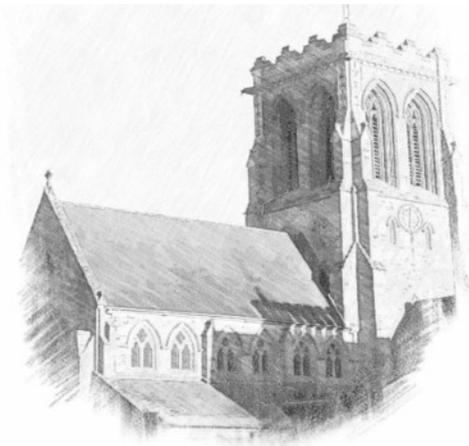


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd SUNDAY of Easter

3rd April 2016
(Cycle C)

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All week we have been celebrating Easter Day and today is our Octave day. We now continue through the wonderful season of Eastertide celebrating with joy the great gift of life won for us by the Lord's death & resurrection. Today, Low Sunday, is the Octave Day of Easter and is now also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

"Divine Mercy Sunday" concentrates on the mercy poured forth in Christ's death and resurrection, fount of the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and restores joy at having been redeemed. The message of mercy is that God loves us -- all of us, no matter how great our sins. And He wants us to turn to Him so He can bless us. He wants us to recognize His mercy and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share in His joy.

As part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy there will be Divine Mercy devotions today beginning at 2:30 pm.

Thank you for your kind and generous offering last Sunday and to all who helped the Easter celebrations go so well this year.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	Clergy at Easter	£2,134.00
	Standing Orders	£412.48
The 1 st Collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	Holy Places	£350.00
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 <i>Easter Collections</i> . Thank you.		



Missio Red Box Holders

Time once more to give your red box to your promoter whose name and phone number are on the label on the bottom of your box. We raised over £1000 last year so thanks to all box holders and promoters for all their efforts.



Wales Celebrate Weekend 2016

Saturday 30th April 2016, 9 am - 9 pm to Sunday 1st May 2016, 9 am - 4.00 pm.

CELEBRATE WALES is a non-residential weekend for the whole family, full of teaching, workshops, lively praise and worship, Mass, opportunities for Confession and prayer ministry.

The CELEBRATE conferences welcome thousands of people. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God.



150 + Club Winners

1st Laura Broadfoot No. 131

2nd Frances Dees No. 47

3rd Jeanette Livermore No. 34



Food Bank

Thank you all for your continued support for those less fortunate than ourselves, your donations are very much appreciated.



As part of the Archdiocese's Centenary Year, there will be a Mass of Celebration at Cardiff Cathedral on Monday 20th June at 12 noon. I have two tickets for this Mass followed by a reception afterwards. If anyone would like to go to represent the parish, please see me asap – first come first served!

Fr Nicholas





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 next three dates for Tea and Chat are, Tuesday April 19th, Tuesday May 17th and Tuesday June 21st. Anyone who would like to meet others over a drink and slice of cake, and a good chat will be very welcome. These meetings are proving very popular so don't be shy come along, bring your knitting or anything else and enjoy the company of others. All meetings start at 2.30 pm and finish around 4.00 pm.



Paschal Candle

One of the symbols of our Easter joy is the presence of the Paschal (Easter) Candle, which is lit from the Easter fire during the Vigil. The Candle takes a central position in the Church for the next fifty days.

The decorated Paschal candle is marked with a cross, and with Alpha and Omega symbols, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet which remind us that Christ is the first and the last, He existed before any of us and will be here at the end of the world. The year is also marked, reminding us that this year, as with all others, is the year of the Lord, we live in God's time.

After Pentecost the paschal candle stands near the baptismal font. Here it provides a reminder that baptism is a symbolic death and rebirth with Christ; just like Christ's death and Resurrection.



Church Services TV

Church Services TV was established in 2005 and streams services over the Internet. By making services available on PC's, Laptops, Mobile Devices and TV sets anywhere in the world, CSTV helps those confined to home or care facilities to listen and to watch Holy Mass and other services from their home. Visit www.churchservices.tv





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 15 April
Church Cleaning**

**Tuesday 19 April
230
Tea & chat**

**Tuesday 17 May
2:30
Tea & Chat**

**Sunday 22 May
Confirmation Mass
11:00 am**

**Queen’s Jubilee Picnic
12 June**

**Belmont Grand Fete
18 June**

**Tuesday 21 June
2:30
Tea & Chat**

**Grandparents and
Grandchildren’s Day
16 July**



With sadness we report the death of Bernard Clayton who died suddenly over the Easter weekend. May he rest in peace.



HOMILY

“My Lord and my God!”

Illustration

In the reception class, it is the first day of the autumn term. Fourteen small boys and fourteen small girls are deposited by their parents on the steps of the school. The class teacher, wise, gentle and confident, takes them under her wing and shepherds them into their new classroom. Some are self-assured; they have already spent a year in pre-school. Some are weepy, because they have never been away from their mothers before. One or two of them have already started showing off. In the coming year they will learn basic skills: they will have begun the basics of reading and writing, as well as social skills such as how to communicate without biffing and punching. They will acquire the basic rules of private property – what’s in my lunch box and what’s in yours. By the end of the year, they will have formed into a group, with many shared experiences. In fact, many of

them won't diverge and go their separate ways until they leave for a job, or further study, at the end of their school career.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus picked twelve. To start with, they were very different. There was a core of fishermen (Peter, Andrew, James, John) but there was also a tax collector (Matthew). They came from different places round the Sea of Galilee, and had strong feelings about other villages (for example, Nathanael even said, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"). One of them was a religious patriot, Simon the Zealot. Like the reception class teacher, our Lord took them and moulded them into disciples. He taught them to bury their differences and work together, although occasionally this went wrong, as when James and John put in a bid for preferential treatment. He issued them with basic rules for going out to preach the kingdom of God: not to take extra clothes or spare cash, for instance; to accept hospitality where offered; not to hang about where they weren't wanted, but to shake the dust off their feet and move on. He gave them the power to cast out devils and cure diseases. They all received the same treatment from the Lord.

But the time did come when individual character triumphed over

training. In so far as there was uniformity among them, it unravelled at and after the Last Supper. Judas went off and betrayed the Lord. Peter made bombastic promises, but lost his nerve and denied Jesus. The others made themselves scarce when the crucifixion loomed. Only John was there at the foot of the cross. And after the resurrection, none of them believed Mary Magdalene when she said she had seen the risen Lord. Peter and John hastened to the empty tomb, saw the shroud and linen napkin, but with different results – John believed, Peter wasn't sure what to think. Ten of the twelve barricaded themselves in the upper room out of fear. Thomas wasn't there. Judas had gone for good. When Thomas heard that Jesus had visited the ten, he stubbornly refused to believe without physically touching and feeling. A week later, with enormous graciousness and patience, the risen Lord accommodated him, and he surrendered: "My Lord and my God!"

Application

So the reception class of Jesus turned out to contain wildly different characters. Some brave, some timid. Some inclined to believe, some sceptical. Even at Jesus' ascension, St Matthew tells us, "When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated." If it hadn't been for Pentecost, they would have gone their separate

ways, like a bunch of school-leavers, and their time with Jesus would have been just a memory. But God had other plans. They made up their number by recruiting Matthias. Then God sent the Holy Spirit in wind and flame, and welded them together into an irresistible force.

Look again at our first reading today. There are the old familiar faces, but signs and wonders are being worked through them. The crowds revere them, and thousands are seeking baptism. Their reputation has already spread beyond Jerusalem. If we read a little further in the Acts of the Apostles, we find them being sent to jail, we find them at loggerheads with the high priest, we find them taking on opposition for Jesus' sake, which previously would have made them quake in their boots. That's what the Holy Spirit did, and does. That is the foundation of the Catholic Church, our familiar Catholic Church. The risen Christ lives again in his disciples.



End of Year Gift Aid Returns

The end of the current financial year is rapidly approaching. If you would like to make any further donations or if you donate annually please do so by 3rd April. If you use envelopes please use the last envelope in the current set.

If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax, please let me know. Many Thanks.

Margaret C



Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!



Ministers, etc. For next 10th April		3rd Sunday of Easter Tide Year C	
	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Annette Mansie	Anne Stapleton	Jennifer Hackman
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Fran Smallwood	Anthea Morton-Saner	Sally Johns
2 nd Reading	Ann Jackson		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayers	William Jackson		Tony Archer
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Frances Riddell & Teresa Harriss	
Extraordinary Ministers	Julia Davey		Monica Russell
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach			

<p><i>The God who goes the Distance</i> <i>April 22-24: (2 days Reg Fee £26)</i> <i>St Luke for the Jubilee Year of Mercy</i> <i>This Gospel is perfect food for thought for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.</i> <i>Dom Brendan Thomas</i></p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 10 April	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	03-Apr	Jacqui King & Monica Russell
	10-Apr	Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman
	17-Apr	Andrew M & Pauline Gill
24-Apr	Pat Wood & Rachel Cowdrey	

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: Frances Berto, Francis Heathcote, Lyra Learmouth, Henry Llandaff, Mary Ann Bagley, Wilfrid Massey-Lynch, Gertrude Prosser and Michael Quinlan, Dorothy Fisher, Theresa Holley, H.E. Aidan Cardinal Jasquet, Alan William Weaver, John Cowley, Mervyn James, Nathaniel Opoku-Boateng, Florence Wegg-Prosser, Dom Cuthbert Formby OSB, Teresa Hartry, James Bray, Hubert Holley, Lousia Phillipson, Lance Watkins and Bernard Stewart.

The Sick: Please pray for Lillian Allsop, 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.

Liturgy for Sunday 3rd April Readings: Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2

<p>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>Entrance: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour ...</p> <p>Communion: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	8:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Kath Parry	Nickerson Family	Rita Chamberlain & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1st Reading	Julia Davey	Lucy Zammit	Jennifer Hackman
2nd Reading	Richard Batho		Marje Hayes
Bidding Prayer	Jacqui Ramage-S		Margaret Rose
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Frances Wood & Menna McBain	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry		Rob Corrigan
Mass Intention	William Payne RIP	Pro Populo	Seb Wood RIP
Second Collection - Parish Outreach			
Food Bank Delivery: Jan & Eddie Wyman			

What's On for the week	
Mon	Annunciation of the Lord (Transferred): Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Passing of St Benedict (Transferred): Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in the Oratory. Tridentine Mass at 7 pm.
Thu	St John Baptist de la Salle: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am :Exposition & Midday Mass in the Oratory
Sat	Easter Feria: Mass at 8:00 am Reconciliation at 10:00 am