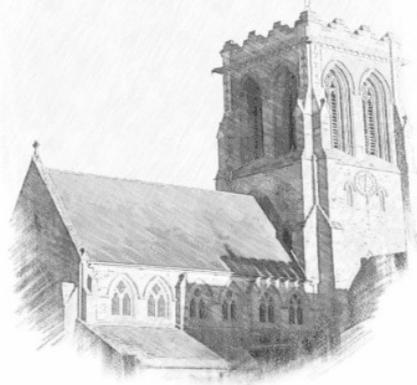


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Our First Communion preparation has now started under the guidance of Rob & Jacqui Corrigan. The Confirmation course led by Chris Moore and Eddie & Jan Wyman is also well under way with seven candidates from the parish and other neighbouring parishes. Please keep all these young people and their families in your prayers.

Today we welcome Cyprian Blamires who is making an appeal at all Masses on behalf of the St Barnabas Society. They are a UK charity which exists to provide pastoral and financial help to former clergy ministers and religious from other churches who have been led by faith and conscience to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. Often these converts lose not only their jobs but also their homes. Many are not qualified, trained or experienced in any other work and find it very difficult to obtain another job. The second collection is for this appeal.

Sorry! No Wednesday Midday Mass again as I have to attend a training meeting in Cardiff

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£504.71
	Standing Orders	£501.23

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

	2 nd Collection	£189.36
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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: **Acorns Childrens' Hospice. Thank You!**



Parish Outreach

In January, our Parish Outreach collections will go towards supporting the St Joseph's School, Makeni project (7th & 14th Jan); and the local Acorns Children's Hospice (21st Jan) and the St Barnabas Society appeal (28th Jan).



Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy

If you have a relative or fellow parishioner in hospital and they would like to be visited by Fr. Matthew, please contact him with the details on 01432 265177 or fr.matthew@live.co.uk.



EMMAUS YOUTH

The dates for the next few meetings of Emmaus Youth are 17 February and 17 March at Our Lady's Parish Hall, 2.30-5.30 pm. You are invited to share in some Praise and Worship, Liturgy, refreshments and time to socialize. Come and join us for some fun!! Rob and Jacqui Corrigan, Annie Ridgway and Ben Aldridge.
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Tea & Chat

has now resumed. We are a very friendly group which meets on the third Tuesday of each month for a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake and a pleasant chat amongst each other. New members, from the wider Belmont community, are always welcome, including gentlemen. So if you feel like coming along and making new friends and having a cheerful afternoon then the Parish Centre at 2:30 pm is the place for you.



Watch this space

For the date of the next Jumble Sale. All items for the jumble gratefully accepted now.



Dates for your Diary

26 January

Church Cleaning
9:00 am

6 February

Diamond Diners
Three Horseshoes
12:45

17 February

Emmaus Youth
OLQM Parish Hall
2:30

20 February

Tea & Chat
Parish Hall
2:30 pm



Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society

Our next talk will be at St. David's RC Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff on Sunday February 4th at 3 pm. Dr. Robert Matthews: Roman Catholicism in South Wales at a time of persecution 1559 - 1679

Dr. Robert Matthews lectures in Early Modern History at the Open University, and specialises in 16th and 17th century religious history. His MA and PhD degrees were both on Roman Catholicism in Monmouthshire in the 17th century. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Further details from Tricia Coulthard: 029 2059 5899: triciacoulthard@outlook.com



Walsingham Pilgrimage 2018 Friday 18 May - Monday 21 May

Three nights full board, en-suite room and all travel. Optional excursion to Castle Acre Priory. Leave Belmont at 10 am on Friday and return 6:30 pm on Monday. Cost: £245 per person. For further details and booking contact: Menna MacBain, Kitten Gate, Marden, HR1 3EX. Tel: 01568797077.



TRUST
in the
Lord
with
ALL
your
Heart
Proverbs 3:5



Homily

“Be quiet! Come out of him!”

Illustration

In days of old the Church used to run junior seminaries, colleges where boys were recruited to begin the long road of study for the Catholic priesthood. In 1958 at Christmas time a young boy returned home after his first term away at such a college. He had left home in September and now, three months later, he was back among his family for the holidays. On that first morning at home he stood in the kitchen surrounded by his family as everyone got used to seeing him among them once more. His little sister, just six years old, stood by the kitchen table looking up at him and listening as he spoke. Then she turned to her mother and said, “Oh mammy, his voice!” For a child of six years, three months without seeing her beloved brother was like a lifetime. Now suddenly there in that happy kitchen the voice of her big brother told her once again that a person she loved so dearly was home again and close beside her.

Every human voice makes a distinctive sound, and we often recognise one another by the sound

of the voice that we hear, especially on the telephone when we cannot see the person in the flesh. Our voice comes from deep within us and at its best is expressive of our inner self. Our voice is a major way of conveying who we are to other people, and other people quickly learn to recognise a false voice from a true.

Gospel Teaching

In the synagogue at Capernaum Jesus begins to speak. He makes his voice heard for the first time as a preacher and teacher and healer. The listening people, who are experts on voices – after all, they spend their life listening to preachers and teachers – quickly recognise that this voice is something new. This is not one of the regulars, quoting scripture and rabbinic authority to deliver a sermon, good as that may be. This voice and the man it belongs to are something entirely new. They are deeply impressed.

That morning in the synagogue there is a man who is very disturbed and who begins to shout and disrupt proceedings. Not only is the man a troubled soul, but he recognises that this Jesus is a powerful man, a man who is able to deal with his troubled mind. Fearful of what might happen to him – he is accustomed to his wilful ways – he begins to shout at Jesus to ward him off.

In response Jesus, by the power of his word, his voice, quiets the demon of torment and brings the grace of calmness and peace to that person. The voice that speaks to teach us is also the voice that speaks to heal us. In a world of so many voices raised and often shouting, in a world where human suffering and torment are rampant, here is something new and with authority behind it. No wonder the fame of Jesus spread.

Application

What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" That question, put to Jesus by the tormented man, is a question for us today. In our tormented world, so often unstable and full of fears and miseries, it is easy for us to hide away in our own little lives, safe perhaps from the dramas all around us. But the Lord set out on his journeys through Galilee to find us and to step into our lives and to speak to us.

His voice is powerful today to enliven our lives, to change our settled ways and to heal our hurting hearts. "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God." It is this knowledge that often sends us running for cover. Love and goodness

can be very demanding things and we sometimes feel we are no longer able to live by them.

The tormented man's cry, for all its bravado, truly was a cry for help and healing. The Lord knew that and the Lord spoke to bring a peaceful spirit into that man. Cry out today, therefore, and ask the Lord for that same healing power in your life. Why go on tormented in spirit when the Lord is close at hand? "Oh mammy, his voice!"





Pope Francis' Prayer for countering Fake News

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world.

Where there is shouting, let us practice listening;

Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;

Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;

Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;

Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;

Where is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;

Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;

Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen



The place of silence

One aspect that we must foster in our communities with greater commitment is the experience of silence. We need silence “if we are to accept in our hearts the full resonance of the voice of the Holy Spirit and to unite our personal prayer more closely to the Word of God and the public voice of the Church”. In a society that lives at an increasingly frenetic pace, often deafened by noise and confused by the ephemeral, it is vital to rediscover the value of silence. The spread, also outside Christian worship, of practices of meditation that give priority to recollection is not accidental. Why not start with... daring a specific education...? Let us keep before our eyes the example of Jesus, who “rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed” (Mk 1: 35). The Liturgy, with its different moments and symbols, cannot ignore Silence.

(from the document *A Place of Silence* by the Liturgy Committee)

www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Preparation/Silence.shtml



Ministers, etc. for next Sunday 4 February 2018 - 5 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Cycle 2

	08:30	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Phyll Buckley	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacy
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Clare Nickerson	Sally Johns
2 nd Reading	Anne Jackson		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayers	Richard Batho		Pat Wood
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extraordinary Ministers	Jacqui Ramage-S & Kath Parry		Chris Moore & Monica Russell
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach - Marriage Care			

Low Mass in the Extraordinary Rite (Tridentine Mass) is celebrated here at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sunday afternoons at 4 pm.	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	28-Jan	Jackie King & Mary Wood

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 28 Jan)

Deaths: Phillip Cook, Rebecca Dykes, Philomena Nicholas and Sister Mary Clare

Anniversaries: Gordon Wilson, Gerard Rosser, Emrys Thomas, Stephen Marius Gray, Dom Aloysius Lacey OSB, Susan, Taylor, Stephen Lewis, James Meredith, Ellen Murphy, Margarita Doverman, Mary, Jenkins, Clotilde Woods, Henry Maddison, John Wallin, Kevin Hickman, Dom Paulinus Lyon osb, Doris Spencer, Timothy Desmond, Elizabeth Snead, Ethel Spalding and Frank Evans.

The Sick: Please pray for: Fr Aidan, Rachel Thompson, Phillip Archer, Sonja Hayes, Sheila Langford, Robin Hayward, Gil Savory, Denise Ellis, Chris & Sue Rogers, Peter Draper, Dominique Wetz, Sally Hayward, Lillian Allsop, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Elaine White, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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<p>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name and make it our glory to praise you.</p> <p>Acclamation:We proclaim your Death ...</p> <p>Communion:Let your faced shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.</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	Mandy Cooper	Desmond Keohane	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S	Basil Nickerson	Jacqui Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Liz Morawiecki
Bidding Prayer	Mary Hayes		Tony Archer
Offertory	Hayes Family	Gillick Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Jan Wyman & Andre Pavia
Mass Intention	<i>Donald Parry RIP</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>Gordon Wilson RIP</i>
Second Collection - St Barnabas Society Appeal			
Food Bank Collection: Ray Rose			

What's On for the week

Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	St John Bosco: Mass at 8:00 am: NO Midday Mass in the Oratory
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Presentation of the Lord: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 and Midday Mass
Sat	St Blaise: Mass at 8:00 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00