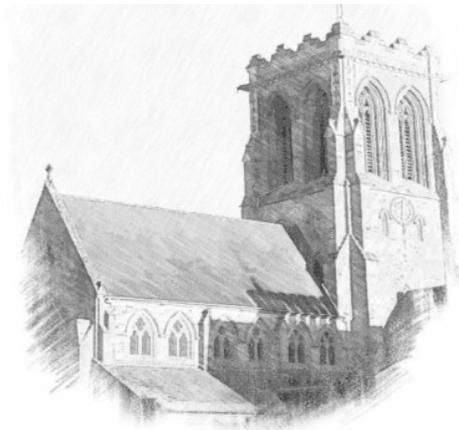


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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A very special thank you to all those who worked so hard over the last few weeks and months to help organise our Parish Fete, and to those who gave up their time last week, and in preparation, to make it a success. We raised about £6000 which is a tremendous result. Thank you. Although fund raising is an important reason for such an event, it is also an occasion to bring together local people who come to our beautiful monastery gardens to enjoy our hospitality and cream teas once a year.

Wednesday is the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul and a Holy Day of Obligation. This ancient feast commemorates the martyrdom at Rome of the two great Apostles. There will be a vigil Mass on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm and Masses on Wednesday at 8 am and 12 noon.

Today, at the 11 am Mass we welcome members of the Catenians as they celebrate their Provincial President's Sunday. The Catenian Association is an international body of Catholic laymen who meet at least once a month in local units called Circles, to enjoy each other's company and thereby strengthen their family life and faith through friendship. It is open to practicing Catholic laymen from the age of 18 years. For more information please speak to Chris Moore.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£309.62
	Standing Orders	£412.50

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

	2 nd Collection	£182.15
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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 **Parish Outreach. Thank you!**



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

- Sat 2nd July Nathalie Eakins & Benjamin Mazur
 Sat 9th July Abigail Trumper & Joe Markewicz
 Sat 23rd July Kerry Matthews & Jon Dallow
 Thu 28th July Andzela Kacinskaite & Gerard Cleugh



With sadness we report the death of Edna Ledford who died last Friday. Her funeral service will be at the Anglican Church in Kilpeck on Wednesday 29 June at 2:00 pm. May she rest in peace.



Flower Festival – Cardiff Cathedral. As part of the Archdiocesan 100th anniversary celebrations, a Festival of Flowers is being held from 30th June-4th July.



The Angel

It is planned to trial a new format for The Angel to be published in early July. Articles of interest should be sent to the Parish office by 30 June to admin@belmontparish.org.uk please. Digital photos of events would also be welcome.



Tea & Chat

The forthcoming dates for Tea & Chat are 19th July and 16th August. All are welcome in the Parish Centre from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm.



Archbishop's House is seeking to employ a suitably qualified person as Office Manager commencing in September 2016. 35 hours per week. Salary to be negotiated. Further details may be obtained from David Evans at finance@rcadc.org Interviews will take place mid-July.

Diamond Diners

The forthcoming dates for the Lunch Club are 5th July and 2nd August. If you are over 60 and would like to join a friendly group for lunch at the Three Horseshoes at 1:00 pm just tick or add your name to the list in the Parish Centre.





The Shroud of Turin Exhibition

This exhibition, featuring life-sized photographic replicas of the Shroud of Turin, was created by internationally respected expert Pam Moon and it aims to use the replica of the Shroud as a visual aid to tell the story of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and to examine the mystery of the cloth. St. Francis Xavier's church (in Parish Hall/Annexe) Opens Monday 27 June until Sunday 10 July. Talk by Pam Moon: 2-3 pm Sunday 10 July.



Pilgrimage for Catholic Grandparents and their families

"A Grand Day Out" is being held by the 3 Welsh dioceses at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 16th July, from 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, to mark both the Year of Mercy and the 100 anniversary of the Archdiocese. It will be a fun family day, all ending with Mass at 3.00 pm celebrated by the bishops. See Poster in the porch.



Become a Holy Door Helper!

The Diocesan Evangelisation Team invites you to help run a "Mission to the Doors of Mercy" in September this year. Each day between 19 and 23 September we will visit a different Holy Door Church and put on a series of meals. With your help, we will invite non-Catholics and non-churchgoing Catholics to come and share a simple meal, hear something of Pope Francis' message of mercy, and, for those who wish, take part in a short prayer service which ends with an opportunity to pass through the Holy Door.

We are asking for help when we visit your local Holy Door: Belmont Abbey – Monday 19th September



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 26 June

Pay for and collect

Tesco Vouchers

8 July

9:00 am

Cleaning Abbey Church

16 July

Grandparents' and
Grandchildren's Day

Tuesday 19 July

2:30 Tea & Chat
Parish Centre

Sunday 31 July

Pay for and Collect
Tesco Vouchers

We need helpers available during the afternoon and/or during the evening who can: welcome guests at the door and as table hosts; prepare or serve tea, coffee and soup; provide music and readers for the simple prayer service. We also need your help before the Mission Day to design local invitation cards and invite members of your community!

If you can help, please come to one of our three team training events:

Monday 4th July 1.30 pm – 3.00 p.m.
at St Philip Evans Hall, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL

Monday 4th July 7.30 pm – 9.00 p.m.
at St Philip Evans Hall, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL

Monday 11th July 7.00 pm – 8.30 p.m.
at the Salvation Army Citadel, Victoria Street, Abergavenny, Gwent NP7 5DS

If you can't make any of the training meetings but would still like to help, please contact Madeleine Walters on walters.sunnyside@btopenworld.com or Revd Gareth Leyshon on 029 2073 1061.



Longworth Pre-Reformation Catholic Chapel

His Grace Archbishop George Stack is coming again this year to celebrate Holy Mass in the Chapel on Thursday, 21 July at 11.00 a.m. It is hoped that

parishioners from every Parish in the county will be able to come together for this celebration

This year we will be commemorating especially the Herefordshire martyr, Blessed Roger Cadwallador, as the first small steps are taken in the Cause for his Canonisation. A full, vivid and moving account of his Life and Martyrdom, the first to be published, has recently been written by Lynn Surtees, a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier's, ('Blessed Roger Cadwallador' available from Gracewing).

Note. The Chapel lies next to the old Bartestree Convent (now Frome Court HR1 4DX) and on the same entrance road as St. Michael's Hospice.



Food Bank

A BIG Thank You to all who support the Hereford Food Bank. Stocks of food are generally good. HOWEVER they are VERY SHORT of MEAT - tins of HOT MEAT (Meat Balls, Beef and Chicken etc) & tins of COLD MEAT (Ham and Corn Beef etc) are URGENTLY REQUIRED. Also needed is fruit, rice puddings, smash potato, rice, sugar and marmalade. Thank you in advance for your generosity.





HOMILY

"Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Illustration

A Redemptorist student had the privilege of working in Lourdes during the summer. He was serving the various English-speaking groups who came to the hostel. During the day he served the meals, cleaned the rooms and did whatever he could to make sure the stay of the group was wonderful. One week a group came who were a bit different from all the other groups, as they looked down their noses at the "staff". The student did not pay too much attention to this and simply got on with his job. On his day off, he walked into Lourdes and made a pilgrimage, doing all the normal things one would do in Lourdes: the stations of the cross, the Eucharistic procession and the torch lit procession in the evening. On that one day, he wore his Redemptorist habit.

At the end of the day, as luck would have it, he saw the bus driver from his hostel waiting to take the group home. They chatted away easily and the Redemptorist student asked if he could get a lift back up the hill. Of course, this was no trouble. As he got on the bus he could feel all eyes looking at him, clearly with some admira-

tion. Two women made space and invited him to sit down. "Good evening, Father," one said to him. "Good evening," he responded. "Where are you from, Father?" the woman enquired. The Redemptorist student looked at her and said, "Don't you recognise me? I have been serving you food all week and cleaning your rooms." The woman was clearly shocked and said, "Oh goodness! If only we had known who you were we would have treated you differently!"

Gospel Teaching

When the Lord calls and says, "Follow me," the response he is looking for is an immediate one. To the person who says, "Let me go and bury my father first," Jesus' reply is quite clear, "Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God." To the person who simply asks if he can pop home and say goodbye to his people, which we may consider a perfectly reasonable request, Jesus again is startlingly clear, "Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." There is a popular hymn that uses words from this Gospel, "The foxes have their holes and the swallows have their nests, but the Son of man has no place to lay down." Despite the cheerful tune, the message, if we think about it, is an alarming one. Jesus has nowhere to call his home.

So when we read the Gospel today, what do we think? Are we disturbed by Jesus' seeming impatience? Do his demands seem too much? How are we to respond to our Lord? Do the consequences of responding to his call to follow him seem a bit scary?

Application

If we understand Jesus properly there is no reason for us to fear. Jesus is telling his disciples that their business is the proclamation of the kingdom of God. If it is their business, that means it is our business, here and now. People can often forget that we are in this business together as brothers and sisters. People can sometimes think that they are not the worthy ones and a holier and more qualified person will come along. Jesus is telling us very clearly today that the proclamation of the kingdom is the business of all of us.

In this coming week, look at ways in which you are able to respond to the Lord's call. Jesus has said to each and every one of us, "Follow me," and that is why you and I are here at Mass. Let's not fall into the trap of waiting for a holier-looking person to come along. We ourselves, with God's holy grace, are the people called by the Lord to follow him. If we believe this, how will we live out our vocation this week? That is a question that each of us is called to answer for our-

selves, as each one of us has our own unique and particular vocation. Whatever we may look like, whoever we may be, whether we receive recognition for it in this world or not, we are all called to the business of proclaiming and building up the kingdom of God.



Peters Pence -An ancient custom still alive today

The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel, thus enabling them to devote themselves completely to their apostolic mission and to care for those in greatest need, is as old as Christianity itself (cf. Acts 4:34, 11:29). By the end of the eighth century the Anglo-Saxons felt so closely linked to the Bishop of Rome that they decided to send a regular annual contribution to the Holy Father. It was thus that the *Denarius Sancti Petri* (Alms of Saint Peter) originated and spread throughout Europe. Like other practices of its kind, this custom underwent many changes in the course of the centuries, until in 1871 Pope Pius IX gave it his approval in the Encyclical Letter *Saepe Venerabilis* (5 August 1871). At present the collection is taken up throughout the Catholic world either on 29 June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, or on the Sunday closest to this Solemnity.

Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 3rd July - 14th in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Brenda Warde	Hackman Family
Sacristan		Paul Nickhold	Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Ann Jackson		Margaret Rose
2 nd Reading	Mary Hayes		Gabrielle Stanley
Bidding Prayers	William Jackson		Sally Johns
Offertory	Hayes Family	Frances Riddell & Teresa Harriss	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Fran Smallwood		Monica Russell

Next Sunday -Peter's Pence

<p>Tune your Ear to Wisdom</p> <p>July 22-24 (2 days Reg Fee £26)</p> <p><i>What is 'lectio', how did it develop and how was it practiced over the centuries?</i></p> <p><i>Dom Brendan Thomas</i></p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 3 July	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	26-Jun	Jacqui Corrigan & Rob Blackburn
	03-Jul	Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman
10-Jul	Jacqui Corrigan & Rob Blackburn	
17-Jul	Jackie King & Pauline Gill	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 26 June)

Deaths: Edna Ledford, Fr Luke, Lesley Hayes, Bernard Clayton, Sue Ball and Mary Carroll.

Anniversaries: John Hurley, Gertrude Davies Laurence Formby, John Doughty, Henry Pritchard, Ludwig Sosna, Robert Eccles, Jean Sheedy, John Smith, Margaret Smith, Henry Power, Patrick Wallis and Stacy Smith.

The Sick: Please pray for: Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Sean Harrington, Gordon Wilson, Syliva Evans, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Peter Lee, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medlicott, Bridie Gittoes, Sr Philipa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Fr Michael Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 26th June Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 13 OT)

<p>13th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: All peoples, clap your hands,. Cry to God with shouts of joy!</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the world ...</p> <p>Communion: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.</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	Kath Parry	Brenda Warde	Monica Tomlin & Rita Chamberlain
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Frances Wood	Jacqui Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Pat Draper
Bidding Prayer	Jacqui Ramage-S		Marje Hayes
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Anthea Morton-S & Mara Large	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Frances Dees		Jan Wyman
Mass Intention	Freya Chapman	<i>Pro Populo</i>	William Griffin RIP

Second Collection - Parish Outreach

Food Bank Delivery: Jan & Eddie Wyman

What's On for the week

Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Irenaeus: Mass at 8:00 am: Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm
Wed	SS Peter & Paul: Parish Mass at 8:00 am: Middy Mass in Abbey: Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am.
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition & Middy Mass in Abbey
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am