of the Lord's ways and conform our lives to his example.

The autumn parish jumble sale takes place next Saturday. If you are able to help in anyway on the day, or preparing the day before, please get in touch with Kath Parry. As always we are looking for jumble but also any home-made cakes which can be sold on the day. Thank you.

Wednesday is the feast of St Vincent de Paul. Although, sadly, our own SVP group no longer officially exists, we should, as a parish, continue to pray and support the work of the SVP throughout the country. There will be a second collection today for their continued support.

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£331.11</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>£177.12</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: **Home Mission Sunday. Thank You!**



Parish Outreach - During September, our second collections will be for the SVP (4 & 24) and the mandatory ones for the Catholic Education Service (10) and Home Mission Sunday (17).



### Jumble Sale

Jumble Sale takes place on 30 Sept at 12:00 noon at OLQM Parish Hall. We would be grateful for help on Friday, from 10 am and of course on Saturday.



### Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Arabella Anderson & Chris Haughian



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### 29 September

Macmillan Coffee  
Parish Hall  
2:00-4:00 pm

#### Saturday 30 Sept

Jumble Sale  
OLQM Parish Hall  
12:00 pm

#### 3 October

Diamond Diners  
Three Horseshoes  
Allensmore  
12:45

#### 5 October

Church Cleaning  
9:00 am

#### 17 October

Tea & Chat  
Parish Hall  
2:30 - 4:00 pm

#### 29 October

Collect & Pay  
For Tesco Vouchers

#### 17 November

Quiz Night  
Hedley Lodge 7:00 pm

#### 23 November

Rise Theatre  
Hedley Lodge 7:30 pm



**Hereford Food Bank** is in desperate need of the following: Rice, Fish, Soup, Baked beans, Tinned cold meat, Smash, UHT Milk, Baby formula milk, Baby washing products - shampoo,

soap, wipes, Shampoo and Shower gel. Many thanks.



### **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 – H. 265177 or [fr.matthew@live.co.uk](mailto:fr.matthew@live.co.uk). For the time being Fr. Matthew is absolutely dependant on receiving this information from relations and friends, it is not available via the hospital.



We shall be holding our **Macmillan Coffee Event** this year on 29th September. For more information please call Jan Wyman on 01432 263575.



### **Herefordshire & Belmont Abbey Walsingham Group**

The next meeting will be at the Abbey on Wednesday 27 Sept, commencing with Vespers in Church at 5:55 pm. All welcome. The dates for the 2018 pilgrimage to Walsingham are 18-21 May. Full details available soon.



### **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.



### **Holy Days of Obligation**

The Holy See has confirmed the decision of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales to reinstate two of the Holy Days of Obligation which had been transferred to the nearest Sundays in 2006. The two feasts are the Epiphany of the Lord on 6 January and the Ascension of the Lord, 40 days after the celebration of Easter. These feasts are intimately linked in biblical, liturgical and theological ways to the Mystery of Faith celebrated at Easter and Christmas.



### **World Day of Prayer of the Poor**

Pope Francis has been recognised both within and outside the Church as a champion of the poor. He has identified himself totally with those who are 'on the margins' and have need of respect for their human dignity. He has invited Catholics throughout the world to join him on 19 November in a World Day of

Prayer of the Poor. The title is important. It is not “for” the poor but “of” the poor, reminding us of the words of mother Teresa that here in the West we have different kinds of poverty, including poverty of spirit. On that day, we are hoping to hold an Archdiocesan awareness event in The Cornerstone, Cardiff, supported by the Catholic Social Action Network.

**World Day of Prayer of the Poor** -  
*Deanery Preparation meeting*  
Wednesday 4th October at Our Lady's  
7 pm. This is in preparation for the  
Archdiocesan event on Sunday  
19th November in Cardiff, where each  
Deanery is asked to give some input.  
***Would anyone like to represent  
the parish at this meeting?***

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### Songs of Praise

Hereford Cathedral is hosting a recording of hymns for *Songs of Praise* on Friday 6 October. The recording will start at 7 pm, ending around 10 pm. All are welcome to attend, as individuals, family, choral or community groups.

Tickets are free but MUST be booked through the BBC Ticket Unit - [www.bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise](http://www.bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise) to apply for tickets on line.

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### Prayer to St Michael

“Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Restrain him, O God, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.”



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**The monks will be singing Vespers at Hereford Cathedral on Sunday 1 October at 3:30 pm. Everyone welcome. No vespers or Benediction at the Abbey that day.**



## Homily

*“Why be envious because I am generous?”*

### Illustration

In the 2015 hit animated movie *Inside Out*, we are asked the question, “Do you ever look at someone and wonder what is going on inside their head?” The film is based in the mind, or “Headquarters”, of an eleven-year-old girl called Riley. As she negotiates her way through the ups and downs of the world, we see how she is influenced by five characters, all acting in accordance with their names: Fear, Disgust, Anger, Sadness and, taking a lead role, the light-hearted optimist, Joy.

*Inside Out* cleverly shows, with recourse to some good psychology, how our emotions can get the better of us and can easily take control. For example, the character Anger reveals how our sense of injustice can often result in us “losing our heads”. In the film, Anger regularly has fire coming out of his head, as Riley experiences some or other frustration in the real world. Joy always tries to temper this by introducing good and calming thoughts.

## Gospel Teaching

Immediately prior to the Gospel we have heard today, Jesus tells Peter, in response to the encounter with the rich young man, that “the first will be last, and the last, first”. Peter has asked the question, “What about us? We have left everything and followed you.” In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus attempts to drive home the message that all will be treated equally by God. Jesus gives an unflinching teaching on the generosity of God, whose ways are not our ways.

In the parable, the men who have been employed for the day line up to receive their wages. One would expect that those who have worked longer hours would receive more than those who have worked less. This seems to be a fair way of doing business. However, this is not the case. The landowner, representing God, gives the same to the last as to the first, and stresses that those employed at the beginning of the day have no reason to be envious. After all, their payment has been agreed. This surely is justice. An agreement has been made and the landowner is then entitled to do what he sees fit with anyone else. Scholars tell us that one denarius would have been sufficient to feed a large peasant family for one day. The landowner, from the start, has been good to the

workers he hired at the beginning of the day. To those hired later, he says he will give a “fair wage”. They do not know what they will receive, but the landowner is true to his word and gives them plenty. The message here is that God will look after all of us in the same way. We will all be provided for generously.

### **Application**

Reflecting on the parable of the workers in the vineyard, it’s easy to imagine anger being sparked in the minds of those employed at the beginning of the day. Scrunched-up fists; furrowed brows; stomping of the feet in frustration; next stop, perhaps, fire coming out of the top of the head. The word “envious” in the Gospel is translated from a word that means to give an evil look of resentment towards another. That is a strong emotional reaction – simmering anger. There are times in life when we will meet situations where there seems to have been injustice and our reaction may be the same. We have to be clear, though, that there is no injustice in today’s parable. An agreement had been made. It just demonstrates that God is entitled to reveal God’s merciful face whenever and wherever God wishes.

In parishes and other church communities, we all have different

experiences of coming to, or deepening in, faith. Sometimes it may be that a new member of the Christian community is suddenly getting involved in lots of different ministries. The whispering begins: “Who does she think she is? She’s only been here five minutes.” This is dangerous territory. A misplaced sense of injustice turns to idle gossip and, as Pope Francis has said, “The devil destroys with the tongue, with idle chatter that divides.”

Today we are invited to reflect on how God chooses to reveal mercy and love according to God’s own plan. God’s love is free and offered to all. We all come to know this at different times. A heart open to this beautiful truth will surely rejoice in both early and late comers.



<b>Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 1 October 26 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	Hayes Family	Brenda Warde	Marnie Archer & Brenda Sherwood
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Richard Batho	Sally Johns	Margaret Rose
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Mary Hayes		Rob Corrigan
Bidding Prayers	Fran Smallwood		Pat Draper
Offertory	Parish Children	Gillick Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees & Julia Davey		Chris Moore & Margaret Evans
<b>Next Sunday - Parish Outreach</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>24 -Sept</b>	<b>Jacqui Moore &amp; Mary Wood</b>
		<b>1-Oct</b>	<b>Jacqui Corrigan &amp; Mary Wood</b>
		<b>8- Oct</b>	<b>Jackie King &amp; Monica Russell</b>
		<b>15 -Oct</b>	<b>Andrew M &amp; Pauline Gill</b>
		<b>22 Oct</b>	<b>No Children's Liturgy</b>

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 24 Sept)

**Deaths:** R D Anthony osb, Jo Berry, Kevin Hanna and Sr Phillipa.

**Anniversaries:** Br Raymond Fogarty osb, Iain Anthony Gillies, Martin Gudge, Peter Russell, Dom Gerard Sweeney osb, Mgr. Charles Williams, Thomas Bracey, Andrew D Sadler, James Caine, Martina Boland, Mary Jackson and Paul Douglas Williams.

**The Sick:** Please pray for: Sally Johns, Sam Evans, Jennifer Hackman, 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, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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**Liturgy for Sunday 24 September 2017** Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 25)

<p><b>25<sup>th</sup> Week</b> <b>In</b> <b>Ordinary Time</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord for ever.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> Save us, Saviour of the world ...</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.</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	Cooper Family	Nickerson Family	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Fran Grant	Patrick Walesby	Jennifer Hackman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Liz Norman		Pat Draper
Bidding Prayer	Jacqui Ramage-S		Niamh Coyle
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Anthea Morton-S & Maria Large	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Fran Smallwood		Gabrielle Stanley & Jan Wyman
Mass Intention		<i>Pro Populo</i>	
<b>Second Collection - Parish Outreach (SVP)</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>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	<b>St Vincent de Paul:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory:
Thu	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	<b>St Michael &amp; All Angels:</b> 8 am Mass in Oratory: Exposition 11 – 11.50 am in Oratory but Sung Midday Mass in Abbey
Sat	<b>St Jerome:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am