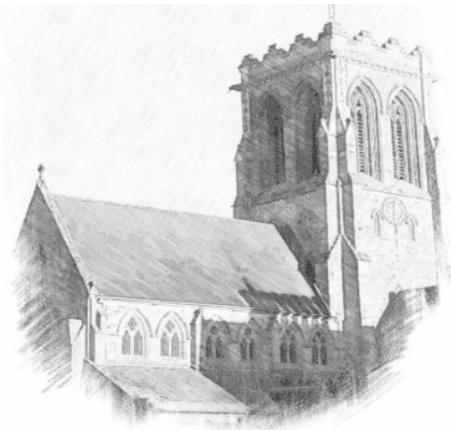


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th September 2016

26th in Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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The Bishops of England and Wales have asked that a collection be taken today to assist the ancient shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in creating facilities to cater for the increasing numbers of pilgrims who have been making pilgrimages there in recent times.

Fr Nicholas is away this week

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£220.24
	Standing Orders	£412.50
The 1 st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 nd Collection	£127.85
The 2 nd collection is reserved for specific charitable causes or appeals and our own Outreach projects as detailed in the Newsletter. Last week was for Catholic Education Service. Thank you!		

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Forthcoming Marriages

We offer our prayers and best wishes to the following couples who are preparing for marriage here at Belmont Abbey over the next few weeks:

15th October

Rebecca Kenzie & Thomas Green

5th November

Emma Holder & Joel Grisman

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The next **JUMBLE Sale** is on 29 October - so we do need some more items. **Change:** Please do not send us any rag bags. We can no longer sell them. We could do with some more books and bric-a-brac. Thank you for your continued efforts.

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New Rota of Ministries

A new rota is due from 9 October to and including 20 January 2017. Could I please have your non-available dates by today 25 September either by e-mail Frangrant235@btinternet.com or on 01432 266307. Many thanks. *Fran G.*

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Diamond Diners

This is 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 sign/add your name to the form in the Parish Centre not later than the previous Sunday.

The dates until December are: - October 4th, November 1st and December 6th. We look forward to meeting you there, it is best to be there by 12:45 to allow time to order food. Many thanks

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 remaining dates are: - 18 October and 15 November.

Margaret Rose



Fr Nicholas will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee of Ordination later this month. It is planned to mark the occasion with a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 9th October.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday - 25 September
Deadline for
New rota of Ministries

Friday - 30 September
9:00 am
Church Cleaning

Friday - 30 September
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
2:30 - 4:00 pm
Parish Hall

Tuesday - 18 October
Tea & Chat
2:30
Parish Hall

Friday - 21 October
6:45 for 7:00 pm
Quiz Supper
Hedley Lodge



Macmillan Coffee Morning

As a parish, we have joined in the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support for some years now and are doing so again this year on Friday 30th September, 2:30 - 4:30, in the Parish Hall. I hope you will be able to join us and raise money to support our local Macmillan Nurses. Everyone is invited and if you feel able to bring a cake or biscuits to share it would be much appreciated.

Jan Wyman





Herefordshire Catholic History Society

Following the great interest shown by the attendance at Mass on 15th August at Rotherwas Chapel, there will be a talk on the History of the Bodenham Family of Rotherwas on Friday, 14th October in the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey at 2.30 pm. All welcome. Further information bmwarde@aol.com



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!



YOUTH MUSIC EVENT

We are holding a Youth Music Event on Saturday 1st October 2016 at Our Lady's Parish Hall from 4-7 pm. The

idea is to learn some new, modern music and if you play guitar, keyboard or drums, or if you like singing we would love you to join us. There will be time to socialize and we will finish with pizza.

If you are interested in attending please contact Rob and Jacqui Corrigan on 01432 352241 or jacqui.corrigan@btopenworld.com or just turn up on the day.



HOMILY

“It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.”

Illustration

There’s the story of a rich woman with two young children, for whom she employs a nanny. The nanny usually puts the children to bed. But one day the nanny is ill, so mother has to step in. “Nanny always reads us a story before we go to sleep,” say the youngsters. Mother is put on the spot, so she makes up a story on the spur of the moment; and this is how it starts. “Once upon a time, there was a family which was very poor. The father was poor. The mother was poor. The children were poor. Even the butler was poor.” Wealthy people are sometimes unable even to imagine

what life is like for those who do not have enough.

Gospel Teaching

The scriptures in today's Mass deal with this. If we have ears to hear, we cannot fail to be struck by the message. It is uncomfortable stuff. We are tempted to say that this kind of reflection is political and not religious, and decisions about standards of living should be left to elected governments; the Church's job is to deal with worship, we say. But the Bible says something else. The prophet Amos, who provides us with the first reading, spells it out. Amos is not a professional prophet – he doesn't earn his living by uttering prophecies at shrines and sanctuaries. He is an outsider, since his real job is as a shepherd and agriculturalist: people do not expect him to speak in God's name. There is another reason why he is an outsider. The Holy Land is split in two after the reign of King Solomon, and Amos belongs to the southern section, to Jerusalem and its hinterland, which is called Judah. But God sends him to the northern kingdom of Israel, precisely to preach justice.

Amos does this with a ferocious choice of words. He addresses the people of both kingdoms. One of his expressions is: "The Lord is roaring." He does a fair bit of roaring himself. His description of the rich is bitterly

sarcastic: ivory beds, luscious meals, drinking, self-indulgent entertainment. "Watch out," he says: exile and deportation are just around the corner. Why? Because you have lived unjustly, because you have been corrupt, because you have appropriated the land of those who are poor, and reduced them to slavery. "About the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all." In other words, the well-being of the country as a whole is forgotten, because you, the rich, are selfish beyond words.

St Luke reminds us that Jesus was equally concerned with social justice. The story of the rich man and Lazarus seems to be about two individuals. The rich man dresses in purple and feasts magnificently, while at the gate is Lazarus, starving and covered with sores. But the rich man stands for the ruling class described by Amos; Lazarus stands for the deprived and defrauded peasantry. Jesus underlines sadly the inability of those who are rich to change their ways: "They will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." The Holy Land where Christ lived and taught was full of beggars and penniless immigrants; the well-to-do were the collaborators with the Romans, like Herod, people with hard hearts.

Application

A sizeable chunk of the Catholic Church's Catechism deals with our social responsibilities as children of God. Respect for every human person, human solidarity that is stronger than the urge to feather one's own nest, these are central to the Church's teaching. Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato si'*, underlines that it is poor people who suffer most when fisheries are depleted, when forests are cut down, when countries in the southern hemisphere are afflicted with unsustainable debt. When we discuss the environment, and tackling global warming, we should never forget whose health and whose lives are most at stake.

These are religious issues, not just secular ones. The Church offers the world her teaching on the Eucharist, her explanation of the Bible, directives on sexual morality, the beauty of pilgrimage, the rosary, lovely music. Catholic social teaching is not an optional add-on to these. It is an integral part of the same message. We can thank God that so many Christians have taken this to heart. And we can pray that you and I will never be part of the scandal of conspicuous wealth, while those who are poor cry out to God, "Lord, how long?"



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.



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 2nd October- 27th in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant			
Welcomers	Cooper Family	Desmond Keohane	Rita Chamberlain & Monica Russell
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Mary Hayes	Marion Luscombe	Jane Davies
2 nd Reading	Liz Norman		Peter Davies
Bidding Prayers	Bill Jackson		Pat Draper
Offertory	Parish Children	Nickerson Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees & Seamus Hayes		Rob Corrigan
Next Sunday -			

Anniversaries These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday. (Apologies for 18 Sept -obits for last week are in with this week.)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 Children's Liturgy - temporarily cancelled	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	25-Sep	Jackie King & Rachel Cowdrey
	02-Oct	Pat Wood & Monica Russell
09-Oct	Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman	
16-Oct	A Morawiecki & R Blackburn	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 18 & 25 Sept)

Deaths: *Connie Luxon, Margaret O'Connor, Robert Morawieck and Peter Lee*

Anniversaries: *John Bevan, Marie-Madeleine Chelly, Cyril Duffield, Winifred Gittins-Jones, Roy Anthony Bailey, Maurice McGinn, Emrys Williams, Elsie Donovan, Annie Williams, Witold Drezewski, Rev. Rowland Evans, Veronica Rigby, Maria Hubert von Staufen, Gertrude Harris, Iain Anthony Gillies, Martin Gudge, Peter Russell, , Mgr. Charles Williams, Thomas Bracey, Mary Creed, Andrew David Sadler, James Caine, Martina Elizabeth Boland, Mary Jackson, Paul Douglas Williams, and William Lans.*

The Sick: Please pray for: *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 Philpa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.*

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Liturgy for Sunday 25th September Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 26 OT)

<p>26th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.</p> <p>Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord ...</p> <p>Communion: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30 am	09:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant			
Welcomer	Kath Parry	Clare Wichbold	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Fran Smallwood	Brenda Warde	Jacqui Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayer	Adrian Eyre		Tony Archer
Offertory	Hayes Family	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry		Jan Wyman
Mass Intention	<i>William & Peter Hall RIP</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>Peter Russell RIP</i>
Second Collection - Walsingham Appeal			
Food Bank Delivery: Chris Moore			
What's On for the week			
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am		
Tue	St Vincent de Paul: Mass at 8:00 am		
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: No Midday Mass : Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm		
Thu	Solemnity of St Michael & All Angels No 8 am Mass. Solemn Mass at 12 noon in Church		
Fri	St Jerome: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in Oratory		
Sat	St Therese of the Child Jesus: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am		