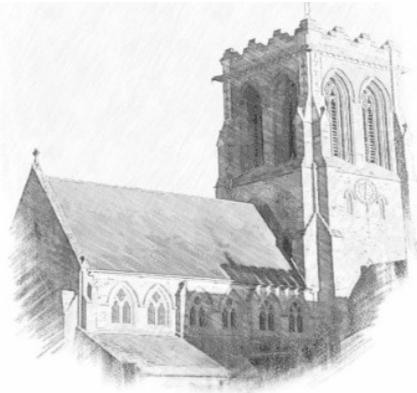


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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Most Holy Trinity

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Today, Trinity Sunday, the church rejoices in the impenetrable mystery that God is triune (three-in-one) - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How the Lord can be one God in three distinct persons is completely beyond the ability of any human to understand. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians accept this incomprehensible mystery as a fundamental article of faith. We were baptized in the name of the Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and adopted by God as his sons and daughters. So we are caught up in the love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and our part of this perfectly loving family, for God is Love itself.

GDPR Update: We are currently completing a Data audit. This includes assessing what data we currently hold and for what purpose. I have also contacted members of the parish, former parish priests and volunteers to see if they have retained any lists or information. If you have any parish lists or information please contact Fr Nicholas for advice.

The Fete We are in urgent need of items for many of our stalls especially Toy stall, bottle stall and the Tombola stall. Please also start thinking of baking some cakes which would be most welcome. Thank you!

Fr Nicholas

Welcome to Belmont Abbey. If you are a visitor here and would like to Gift Aid your offertory collection, please collect an envelope from the Porch. Thank you!

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| Last Sunday's | 1 st Collection | £293.70 |
| | Standing Orders | £581.00 |
| The 1 st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs. | | |
| | 2 nd Collection | £175.42 |
| 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 Supporting Catholic Education. Thank You | | |



The **Summer fete** looms ever nearer (June 16) and preparations are well under way but we still need your help! Can you offer your services, help with a stall, or perhaps have spare bottles, unwanted presents or items for one of the many stalls (not jumble please at this time). Contact Fr Nicholas or Kath Parry for more details. Thank you.



Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy

If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from Fr Matthew, please let him know on 01432 265177 / fr.matthew@live.co.uk.



If you are not able to get a newsletter - remember that you can go to our website to find out what is going on in the parish. Website address is on the first page.



Eucharistic Adoration

at the Poor Clare Convent
Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd June
See Poster for times



Dates for your diary

27 May

Last day for Red Boxes

Sunday 3rd June 4 pm

Feast of Corpus Christi
Solemn Vespers
and

Benediction with Procession
of the Blessed Sacrament.

1 June

Church Cleaning
9:00 am

16 June

Garden Fete
2:00 pm





Lift up your Hearts

A Day of Recollection at Belmont Abbey led by Fr Matthew for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Saturday 2 June 10 am to 4 pm. Ideal day for those who missed the parish day before Easter. See poster for more details.



The Fete

We are now only looking for bric-a-brac and good condition children's toys. We also need items that can be used for the **Grand Tombola**, so if you have any gifts you cannot use, do give them to us for the Tombola. As always all **bottles** are gratefully accepted. The bottle stall is one of our best ones but it does take a lot of bottles to stock, so please be generous. If you have **spare plants**, please remember the Plant Stall. We will also need lots and lots of **yummy cakes!** **Also needed is jewellery and nice smelly things.**

Many thanks for your help!



On Friday 8 June, Archbishop George has invited the actor Michael Wade to Cardinal Newman School Rhydyfelin, to recite Blessed John Henry

Newman's Sermon No 10 'A Second Spring'. The Archbishop and Mr O' Sullivan would like to invite parishioners to partake in this unique event. Should you wish to join us at 11.30 on the 8th, please email duffinC@cardinalnewman.co.uk or on 01443 494110.



Diamond Diners

Would all those wishing to attend the Diamond Diners meals please contact Ray Rose before Sunday midday before by either signing the sheet, in the Parish Centre, or by telephone 07837732611 otherwise no seat will be reserved for them.



ROME PILGRIMAGE

There is the possibility of a Deanery Pilgrimage to Rome this October - Monday 15 October to Friday 19 October. Includes: Flights from Manchester, Coach Transfers, One included excursion. Basilicas of Rome, St Mary Major, St John Lateran and St. Paul's Outside the Walls. Half Board Accommodation, 3 Star Hotel. All rooms ensuite. 5 days /4 nights. Papal Audience (Subject to the Holy Father being in Rome). Organised by Leisure Time Travel in Liverpool. Optional Full day trip to

Assisi (price depends on numbers)
Insurance is not included. Price £629
per person. Single Supplement £120.
If interested contact Fr. Matthew at
OLQM Church: fr.matthew@live.co.uk -
H 265177.



HEREFORDSHIRE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the HCHS will be
a visit to the new Hereford Record
Office (HARC) on Monday 4 June at
2.30 pm. This will be a rare
opportunity to see their excellent
facilities and to view a wide selection
of historical documents relating to
local Catholic history. Visitors are
welcome to join members for a small
charge of £2.00. Further information
from bmwarde@aol.com



NOAH'S CAMP

A Catholic family camp set in rural
Gloucestershire (near Dymock). 13 to
17 August 2018. Youth and children's
activities, live worship band, inspiring
talks. For more information see our
website:- www.noahscamp.co.uk or
phone 07961 346343



WAMCHS Annual History Day

Saturday June 9th 2018 at St. David's
6th Form College Cardiff 10.00 am
Holy Mass; 10.30 am Tea/Coffee;
11.15 am Tim Davies 'Hugh Owen,
Plas Ddu, Caernarfon' A Catholic Spy

in the Reign of Elizabeth 1; 12.45 pm
Lunch; 2.15 pm Lynne Surtees
'Blessed Roger Cadwallador': Roger
Cadwallador was martyred in
Leominster on 27 August 1610. End
at approx. 3.30; Cost for the Day: £12
(Members) £15 (non-Members)
includes teas, coffees, pastries and
buffet lunch. All are welcome for what
is always a very enjoyable day. To
book a place and for further details
please contact: Tricia Coulthard -
triciacoulthard@outlook.com or 02920
595 899.



Hereford Food Bank

Coffee Morning at The Deanery, Col-
lege Cloisters, Hereford Friday 1st
June 10.00 — 12.00 The Dean,
Michael Tavinor, and the Hereford
Food Bank cordially invite you to a
coffee morning to be held in the
Deanery's lovely gardens on the banks
of the River Wye. In the event of rain
we will be relocating to College Hall.



How do we help people become active Catholics?

How can we share our faith better? Sherry Weddell's book tells us how 150 people become active Catholics! Come and find out how with Madeline Page our diocesan Evangelisation and Education Officer. Please join us either in All Hallows', Misken every Tuesday, 3 pm – 4 pm, June 5– July 10 or **Our Lady's**, Hereford every Wednesday, 7 pm-8 pm, June 6– July 11. For any questions please contact Madeline on 029 2036 5965 / madeline.page@rcadc.org



Homily

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Illustration

Twitter is a social media tool used by millions of people worldwide. It's a powerful way of broadcasting short messages across the globe to anyone who will listen. Pop stars and businesses, presidents and celebrities, even Pope Francis all "tweet". The rules are simple: your message must be to the point – no more than 140 characters. The most successful users have millions of "followers". One feature of a Twitter account is the short biography people use to describe themselves. This can be simply factual or very funny, such as: "A mum and a wife with a really

good day job"; "Bald, unreliable and easily distracted..."; "I'm not smart, I just wear glasses"; "My hobbies are breakfast, lunch and dinner." Clearly, these are not intended to be a full biography, just a hook to entice people to become followers.

Gospel Teaching

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity – our Christian belief that the one God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although this doctrine was formulated centuries ago, long before Twitter, it can be understood as God's biography – it acts as a short summary of what we believe God has revealed to us of God's self. Christians have always struggled to find ways to reconcile the core belief of the Old Testament that God is one – "he and no other" – with the understanding that God is also in some way three.

That is because what we celebrate today is not so much a doctrine as an experience. The threeness of the one God is how Christians throughout the centuries have come to know and love God. Jesus' final command to his followers is to "make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". "In the name of" is important: it expresses the idea of relationship. We are baptised not simply to wash away our sins but in the name of God, which means that

we are immersed into the very life of God who is above all a relationship of love. Through our baptism we share in God's life. Jesus himself explained that the Father sent his Son into the world so that we might be saved – so that we might have life in all its fullness. And speaking to the first Christians in Rome, Paul states that we have the Spirit of God living in us, praying in us, leading us to share the glory of the risen Christ. Our baptism in the name of the Trinity means that we are called to participate in the life of God, to enter into an intimate relationship with God, to join in the circle of love which is God. This is how Christians experience God: the Father who creates and sustains us; the Son who is our saviour, who gives himself completely for us; the Spirit who lives within us, animates, guides and directs us in our daily lives.

Application

The Christian experience is that God is beyond us, and one with us, and within us: Father, Son and Spirit. The content of this “mini biography of God” is fleshed out more fully in the scriptures – in Jesus’ relationship with the Father and his promise to send the Spirit to continue his work. But that biography of God is also meant to be fleshed out – literally enfleshed – in the lives of Christians.

Because we have been immersed in the life of God, God continues to act, speak and reveal God's self in the world today through us. God's biography becomes our biography, our pattern for life. The life of God transforms us and flows out through us, helping us to be like the Father – to create, not to destroy, to build up, sustain and care for God's world, especially for God's children. It means we are called to continue the saving work of the Son – to serve, to bring healing and wholeness into the lives of people who are wounded, marginalised or in need. And it means we become channels of the Holy Spirit – to encourage, to bring strength to those who are weak, to help people rejoice in their blessings, to console people who are sad and suffering, to speak out courageously against the evils of this world and to act to change them. Our deep, personal relationship with God – Father, Son and Spirit – means that



| Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 3 June 2018</u> <u>Corpus Christi</u> <u>Year B Cycle 2</u> | | | |
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| | 08:30: | 9:30 | 11:00 |
| Celebrant | Fr Nicholas | | Fr Nicholas |
| Welcomers | Cooper Family | Patrick Walesby | Rita Chamberlain & Maureen Stacey |
| Sacristan | | | Jeremy Hogan |
| 1 st Reading | Bill Jackson | Polly Maund-Powell | Jacqui Corrigan |
| 2 nd Reading | Ann Jackson | | Pat Wood |
| Bidding Prayers | Adrian Eyre | | Jane Davies |
| Offertory | Parish Children | | |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Kath Parry & Jacqui Ramage-S | | Deacon Eddie & Margaret Evans |
| Next Sunday - St Joseph, Makeni | | | |

| Low Mass in the Extraordinary Rite (Tridentine Mass) is usually celebrated here at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sunday afternoons at 4 pm. | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | |
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| | 27-May | Half Term |
| | 03-Jun | Half Term |
| | 10-Jun | Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman |
| | 17-Jun | Andrew M & Mary Wood |

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

Deaths: Claire George, Lillian Allsopp, Gill Wiseman and William Padden.

Anniversaries: Eric Brooks, William Norman, Dom Dunstan Sibley *osb*, Ametia Swettenham, Solveigh Hayes, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Frank White, Marie Barley, Abbot Anselm Lightbound *osb*, Bernadette Hubert, Margaret Pritchard and Alice Warren.

The Sick: Please pray for: Veronica Mayne, Delia Swainson, Sally Johns, Neal Harries, Kenny Hanna, Fr Aidan, Rachel Thompson, Phillip Archer, Sonja Hayes, Robin Hayward, Gil Savory, Denise Ellis, Chris & Sue Rogers, Peter Draper, Dominique Wetz, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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The Most Holy Trinity

Entrance: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world

Communion: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.

| | 08:30: | 09:30 | 11:00: |
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| Celebrant | Fr Nicholas | | Fr Nicholas |
| Welcomer | Kath Parry | Phyll Buckley | Ross & Anne Williams |
| Sacristan | | | Rob Corrigan |
| 1 st Reading | Julia Davey | Menna McBain | Jennifer Hackman |
| 2 nd Reading | Jacqui Ramage-S | | tba |
| Bidding Prayer | Fran Grant | | Pat Draper |
| Offertory | Hickey Family | Anthea Morton-S & Maria Large | |
| Extra-Ordinary Minister(s) | Frances Dees & Fran Smallwood | | Deacon Edie & Tony Archer |
| Mass Intention | | <i>Pro Populo</i> | |

Second Collection: Monks' Training

Food Bank Collection: Eddie & Jan Wyman

What's On for the week

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| Mon | St Augustine of Canterbury: Mass at 8:00 am |
| Tue | Feria: Mass at 8:00 am; Requiem Mass for Lillian Allsopp at 12:30 |
| Wed | Feria: Mass at 8 am: NO Midday Mass |
| Thu | Visitation of Our Lady: Mass at 8 am |
| Fri | St Justin: Mass at 8 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in the Oratory |
| Sat | Feria: Mass at 8 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10 am |