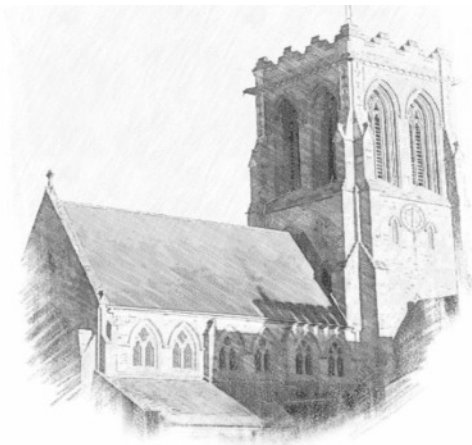


# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

### ***Corpus Christi***

29<sup>th</sup> May 2016

*(Cycle C)*

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Today, we keep the Church's yearly feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today). The feast goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday.

On this feast the Church joyfully expresses her thankfulness to the Lord for the greatest gift she has been given and recognises, in faith, that Christ by His Real Presence in the Eucharist, fulfils His promise to be with us "always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:20)

This afternoon, there will be a service of Solemn Vespers at 4 pm followed by a procession and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Congratulations to all our parishioners who were confirmed last Sunday. It was a lovely moving Mass and I have already received a letter of thanks and appreciation from Archbishop Stack. My own thanks to Chris Moore for co-coordinating the whole programme and to our other catechists Fran Smallwood and Eddie & Jan Wyman.

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£403.24</b>
	Standing Orders	<b>£412.48</b>
The 1 <sup>st</sup> collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	<b>£183.59</b>
The 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection is reserved for specific charitable causes or appeals and our own Outreach projects as detailed in the Newsletter. Last week was for <i><b>Parish Outreach. Thank you!</b></i>		



### Belmont Annual Garden Fete

**Four weeks only until the Fete!!** Once again we are asking for your help in presenting a wonderful Garden Fete, even better than last year.

It would be great if all the gardeners out there would start growing some plants for the flower stall and if you need small pots for your seedlings - we have a lot of them to give away.

We are really in need of bric-a-brac and books, soft toys and children's toys, and of course any jewellery you no longer use so that we can again have a great success with these stalls.

If you are willing to help run a stall, or could help with the games please contact Kath Parry on 01981 250304.

We also need items for the **Grand Tombola:** unwanted presents etc. This is a popular stall and at the moment we have very little for it.

**Thank you** to those parishioners who have already given two bottles for the bottle stall, but we do need lots more!! We haven't yet hit the 400 bottles that the Bottle stall needs.

Please leave all items for the Fete in the Parish Porch not the Glass Porch. Closer to the date we will ask you for help with items for the Tea Tent.

**Draw tickets are now on sale.** Please take some to sell to friends and neighbours.

Many thanks for your help!



### 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<sup>th</sup> June to [admin@belmontparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@belmontparish.org.uk) please. Digital photos of events would also be welcome.



### Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June

Hugh Loughrey & Carley Yapp



### **Parking**

Drivers are asked to respect the disabled parking areas – especially on a Sunday!

Parish Centre – unless you are dropping something off at the parish centre, please park in the car parks adjacent to the Parish House rather than on the road in front.



### **Tea & Chat**

The forthcoming dates for Tea & Chat are 21<sup>st</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> August. All are welcome in the Parish Centre from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm.

### **Diamond Diners**

The forthcoming dates for the Lunch Club are 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



Rob and I are going to do some voluntary work in Calais/Dunkirk from 5th to 8th June. We were overwhelmed at your kindness and support after our plea for help and are asking for your prayers while we are there. Also if anyone wants to donate we are now looking for Bags

for Life (strong shopping bags), vegetable/sunflower oil, tinned fish, tomatoes, chickpeas and tea bags.

**We will leave early afternoon on 5th June so please bring items clearly labelled "Refugees" and leave in Parish porch on that day only.**

Many thanks. Jacqui Corrigan



### **Parish Deanery Representative**

Would any one like to take on the role of Parish representative to the Deanery pastoral Council? There are usually four evening meetings a year, generally held at Our Lady's Church hall. Please see Fr Nicholas or Chris Moore for more details.



### **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<sup>th</sup> June until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July .





**The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic  
June 12th 12:30 pm onwards**

This event is open to everyone who is part of the wider Belmont Community. Let us all join together to celebrate this occasion, by having a shared table.

Food can be laid out in the Parish Centre, and, weather permitting, can be consumed on Fr. Nicholas' lawn which we will try not to share with Alfie. Please bring finger food, sausages, quiche, sandwiches, crisps, cheese or anything else that can be eaten without knives and forks.

Please don't be shy or think it is not meant for you. Just come along and let us all celebrate together.

Margaret Rose



**Hereford Food Bank Coffee Morning**

At The Deanery, College Cloisters, Hereford, Tuesday 31 st May 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. In the event of rain we will be relocating to College Hall. Come and enjoy: Coffee and cakes, lovely gardens, cake stall, Raffle. No entrance charge — donations welcome.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Church Cleaning  
Friday 10 June

Queen's Jubilee Picnic  
12 June

Belmont Grand Fete  
18 June

Tuesday 21 June  
2:30 pm  
Tea & Chat

16 July  
Grandparents' and  
Grandchildren's Day



Please pray for Ralph Alex Nicholas Trigg who will be welcomed into the Church this afternoon through the sacrament of baptism.



**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<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **HOMILY**

*“Give them something to eat yourselves.”*

## **Illustration**

A series running in a newspaper supplement devoted to cooking asks famous chefs to imagine their last meal. A similar pattern runs through the descriptions they give. The setting is always important, usually idyllically in the countryside or by the sea, often recalling a memory from childhood or later family life. The people invited are mostly close family and friends. Sometimes a chef acquaintance is invited to bring his or her special dish to the feast. The dead are often there as well as the living. Music and the possibility of dance are often requested. The food and drink are not as extraordinary as you might expect. Often there are recipes remembered from childhood, dishes their mothers used to cook, dishes that evoke a particular occasion in their lives. The complicated sauces and recipes they have earned their Michelin stars with in their professional lives are

conspicuous by their absence. There is a complete lack of formality. All enjoy themselves and get on well together. There are no arguments, no panic, no rush. The fact that this is the last meal to be shared together does not seem to evoke any great sadness or distress. Rather there is a sense of thanksgiving and delight, a great appreciation of what gifts creation has offered them and the people who have helped them in the practice of their gifts. And there is a sense of them already moving beyond the constraints of time.

## **Gospel Teaching**

The miracles performed by Jesus are mostly either acts of healing or to do with the provision of food and drink. In today’s Gospel we are told that Jesus has made the crowds welcome before talking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those in need of healing. His disciples then want to send the people away to find lodging and food, but he challenges them to feed the crowds themselves. There is a pattern in the story that anticipates that of the Eucharist. First of all there is the important step of making people welcome. Then there is the reflection on the kingdom of God, usually through the scriptures. Acts of healing are perhaps nowadays less evident in all but Masses dedicated to that purpose, but running through each liturgy is prayer

for those who are sick and in need. No one is left forgotten at the altar of God.

St Paul reminds us more directly of why we do what we do in the Eucharist. As we take the bread and wine and bless them we are doing what Jesus asked us to do. It is through this act that we make present the great act of salvation encompassed in Christ's death and resurrection. We thank God the Father for the gift of his Son through this simple act of eating and drinking, and we are not just eating and drinking bread and wine; we are eating and drinking Christ's body and blood, in this way bringing all the elements of our lives into the inspiration of Jesus himself.

### **Application**

All meals carry with them the potential of nourishment and healing and more. Particularly important meals of celebration, shared with others, confirm our identity and allow us to celebrate our very existence and all our lives give to us. As in the story of the feeding of the five thousand, we need a warm welcome. We need the food and drink to sustain us, and we need to be thankful for what life provides for us not just in the meal but in the people with whom we share our lives.

All these elements are present when we celebrate the Eucharist together. They are the signs of how we are linked to Christ, who, through the gift of himself, transforms our humanity into his divinity. As we come together to remember what he did for us, as we share the message of God's kingdom, as we pray for healing, as we eat the bread and wine that have become the body and blood of Christ, we make present the mystery of the cross and resurrection. Touched by Christ's sacrificial act of salvation, our lives become themselves acts of thanksgiving for what he has done for us and also the means whereby he continues to make himself present in our world. We are truly Christ's body in and for our world. Christ's body is made incarnate again through our own humanity, offered to each other as food and drink to nourish and to heal.



**Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - 10<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time Year C**

	<b>08:30</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	Monica Russell & Marnie Archer
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Fran Smallwood	Frances Wood	Gabrielle Stanley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Jacqui R-Smith		Jane Davies
Bidding Prayers	Fran Grant		Peter Davies
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Maria Large & Frances Riddell	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Julia Davey		Tony Archer

**Next Sunday -Parish Outreach**

<p><b>One Foot in the Grave</b>  <i>June 10-12 (2 Days Reg Fee £26)</i>  <i>How do we enter the latter part of life with a modicum of humour and good grace?</i>  <i>Abbot Paul Stonham</i></p>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
	<b>8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 5 June</b>	
	<b>11.00 am Liturgy</b>	
	<b>05-Jun</b>	Marje Hayes & Rachel Cowdrey
	<b>12-Jun</b>	Jackie King & Mary Wood
	<b>19-Jun</b>	Pat Wood & Pauline Gill
<b>26-Jun</b>	Jacqui Corrigan & Rob Blackburn	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.**

**Deaths:** Bernard Clayton, Sue Ball, Mary Carroll, John Wallin and John Keeler

**Anniversaries:** Percy Kenny, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Frank White, Catherine Fury, Bridget Shaw, Marie Barley, Abbot Anselm Lightbound, Teresa Teolia, Laura Jones Donald Thomas, Bernadette Hubert, Margaret Pritchard, Mary Sullivan, Alice Warren, Joseph Sessarego, Teresa Garrett and Henry Jones.

**The Sick:** Please pray for: Lesley Hayes, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Peter Lee, Fr Luke, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medicott, Bridie Gittoes, Sr Philipa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Edna Ledford, Sue Rogers, Fr Michael Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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**Liturgy for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May** Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 9 OT)

<p><b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> When we eat this Bread...</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.</p>
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<b>Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.</b>			
	08:30 am	09:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Annette Mansie	Patrick Walesby	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Mary Hayes	Clare Nickerson	Margaret Rose
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Adrian Eyre		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayer	Liz Norman		Pat Draper
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	María Large & Frances Riddell	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Fran Smallwood		Rob Corrigan
Mass Intention		<i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>Clare Rose RIP</i>
<b>Second Collection - Parish Outreach</b>			
<b>Food Bank Delivery: John Goodall-Copestake</b>			

<b>What's On for the week</b>	
Mon	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	<b>Visitation of Our Lady:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	<b>St Justin:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: <b>Midday Mass in the Oratory:</b> Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am.
Fri	<b>Sacred Heart of Jesus:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: <b>Exposition &amp; Midday Mass in the Abbey</b>
Sat	<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am