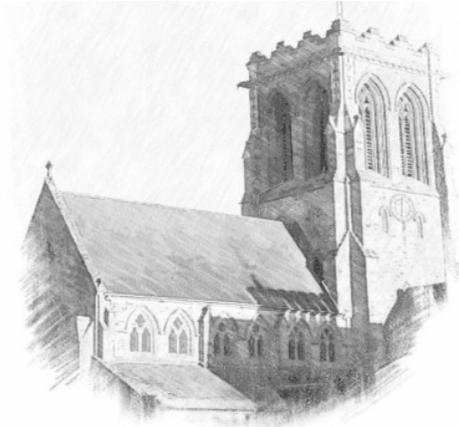


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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Today's Gospel recounts the mission of the 72 "**Others**" - as they are called. The disciples are told to let peace be their motto "Whatever house you go into, let your first words be "Peace to this House'." It is a greeting that we should be familiar with. This peace we may associate with the salvation brought by Christ. In the context here today, it is implied that this peace has the power of begetting tranquillity in others. "If a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him." This is a fundamental part of the mission of Christ - to bring peace into our lives and thus consequently it becomes part of the mission of these 72 others - and therefore of ourselves.

The second collection today is the annual collection for **Peter's Pence**. Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works of our Holy Father. Contributions to this collection support Pope Francis as he reaches out to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£549.30
	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	£201.93
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>Parish Outreach. Thank you!</i>		



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

- Sat 9th July Abigail Trumper & Joe Markewicz
 Sat 23rd July Kerry Matthews & Jon Dallow
 Thu 28th July Andzela Kacinskaite & Gerard Cleugh



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150 + Club June Winners

- 1st Wafa Hanna
 2nd Lesley Wareing
 3rd Liz Norman



Congratulations

To Nathalie Eakins and Benjamin Mazur who were married in the Abbey Church yesterday. We wish them all the best.



Archbishop's House is seeking to employ a suitably qualified person as Office Manager commencing in September 2016. 35 hours per week. Salary to be negotiated. Further details may be obtained from David Evans at finance@rcadc.org Interviews will take place mid-July.



Flower Festival – Cardiff Cathedral. As part of the Archdiocesan 100th anniversary celebrations, a Festival of Flowers is being held from 30th June-4th July.



Tea & Chat

The forthcoming dates for Tea & Chat are 19th July and 16th 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 5th July and 2nd 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.





Shroud of Turin Exhibition

At St. Francis Xavier’s Church (Parish Hall) Monday 27 June until Sunday 10 July 10-12 noon and 2-4 pm; week days 5-8 pm Friday 1st July . 10-4 pm Saturdays. After Mass on Sundays. Film and talk Friday 1 July 7 pm and Saturday 2nd July 12 noon **EXTRA!!**
Talk by Pam Moon, Internationally acclaimed expert on Shroud of Turin 2-3 pm Sunday 10th July.



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 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.



Become a Holy Door Helper!

The Diocesan Evangelisation Team invites you to help run a “Mission to the Doors of Mercy” in September this year. Each day between 19 and 23 September we will visit a different

Holy Door Church and put on a series of meals. With your help, we will invite non-Catholics and non-churchgoing Catholics to come and share a simple meal, hear something of Pope Francis’ message of mercy, and, for those who wish, take part in a short prayer service which ends with an opportunity to pass through the Holy Door.

We are asking for help when we visit your local Holy Door: Belmont Abbey – Monday 19th September

We need helpers available during the afternoon and/or during the evening who can: welcome guests at the door and as table hosts; prepare or serve tea, coffee and soup; provide music and readers for the simple prayer service. We also need your help before the Mission Day to design local invitation cards and invite members of your community!

If you can help, please come to one of our three team training events:

Monday 4th July 1.30 pm – 3.00 p.m. at St Philip Evans Hall, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL

Monday 4th July 7.30 pm – 9.00 p.m. at St Philip Evans Hall, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL

Monday 11th July 7.00 pm – 8.30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Citadel, Victoria Street, Abergavenny, Gwent NP7 5DS

If you can't make any of the training meetings but would still like to help, please contact Madeleine Walters on walters.sunnyside@btopenworld.com or Revd Gareth Leyshon on 029 2073 1061.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 July - 10 July
Exhibition of Turin Shroud
SFX Annexe

Friday 8 July
9:00 am
Cleaning Abbey Church

Saturday 16 July
Grandparents' and
Grandchildren's Day

Tuesday 19 July
2:30 Tea & Chat
Parish Centre

Thursday 21 July
11:00 am
Mass at Longworth Chapel

Sunday 31 July
Pay for and Collect
Tesco Vouchers



Food Bank

A BIG Thank You to all who support the Hereford Food Bank. Stocks of food are generally good. HOWEVER they are VERY SHORT of MEAT - tins of HOT MEAT (Meat Balls, Beef and Chicken etc) & tins of COLD MEAT (Ham and Corn Beef etc) are URGENTLY REQUIRED. Also needed is fruit, rice puddings, smash potato, rice, sugar and marmalade. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



HOMILY

"Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals."

Illustration

At this time of year, many of us are likely to be looking forward to holidays. Some of us leave everything to the last minute, of course, resulting in a frantic dash, trying to remember where everything is: tickets, passports and so on. For others, the excitement of travel begins with the preparation, which perhaps on occasion becomes even more important than the trip itself. This, it seems, is not a new phenomenon. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, the great Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson, of *Treasure*

Island fame, penned the phrase, “to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive”. Whether the expression was entirely Stevenson’s own invention is open to debate: a similar saying is attributed to the Buddha, from around the fifth century BC. Whatever one’s view of when and how to prepare for a journey, in today’s world adequate preparation for travel is a necessity rather than an option.

Gospel Teaching

It is surprising, therefore, when we read in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke that Jesus not only sent out disciples in a state that we could describe as woefully unprepared, but that he expressly forbade them to make adequate preparation. In today’s Gospel passage, unique to Luke, Jesus appoints seventy-two others – disciples not numbered among the Twelve – and sends them out in pairs to places that he himself will visit. They will do essentially what Jesus himself has been doing: they are to cure those who are sick and proclaim the nearness of God’s kingdom. If they meet with hostility they are to move on, first wiping from their feet the very dust of that town, just as pious Jews would do when they re-entered their own land from Gentile territory. Shaking the dust from their feet was a sign of rejecting

anything unclean before entering God’s land.

These instructions are, however, only half of the story. Jesus lists a whole series of things the disciples are not to do. In a nutshell, they have to do absolutely nothing to prepare for their journey. They must take nothing with them that would aid their travel: no purse, no haversack, no sandals. In the context of modern-day travel, Jesus would be saying, “Don’t take any currency (or credit cards) with you; don’t take luggage, because you won’t be packing anything – oh, and don’t bother taking a change of shoes!” Likewise, they must not look around for the best accommodation; they are to settle wherever they are made welcome, and they are to eat what is set before them. Worst of all: they are not to stop on the way to talk to anyone!

This journey is not a holiday. Jesus’ instructions emphasise the urgency of the task for his envoys. Jesus has just begun his journey to Jerusalem. He has set his face resolutely to this task, because in Jerusalem he will meet his destiny: to suffer, die and rise again. Before he reaches there, the kingdom of God must be proclaimed as far and as insistently as possible. Disciples must not delay the start of the journey through preparation, and they must not worry about what to

take. They are embarking on God's work as Jesus' emissaries: God will provide them with everything they need.

Application

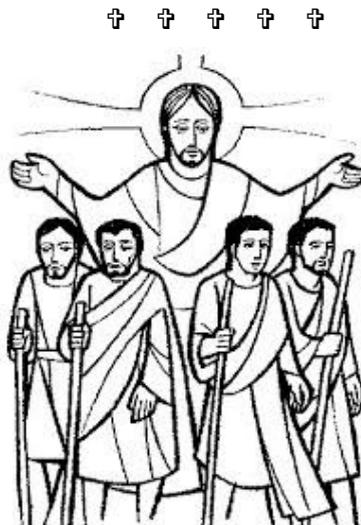
Today's Gospel may seem remote from our world, yet on reflection we may see that despite the peculiarities of Jesus' instructions, they are timeless. Pope Francis has said that to be a disciple is to be a missionary. As disciples, we are called to reflect on our own eagerness to proclaim the kingdom of God to those around us. That proclamation was not to be delayed or lessened by Jesus' disciples concentrating on other things. Their presence alone was a sign that the kingdom of God was at hand.

The same is true for us today. Our hesitations, faults and failings can be barriers to the announcement that the kingdom of God is at hand. Likewise, we can always find excuses to think we can't be the bearers of the Good News. Yet our lives, if they are Gospel-based, are automatically proclamations of the kingdom. Our capacity to bring healing to others first and foremost rests on our capacity to be in solidarity with them. We don't need passports, tickets, luggage and currency to be disciples: we do, however, need the desire to go on that journey to the places

where we can take the Good News of Jesus himself.

SUMMARY

1. Preparing for journeys can be a joy or a chore: either way, preparation is normally essential.
2. Jesus sent disciples on a journey for which preparation was not to take away from the urgency and immediacy of the task of proclaiming God's kingdom.
3. There is a danger that we might spend too much time preparing for our role as emissaries of God's kingdom, and as a result miss opportunities to make Christ present to those we meet.



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 10th July - 15th in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Annette Mansie	Ann Stapleton	Marnie Archer & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Fran Smallwood	Lucy Zammit	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Julia Davey		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayers	Liz Norman		Peter Davies
Offertory	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Gabrielle Stanley		Jane Davies

Next Sunday - Apostleship of the Sea

<p>Tune your Ear to Wisdom</p> <p>July 22-24 (2 days Reg Fee £26)</p> <p><i>What is 'lectio', how did it develop and how was it practiced over the centuries?</i></p> <p>Dom Brendan Thomas</p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 3 July	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	03-Jul	Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman
	10-Jul	Jacqui Corrigan & Rob Blackburn
	17-Jul	Jackie King & Pauline Gill
24-Jul	Pat Wood & Mary Wood	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 3 July)

Deaths: Sean Harrington, Edna Ledford, Fr Luke, Lesley Hayes and Bernard Clayton.

Anniversaries: Stephen Chester, Robert Franklin, Betty Hartford, Norman Huckle, Elizabeth Lyon, Fr Samuel Ward, Edna Pamela Hill, Claude Hunt, John Sayer, Dom Anthony Wackrill, Michael John Baker, Baby John Paul Freeland, John Froggatt, Dom Andrew Baker, Mary Barber, Pauline Cassin, Raleigh Chichester, Charles Gaines and Dom Ambrose Perrins.

The Sick: Please pray for: Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, Sylvia Evans, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Peter Lee, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medlicott, Bridie Gittoes, Sr Philpa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Fr Michael Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 3rd July Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 14 OT)

<p>14th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.</p> <p>Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord ...</p> <p>Communion: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30 am	09:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Hayes Family	Brenda Warde	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Jacqui R-Smith	Paul Nickhold	Margaret Rose
2 nd Reading	Mary Hayes		Gabrielle Stanley
Bidding Prayer	Fran Grant		Sally Johns
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Frances Riddell & Teresa Harriss	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Fran Smallwood		Monica Russell
Mass Intention		<i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>Fr J McMorin</i>
Second Collection - Peter's Pence			
Food Bank Delivery: Chris Moore			

What's On for the week	
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition & Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am