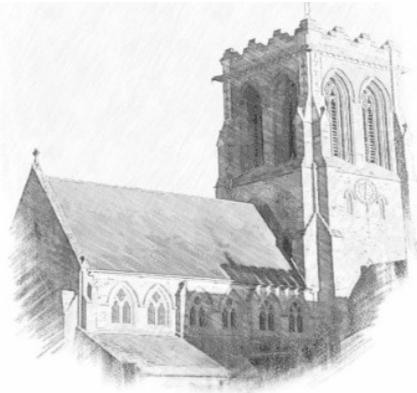


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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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21st Week Ordinary Time

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Today, at all Masses, Peter Symonds, the parish finance treasurer will say a few words about the parish finances. A leaflet will also be available from the porch after Mass. The parish financial year ends this week and it would greatly assist our book keeping if payments for Tesco vouchers and catholic newspapers were received **today**. Thank you.

Congratulations to all the 'young' people in the parish who took public examinations this summer and are currently 'pondering' over their GCE A level or GCSE results. As we approach a new academic year we wish all our young people a good year, especially those beginning school for the first time. We also pray for those leaving school that they may be guided in their career and academic choices and for teachers, governors and parents in their role in helping the formation of our young people.

The second collection today is for Marriage Care. Marriage Care helps couples and individuals to build and sustain strong, fulfilling healthy relationships, as well as providing counselling support in times of relationship difficulty. The parish also uses the local branch of Marriage Care in the preparation of our wedding couples. Unfortunately, the government is removing the grants to Marriage Care and similar charities so they rely on donations to continue much of their work.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£248.41
	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	£166.53
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: Marriage Care. Thank You!		



Summer Holiday Request

If you are away on holiday this summer and visit the parish church, please bring back a newsletter to help us with different ideas and formats. Thank you!



Fatima Pilgrimage – Final preparation meeting for all pilgrims on Tuesday 12 September at 6.30pm at Our Lady's Church.



While you are away, remember that you can keep up with parish news at: www.belmontparish.org.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday

3 September 3 pm
Sung Vespers at Tintern
Father Abbot presiding

8 September
Church Cleaning
9:00 am

Saturday 30 Sept
Jumble Sale
OLQM Parish Hall
12:30 pm

17 November
Quiz Night
Hedley Lodge
7:00 pm

23 November
Rise Theatre
Hedley Lodge
7:30 pm



Rota of Ministries

A new rota is due for the period 10 Sept to & including 24 December. I would be grateful to have your non-available dates by 3 September at the latest. Many thanks for your help. Contact me on Hfd 266307/ Frangrant235@Btinternet.com

Fran Grant

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**Forthcoming Marriages
at Belmont Abbey**

Sat 16th September
Chelsie Jones & David Shutt

Sat 30th September
Arabella Anderson & Chris Haughian



Congratulations to Natalie Dewhurst & Robert Dewen who were married in the abbey church yesterday. We offer them our prayers and best wishes for their future life together.



We have made a few changes to the **Parish Graveyard Policy**. Copies of the new guidelines are available in the porch.



Daily and often hourly Masses can be found on line at this address: www.churchservices.tv



Join the **Ride and Stride** this year to help fund repairs badly needed in many of Herefordshire's churches. This national event takes place on Saturday 9 September. Cycle or walk between the churches in your area. Half of the sponsorship raised goes to the Herefordshire Historic Churches

Trust, half to the church of your choice. For more information go to www.herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride.php.



**Proclaim '17 - Archdiocese of
Cardiff Evangelisation Conference**
Saturday 21st October, St David's
College, Cardiff

Come and be equipped to share the Gospel! This conference will give you practical steps forward in pursuing the Church's mission - to make disciples of all nations. After a keynote address from Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham, we will be split into the five tracks that are designed to meet the needs of all parishes at different stages; Evangelising as an Individual, Teams for Mission - What can we do first?, The Unchurched, Non-Churchgoing Catholics, and Growing Parishioners into Disciples. Each track consists of a seminar and workshop which will inspire you but also give you practical help and resources as you take up the Church's mission. With wonderful speakers from across the UK it really is an event not to miss! To book and for further information please go to www.tinyurl.com/cardiffproclaim.





HEREFORD HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Fr. Matthew who is a member of the Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy team and who acts as Catholic Chaplain no longer has access to the lists of catholic patients; hopefully this will be resolved soon. So if you have a friend/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-265177 or 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.



Three small and easy ways to increase Parish Finances

The 150+ Club

Each number costs £12.00 a year, which equates to £1.00 a month, paid annually. Half the income goes into parish funds and half the income is given as prize money in the monthly draw, which takes place in the parish centre after 11 o'clock Sunday Mass once a month. All numbers issued go into a bag and 3 are drawn out to cover the 3 prizes each month of £50, £25 & £10. You can hold as many or as few numbers as you like, each costing £12.00 a year. It is a fairly painless way of giving with the chance of

getting something in return, also the monthly draw in the parish centre is a social occasion.

Co-ordinator: Chris Moore

Tesco Gift Card

The Tesco Gift Card Scheme has been running in the parish for 15 years. In this time the number of regular members has always been between 25 and 29 with a few more members buying on an 'ad hoc' basis to suit their needs. The regular members buy between £40.00 and £300.00 pounds worth of Gift Cards each month. Some members do all their shopping at Tesco, others only buy petrol but between them they have contributed over £25,000.00 to church funds and it hasn't cost them one single penny. So how did they achieve this? The parish buys the Gift Card at a discount and sells it on to the members at face value and it is this discount which adds up to £25,000.00.

How does the scheme work? When you pay for anything at a Tesco Store or Filling Station you offer the Gift Card in payment. The Gift Card is scanned by the till operator and the value of the purchase deducted from the face value of the Gift Card. The balance is shown on the till receipt. You continue to do this until there is nothing left on the Gift Card.

Easyfundraising

There is also a website (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) which donates money to the Belmont Abbey Parish each time you buy goods on line through them! Most of the top internet shops (including Amazon, M&S, John Lewis) participate in this scheme. Why not join up today?



Homily

“You are the Christ,” he said, “the Son of the living God.”

Illustration

Sometimes people say that it doesn't matter what people think you are. That can be true, but what if you think you are the prime minister and no one else does? Then you would be deluded. In fact, human power is precisely based on what other people think we are. In democracy, we may vote people into power, but then we have to accept them. Even in a monarchy or tyranny, there must be some acceptance of the person in power. Once people stop accepting this, then those in power lose their power. Children understand this well enough. They appoint each other to key roles in their games and then try to knock them down, in games like “king of the castle”. Since it is just a

game it is easy to change roles. Adults are different because they cling to their roles and start to identify with them. After a while they can lose contact with themselves.

Jesus is different. He is not the Christ because people think he is, but because that is his inner nature. He is the Son of God, and the gift of the Father to humanity. His need for people to acknowledge that he is the Christ is for their sake, not for his own. Peter, too, has an identity. It is his by the will of the Lord and not because of any popular acclaim. Yet he does not understand that identity, because it can only be understood through the power of the risen Christ. Simon does not know what it is to be Peter until he has begun his mission, and he and his successors are to struggle to truly become the rock on which the Church is to stand. It is part of the struggle of every human, to become who they truly are.

Gospel Teaching

Some theologians find the idea that all redemption should go through one human being, even the human being who is the incarnate Word of God, to be an obstacle to faith. The key word sometimes used is “particularity”. They ask, how can one human life be the source of all faith? Yet this loses sight of the humanity of Christ,

because it is the nature of every human being to be one particular human being, living in one particular time and place. We are each of us unique. This uniqueness makes us responsible for ourselves, but responsibility is related to the word “respond”. To be who we are to be, we must respond to a call. There is the call from God; but human beings have to respond to each other as well. We are called to respond to other people’s needs, to be for them, so that they can be for us. Yet this is something we must do for ourselves. No one can make us freely give ourselves to each other.

It is because Jesus is a single particular human being that he needs his mission to be continued by others. He is alive, but his life is a life that has to be shared with others. Those of us who have faith, have it because of the many who came before us and who, like St Peter, accepted their responsibility before Christ. So being a particular person does not isolate us from other people but is the basis of the true solidarity with each other that the Lord has made possible.

Application

The popes in Rome are indeed the successors of St Peter, but this does not mean that there is nothing of St Peter in ordinary Christians. We may

each be called to be a rock in the world, something that others can build on. We may be the peg that holds things together, or that others can hang their coats on. We may be the throne that others may sit on for their own glory and satisfaction. Foundations are usually invisible, but without them great enterprises will not stand. We may not even know in this life how many people depend on us. Perhaps there are saints who wake up in heaven astonished at how fruitful their lives have been. Even if it is not our destiny to be responsible for great things in this life, it is still true that each one of us has to say to Jesus for ourselves, “You are the Christ.” Then we will find out who we truly are.



May the Mind of Jesus renew my mind.

May the Wisdom of Jesus enlighten my thoughts.

May the Words of Jesus be in my ears and on my lips.

May the Heart of Jesus beat with my heart.

May the Cross of Jesus be my strength.

May the Forgiveness of Jesus free me from sin.

May the Healing of Jesus bring me to wholeness.

May the Peace of Jesus still all my fears.

May the Love of Jesus fill my whole being.

May the Risen Jesus enrich me with joy, hope and new life.

Dom Alan Rees

Ministers, etc. for next Sunday 3 September - 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Cycle 1

	08:30	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Cooper Family	Nickerson Family	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Clare Wichbold	Rob Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Pat Draper
Bidding Prayers	Julia Davey		Pat Wood
Offertory	Parish Children	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees & Jacqui Ramage-S		Andre Pavia & David Wood
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach			

Anniversaries	CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
	These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.	10-Sep	
		17- Sept	
		24- Sept	
		01-Oct	
		08-Oct	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 27 August)

Deaths: Jo Berry, Kevin Hanna and Sr Phillipa.

Anniversaries: Christopher Hackman, Patricia Barnett, Douglas James, Peter Wilson, Rosemary Delores Mills, Dom Illtud Barrett osb, Ellen Fish, Claude Ruffhead and Harry Biltcliff.

The Sick: Please pray for: Jennifer Hackman, Denise Ellis, Seamus Hayes, 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

Liturgy for Sunday 27 August 2017 *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 21)*

<p>21st Week In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread ...</p> <p>Communion: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Hayes Family	Patrick Walesby	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Jacqui R-Smith	Clare Nickerson	Jacqui Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Fran Grant		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayer	Ann Jackson		Tony Archer
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Frances Riddell & Anthea Morton-S	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Chris Moore & Joao Pavia
Mass Intention		<i>The Parish</i>	<i>Bernadette Higgins RIP</i>
Second Collection - Parish Outreach - (<i>Marriage Care</i>)			
Food Bank Collection: Eddie & Jan Wyman			

<i>What's On for the week</i>	
Mon	St Augustine of Hippo: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Passion of St John the Baptist: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	St Aidan: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Midday Mass at 12 noon
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am: