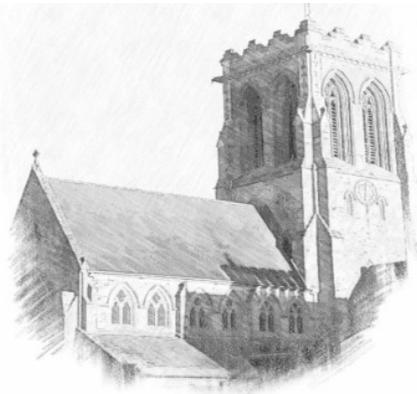


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Corpus Christi

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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.

During the 9.30 Mass this morning, Abbot Paul will confer the sacrament of confirmation upon Bonnie Collins, Niamh Gabb and Jack Williams who will be absent in Lourdes when the archbishop visits next month. We offer them our prayers and congratulations.

The second collection today is for St Joseph's School for hearing impaired children, Makeni.

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!

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£208.66
	Standing Orders	£581.00

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

	2 nd Collection	£193.37
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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 **Monks' Training. 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



This afternoon, we welcome into the Church of Christ, through the sacrament of Baptism, George Patrick Yeomans. Please pray for him and his family.



Dates for your diary

Sunday 3rd June

Belmont 4 pm
Feast of Corpus Christi
Solemn Vespers
and
Benediction with Procession
of the Blessed Sacrament.

15 June

Church Cleaning
9:00 am

16 June

Garden Fete
2:00 pm



CAFOD Free will-writing service

Did you know that CAFOD offers a free will-writing service? Pick up a leaflet in the porch, call Hannah on 020 7095 5367, email legacy@cafod.org.uk or to find out more.





The Fete

We still need good condition children's toys. We also need items that can be used for the **Grand Tombola**, if you have any gifts you cannot use, do pass them on for the Tombola. All **bottles** are gratefully accepted. The bottle stall is one of our best ones 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 and items for the provisions stall!** Many thanks !



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.



Longworth Pre-Reformation Catholic Chapel

Archbishop George Stack will be celebrating Holy Mass at Long worth Chapel on Thursday 14th June at

11:00 am. He will also be blessing the re-installed and restored beautiful East Window which has not been seen for many years.

Note The Chapel is on the same side road as St. Michael's Hospice, off the Hereford to Ledbury road, shortly after Bartestree.



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 OLM 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



150+ Club Draw

1st Sarah De Rohan

2nd Jim Donovan

3rd Teresa Hill



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.



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', Miskin 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



Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill

Barpmess Nuala O'Loan's bill (as above) is proceeding though Parliament. This Bill will protect medical staff from having to be involved in abortion-related activities and other areas including the withdrawal of medication, nutrition and fluids from patients at the end of life. This is an important Bill and further information about it, including how to contact your MP, can be found at: www.freeconscience.org.uk.



Praise and Worship Prayer Group

The next meeting of this group will be at Our Lady's on Thursday 7 th June at 7 pm.



Homily

"Make the preparations for us there."

Illustration

A book by a Dutch Dominican theologian confronts a question often posed to Christians by those who do not believe in life after death. They ask us if we do not see that believing in a life after death makes this life seem trivial. The Dominican gives an answer based on a story about two boys who are playing with footballs. One is told that if he loses his ball, he will never receive another one. The other boy is told that if he loses his ball, he will be given another one in its place. The question he asks is, which boy will make best use of his ball? Wouldn't the boy who thinks this is the last football he will ever see be afraid to do anything with his ball, other than hug it to himself? The other boy will kick his ball high into the air, bounce it against any amount of walls and in general will go wild.

It is a good analogy but, in the Eucharist, Jesus goes further than that. The Eucharist is the

transformation of our bodily life. It is a pledge that we will not just get our old bodies back, but will receive them in the resurrection as a transfigured body, a body transfigured in Christ. The Eucharist here on earth is not just a sign of this; it is the presence of the new heaven and new earth.

Gospel Teaching

A common complaint against the Catholic doctrine of the Eucharist is that we believe that Christ can be present in every tabernacle throughout the world. How can he be in so many places? We could reply that God is everywhere, but God is present to all things as the creator. God is not *in* everywhere but God is present *to* everywhere, by causing it to be. In the Eucharist, Jesus is present in his humanity. Yet many Christians believe that when they pray to Our Lord, they are heard by a human ear; that our prayers enter into his human heart; and that his compassion is both human and divine. If we believe that, then we are already committed to a Christ who is extended in time and space, able to be present to all the human beings who call on him. How this can be is beyond our understanding while we live on earth. Yet how we are to make use of this great mystery is very simple. St John Vianney, that great nineteenth-century priest and pastor also known as the Curé d'Ars, used to

simply say over and over again, “He is there; he is there.” That is all we need to know.

In the Gospel, at the Last Supper Jesus says he will not drink from the branch of the vine until the day comes when he will drink it new in the kingdom of God. This may not be quite the translation that we hear in the Mass, but it is important to understand that Christ does not just drink new wine in the kingdom, he *makes* the new wine that he drinks with us because when we share in the body and blood of Christ we are receiving something altogether new. The resurrection has transformed the body of Christ into a new wine, for all to share.

Application

We too, if we live in Christ, share in this extension of the self. This is not so strange as it might sound. We may pray for people all over the world, we may pray for the dead, and pray for those who are yet to be born in this world. Our prayer is more than just an extension of our goodwill. Prayer is sharing in the power of the risen Christ. If it is sincere prayer, then it will bring us beyond ourselves and lead us to be healers with him. In heaven, through Christ, all the redeemed will be in a continual presence to each other and to all creation. We cannot understand how this is to be, but in our prayer before

Christ in the Eucharist, we can already begin to perceive the reality of this. Jesus departs from this life through his death on the cross, but he assures us, in the concluding words of Matthew’s Gospel, that “I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”



Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 10 June 2018</u> 10 in Ordinary Time Year B Cycle 2			
	08:30:	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Anne Stapleton	Marnie Archer & Brenda Sherwood
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Mary Hayes	Clare Nickerson	Margaret Rose
2 nd Reading	Richard Batho		Tony Archer
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui Ramage-S		Sergio Pavia
Offertory	Hayes Family	Gillick Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Fran Smallwood & Julia Davey		Joao Pavia & Deacon Eddie
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	
	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 3 June)

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

Anniversaries: Lesley Hayes, Joseph Sessarego, Teresa Garrett, Kathleen Sumner, Isobella Milsom, Catherine Wegg-Prosser, Ronald Fitness, Shelah Pascoe, Fr Luke Waring osb, Mary Crilly, Abbott Raynal osb and Br. William Shearwood osb.

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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Entrance: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord....

Communion: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.

	08:30:	09:30	11:00:
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	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 Prayer	Adrian Eyre		Jane Davies
Offertory	Parish Children		
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Jacqui Ramage-S		Deacon Eddie & Margaret Evans
Mass Intention		<i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>Rebecca Dykes RIP</i>
<i>Second Collection: St Joseph, Makeni</i>			
<i>Food Bank Collection: John Goodall-Copestake</i>			

What's On for the week

Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Boniface: Mass at 8:00 am;
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8 am: NO Midday Mass in the Oratory
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8 am
Fri	Sacred Heart of Jesus: Mass at 8 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in the Oratory
Sat	Immaculate Heart of Mary: Mass at 8 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10 am