

St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

30 July 2017

**17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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Parish Volunteers Lunch Party – **please let me know today** if you are coming next Sunday. Please complete one of the forms in the porch if you would like to come along. If you help with church cleaning, newsletter folding, welcoming, jumble or Fete or one of the other many ways that keep our parish going – then do come! The weather will determine whether it's inside or out or what food we have! However, if those attending would like to bring something along for a **shared pudding table**, or some fresh strawberries and raspberries - that would be most welcome.

The summer edition of the Angel is now available in the porch and parish centre. Thank you to all our contributors, editors and collators.

Tesco Vouchers are available today. Please read the note inside regarding August vouchers.

The second collection today is for Hereford Close House. Close House exists to help young people, mostly through leisure time activities to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacity that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Fr Nicholas



Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£505.58
	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	£182.96
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: Hereford Food Bank Appeal. Thank You!		



During July, our parish outreach second collection will be going to the Apostleship of the Sea (9th July), the Hereford Martha Trust Disabled Children's Charity (16th July), the Hereford Food Bank Appeal (July 23rd) and Hereford Close House (30th July).



Summer Holiday Request

If you are away on holiday this summer and visit the parish church, please bring back a newsletter to help us with different ideas and formats. Thank you!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 July
Pay & Collect
Tesco Vouchers

1 August
Diamond Diners
Three Horseshoes
12:45 pm

6 August
Summer Lunch Party
Parish Volunteers

11 August
Church Cleaning
9:00 am

15 August
Tea & Chat
Parish Hall
2:30 pm

17 November
Quiz Night
Hedley Lodge
7:00 pm

23 November
Rise Theatre
Hedley Lodge
7:30 pm





Hereford Food Bank

The Food Bank is in urgent need of more supplies and is short of **everything. Please contribute what you can do help them build up supplies again.** Thank you for your continued support. Chris



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 19th August

Kitty Massarella &
Jonathon Nicholls

Sat 26th August

Natalie Dewhurst &
Robert Dewen



Congratulations

to Jennifer Woodman & Charles Kirby who were married in the Abbey Church yesterday. We offer them our prayers and best wishes for their future life together.



NOAH'S CAMP

A new Catholic family camp set in rural Gloucestershire from 7 – 11 August 2017. Inspiring talks, fun times for families, live worship band, Quiet prayer times, Taize evening, age related kids 7 youth groups. All denominations welcome. You can camp or commute daily, only about 40 minutes from Hereford. For more information visit our website: www.noahscamp.co.uk, Tel 07961 346343 or contact Jacqui/Rob Corrigan on 01432 352241 for more information.



Rotherwas Chapel Mass

The Friends of Rotherwas Chapel invite you to join them at a Vigil Mass of the Assumption to be celebrated at the Chapel by the Abbot of Belmont on Monday 14th August at 3 pm. As seating is very limited please bring a chair. Parking in the field adjacent to the Chapel.





A Local Opportunity to Learn about the Work of TEARFUND

At 7.00pm on 22 September, in the Ewyas Harold Baptist Church Hall Andrea Sheppick of Tearfund will give a presentation on the work of this Christian charity which aids and encourages worldwide communities in their struggle against poverty and its effects. All are welcome and light refreshments will be provided.



We have made a few changes to the **Parish Graveyard Policy**. Copies of the new guidelines are available in the porch.



Sponsored Cycle Ride

I wish to thank all those who supported the Wheelie Big Cycle in aid of St Michael's Hospice. Nearly 700 people took part and I completed the 32 miles in 2 ½ hours raising over £220 in sponsorship for this worthy cause. I hope to do the longer distance of 60 miles next year and would welcome others to join me for the ride! Many thanks. *Chris Moore*



Children's Liturgy

No children's liturgy of the Word during the school holidays. Don't forget we are always looking for new volunteers to lead or merely help with these sessions. Please see Fr Nicholas for more details.



Annual Saint David Lewis Pilgrimage Sunday 27 August 2017

Starting with Benediction at 3:00pm, at SS. David Lewis and Francis Xavier Catholic Church 26 Porth - y - Carne Street, Usk NP15 1RZ. Walking pilgrimage to the place of execution and then on to the grave of our Local Saint and Martyr. Concluding with veneration of the relic of St. David Lewis.





Homily

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.”

Illustration

In 2012 a Filipino Catholic priest, Fr Edwin Gariguez, won the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for leading a grassroots movement against a nickel mine project on the Philippine island of Mindoro. He wanted to protect the biodiversity and the indigenous people from destructive large-scale mining. The campaign had the support of the Filipino bishops.

The Mangyan people had lived sustainably from the island’s natural resources for many generations. However, Mindoro’s nickel deposits attracted foreign mining companies, anxious to supply a mineral that plays a major role in everyday lives in the rest of the world – in food preparation equipment, mobile phones, medical equipment, transport, buildings, power generation. A Norwegian mining company had proposed the open-pit nickel mine near two key biodiversity areas and within the watershed that feeds the island’s four major rivers. These provide drinking water to lowland communities and irrigation for Mindoro’s rice fields. The mine would use a process known as acid leaching to

access the nickel ore, producing several million tons of toxic waste, contaminating the island’s water resources and destroying the tropical forests. Mindoro’s Mangyan indigenous communities would be heavily impacted by the mine, as the proposed mining area was within their ancestral land. Fr Edwin and the indigenous people put a case highlighting the value of the mountains, rivers, plants and wildlife that would be destroyed by the project. They felt that there was little appreciation of the treasure of the natural world that would be lost.

Gospel Teaching

Today’s first reading talks about the God-given wisdom and discernment of Solomon, who asked for this gift ahead of material wealth or power. The Gospel suggests through parables that to know God and to live according to the Gospel are the most precious things in life. Through Jesus and the Gospel we come to know and understand the real meaning of life and what are the most important things. In one parable a man comes across treasure hidden in a field, which does not belong to him. He sells everything he has in order to get ownership of the field and hence of its buried treasure. When one discovers Jesus and a vision of life governed by kingdom values, everything else becomes secondary. The second parable is similar. A businessman is looking for fine pearls. When he finds

the one he wants, he sells everything he has in order to acquire it.

In the first parable, the man was not actually looking for the treasure. Perhaps he found it while digging the ground or ploughing the field in the course of his ordinary working day. The experience of God's kingdom may come unexpectedly through some everyday experience. Many people have described their conversion to Christ as happening in such an unexpected way. In the second parable, however, the man is on the lookout for the "pearl of great price". He knows it must exist and he uses all his energies to find it. Although we are baptised Christians, we are still called to pursue constantly the full meaning of the Gospel, which can escape us for many years. We can always understand more, love more, serve more.

Application

Though stories of treasures found aren't that uncommon, most of us experience moments of grace when something simple gives unexpected pleasure or we suddenly realise how we are blessed with family, friends and an awesome natural environment. We all face decisions about what we value in life. Perhaps we are also sitting on a hidden treasure, or in danger of losing one. How often do we reflect upon what families and friends mean to us, particularly those who are elderly or

going through difficult periods in their lives? How often do we reflect on the origin of our food and whether it was produced sustainably? Do we have the wisdom to appreciate the treasure that is fresh air or the treasure that is fresh water?

For much of the time we are chasing false treasures. What might these be? We can be locked into the past – full of nostalgia or regrets; or focused on the future – on longings and desires that we have not yet achieved, or depressing fears and anxieties. Meanwhile, the enriching present passes us by: the treasure is never discovered and the really valuable pearl is never found. Jesus teaches us to learn to appreciate what is good and truly valuable and, in addition, to seek out new ways to respond to the signs of our times and live in God's love.



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Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A - Cycle 1</u>			
	08:30	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Liz Norman	Nickerson Family	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Fran Smallwood	Patrick Walesby	Rob Corrigan
2 nd Reading	Fran Grant		Tony Archer
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui Ramage-S		Monica Tomlin
Offertory	Hayes Family	Frances Wood & Maria Large	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Julia Davey		Margaret Evans & David Wood
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach (St Joseph's Makeni)			

Anniversaries	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.		
		None until beginning September

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 30 July)

Deaths: Sr Phillipa, Bernadette Higgins, Teazel Chowles and Mary Walsh .

Anniversaries: Regina Fourvito, Francis Kay, Beryl Sadler, Monica Holt, Ronald Norton, Celine Ponsford, Colin Sheeran, Ian Wilson, Gregory Power, Dom Aelred Cousins osb, Mary Elizabeth O'Farrell, Margaret Heathcote and William Shaw.

The Sick: Please pray for: Seamus Hayes, Carol Baines, Michael Kennedy, Chris & Sue Rogers, Peter Draper, Ruby Chandler-Marsh, Rachel George, Norma Naudain, Ann Thomas, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medlicott, Elaine White, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 30th July 2017 *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 17)*

<p>17th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.</p> <p>Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord</p> <p>Communion: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.</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	Annette Mansie	Desmond Keohane	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Bill Jackson	Marion Luscombe	Pat Wood
2 nd Reading	Liz Norman		Jacqui Corrigan
Bidding Prayer	Julia Davey		Niamh Coyle
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Frances Riddell & Menna McBain	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Fran Smallwood		Jan Wyman & Joao Pavia
Mass Intention	Seamus Hayes	The Parish	Z Barylak & family
Second Collection - Parish Outreach (Hereford Close House)			
Food Bank Collection: Ray and Margaret Rose			

What's On for the week	
Mon	St Ignatius of Loyola: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Alphonsus Ligouri: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	St Germanus of Auxerre: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	St John Vianney: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am and Midday Mass at 12 noon
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am: