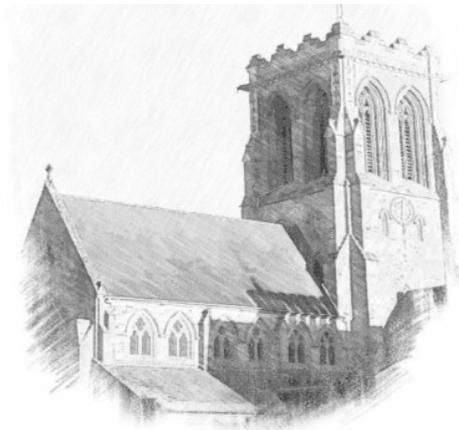


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th October 2016

31st in Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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A big “thank you” to all who organised and supported our recent Parish Quiz and yesterday’s Jumble Sale. A lot of hard work goes in to these events but they are greatly appreciated by those who come along and help provide welcome funds for our different parish projects.

Tuesday is the Solemnity of All Saints and a holy day of obligation. This universal Christian Feast honours and remembers all Christian saints, known and unknown. It is a feast that reminds us all that, we too, are called to sanctification by our lives of faith.

This week we also begin November. During this month of the Holy Souls, we remember particularly in our prayers all our relatives and friends who have died. Each day during November Holy Mass will be offered for the repose of their souls. At the entrance to the church you will find a special envelope for the Holy Souls. If you wish, you may list by name those you would especially like remembered at the altar during this month. Please hand your envelope to Fr Nicholas with your offering as soon as possible. These intentions will be remembered and left on the altar during November

Fr Nicholas

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| Last Sunday's | 1 st Collection | £256.22 |
| | 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 | £221.11 |
| 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 Mission Sunday. Thank you! | | |

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Operation Christmas Child

Leaflets are available in the porch for this year's Christmas shoebox appeal. Fill a shoebox with toys, sweets, basic hygiene items and school stationery for children in dire poverty. Filled shoeboxes can be left in the porch for collection.

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Diamond Diners

A lunch club for those over 60 years. We meet at the "Three Horseshoes" at Allensmore. If you would like to join us please let Ray Rose know, 0783 773 2611. The next dates are: Nov 1st and Dec 6th. We look forward to meeting you there, by 12:45 to allow time to order food.

Tea & Chat

We are an informal group who are all part of the wider Belmont Abbey Community. We meet in the Parish

Centre at 2:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The last date, this year, is: 15 November . *Margaret Rose*

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Please respect other church users and parishioners and park safely and tidily on a Sunday morning. Please only park in the disabled parking bays if you have the appropriate badge. Thank you.

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Second Collections

During September & October, most of the Second Collection funds were sent to mandatory diocesan appeals (Catholic Education Service, Home Mission, Walsingham, Missio) and to the SVP and Cafod. Next week's collection will be for the Diocesan Clergy Welfare Appeal but the rest of November's Second Collections marked as Parish Outreach will be for local Hereford charities caring for the Homeless and the Hereford Food Bank

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A Day Retreat

A Day Retreat 'Saints & Martyrs of Herefordshire' on Saturday 19th November with Fr Andrew Berry & Lynne Surtees at Belmont Abbey. 10 am to 4 pm. No need to book. Tea & Coffee provided. Suggested Donation £8. (Bring Sandwiches)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 30 October
Collect & Pay
For Tesco Vouchers

Friday 11 November
Church Cleaning

Red Box
Last hand in date
30 November

Thursday 1 December
Light up a Life 7:00 pm
Abbey Church

Sunday 11 December
Christmas Draw
Parish Hall
After 11 am Mass

Wednesday 14 December
Retired Persons
Christmas Lunch
12:30 pm



One of our parishioners has kindly invited up to four parishioners for **Christmas Day Lunch**. This festive invitation is extended to anyone who might be on their own or lonely this Christmas. Transport can be arranged. Please contact Fr Nicholas if you would like to take up this

invitation or know somebody who would be on their own



On behalf of **SPUC**, John & Margaret Hargaden would like to thank the parish for their great response to the Postcard appeal last Sunday. Seventy five cards were returned by them and others directly to SPUC.



VENNTURE

There is a presentation on the work of the local charity Venture at Our Lady's Parish room, on Thursday 17th November from 7-9pm. Come along to find out more. Organised by the Hereford RC Deanery Council. In 1856 John Venn and his sister Emelia founded Hereford City Mission. Their vision was to reach out to local people struggling with the problems of homelessness, hunger and health care. Today, Hereford City Mission is renamed Vennture and remains a Christian cross-church initiative true to their original vision of loving those who are marginalised or vulnerable.



Sick and Housebound Parishioners

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners please let the Parish Office know. We can then make

arrangements for Fr Nicholas or an extraordinary minister to bring them Holy Communion or for a priest to come and hear confession if that is required. This also applies to parishioners who move into a care or nursing home. Please remember that hospitals no longer advise us of Catholics in hospital!



The Angel - If you would like to write a piece for The Angel magazine or have any articles or digital photographs you would like published please submit them to the parish office, preferably by email, by 4th December.



2017 marks the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. The deanery are thinking of a short pilgrimage to mark this occasion. However, as demand will be high to visit next year, the prices seem to reflect this! Fr Matthew is looking at the level of interest in a six day visit around September with an approximate cost of £750. Please let Fr Nicholas or Fr Matthew know if you seriously might be interested.



Don't forget the nave of the Church has a loop system. If you use a hearing aid, simply adjust your aid to the 'T'

setting. We also have a wheelchair, kept near the porch, which is available for helping less mobile people to and from the Church.



All Saints Day, which we keep on Tuesday, remembers all Christian saints known and unknown. The vigil of the Feast (the eve) has grown up in the English speaking countries as a festival in itself, All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. While many consider Halloween pagan (and in many instances the celebrations are for many), as far as the Church is concerned the date is simply the eve of the feast of All Saints. Many customs of Halloween reflect the Christian belief that on the feast's vigil we mock evil, because as Christians, it has no real power over us. However, for some Halloween is used for evil purposes, in which many Christians dabble unknowingly.

Various customs have developed related to Halloween. In the Middle Ages, poor people in the community begged for "soul cakes," and upon receiving these doughnuts, they would agree to pray for departed souls. This is the root of our modern day "trick-or-treat." The custom of masks and costumes developed to mock evil and perhaps confuse the evil spirits by dressing as one of their own. Some Christians visit cemeteries

on Halloween, not to practice evil, but to commemorate departed relatives and friends, with picnics and the last flowers of the year. The day after All Saints day is called All Soul's Day, a day to remember and offer prayers up on behalf of all of the faithful departed. If you are 'celebrating' Halloween this week – enjoy it but do keep a Christian perspective and remind the children of the true meaning of the feast!



HOMILY

"Today salvation has come to this house."

Illustration

In September 2015 Pope Francis, during his visit to the United States, addressed a Joint Session of Congress. The leader of the Catholic Church was speaking to people of all faiths and of none, and the Holy Father began his remarks by pointing out that the great work of politics is to legislate for the common good of all members of society and especially for the weakest. He warned us not to divide the world up into good people and evil people. This is a real and terrible danger, and leads to great hatreds and destruction.

Pope Francis then spoke about the

"Golden Rule" – to treat other people as you would have them treat you. Before he could go further his listeners in the hall rose to their feet as one to applaud the sentiment. Here was common ground. Here was the great common starting point for understanding life and for making agreement about values. Our first understanding is how precious our own life is. We see that other people are the same as we are, and so the first rule of life is to treat others with the same respect and dignity that we instinctively wish for ourselves.

Pope Francis then spelled out what it means in practice to live by the Golden Rule. He said, "If we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us." When he spoke about crime and punishment the Holy Father commented that "a just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation".

Gospel Teaching

When Jesus came to Jericho, rehabilitation quickly became his agenda. He was walking along the street and a great crowd of people was around him, keen to see him. Jesus was becoming something of a

hero to many. But suddenly the atmosphere changes, and a note of sourness enters into the proceedings. There is a man up in a tree, trying to get a good look at Jesus. His position suits him, for Zacchaeus is one of the high and mighty, a wealthy man who made his money out of collaboration with authority and at the expense of the common people.

Jesus invites himself to this man's house. He goes in for a meal, to share this man's table, and leaves a murmuring, moaning crowd outside. It takes no time at all for public opinion to change. Jesus is now a disappointment. He is like all the rest: promise you the earth but do nothing and cosy up to the rich at the first opportunity!

But while the crowd moans and criticises outside, inside a conversation is taking place between Jesus and Zacchaeus. The details we do not know, but the outcome is clear. Zacchaeus comes out of his house a changed man. He publicly repents his life of greed and vows to make generous compensation for any wrongs he has done. The Gospel text says that he "stood his ground". This is the act of an honest person. Until now Zacchaeus has hidden behind his ledgers and has relied on the Roman military for his security. Now his openness gives him the confidence

and the courage to stand once again among his own people. Jesus gave him the powerful gift of human acceptance and Zacchaeus grabbed it with both hands.

Application

For many people in Jericho, Zacchaeus was a write-off, a selfish waste of space. He was beyond the pale and beyond redemption. Many people in the world believe this to be true of others. The selfish behaviour of human beings can lead us to conclude that this world is beyond saving. Certainly the extremes of violence that we see and hear of every day tend to make us feel somewhat hopeless about the prospects for a brighter future.

However, recent scientific studies by the Common Cause Foundation have turned up surprisingly positive results about human beings. The first says that we are far more unselfish than we are given credit for. The second conclusion is that others are thought to be more selfish than in fact they are. Science is coming to the same conviction that our faith already teaches us. Human kindness is greater than human wickedness. Salvation can come to this house. Followers of the Lord live by this conviction.



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 6th November- 32nd in Ordinary Time Year C

| | 08:30 | 09:30 | 11:00 |
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| Celebrant | Fr Nicholas | | Fr Nicholas |
| Welcomers | Kath Parry | Brenda Warde | Hackman Family |
| Sacristan | | | Chris Moore |
| 1 st Reading | Adrian Eyre | Clare Wichbold | Jennifer Hackman |
| 2 nd Reading | Fran Grant | | Marje Hayes |
| Bidding Prayers | Richard Batho | | Sally Johns |
| Offertory | Hayes Family | Teresa Harriss & Menna McBain | |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood | | Monica Russell |

Next Sunday - Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund

| <p style="text-align: center;">Anniversaries</p> <p>These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.</p> | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | |
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| | 8.30 Children's Liturgy - temporarily cancelled | |
| | 30-Oct | Pat Wood & Rachel Cowdrey |
| | 06-Nov | Jacqui Moore & Monica Russell |
| | 13-Nov | Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman |
| | 20-Nov | Jacqui King & R Blackburn |
| 27-Nov | Marje Hayes & Pauline Gill | |

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

Deaths: Diana Gosnell, Winifred Lewis, Connie Luxon, and Margaret O'Connor

Anniversaries: Catherine Lane, Mabel Cope, Rowland Hanson, Dom Lawrence Beer osb, David Cook, Francis Holtom, Sarah Jones, Mary Ballinger, Gladys Corr, Violet Morrissey and Ann Walsh.

The Sick: Please pray for: Sister Trish, Brian Holberry, Mother Regina, Ann Thomas, Mary Smith, Fr Michael Cronin, Philip Herderschee, Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, David Kinsey, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Sr Philpa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 30th October Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 31 OT)

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| <p>31st Sunday In Ordinary Time</p> | <p>Entrance: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the world</p> <p>Communion: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord,</p> |
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| Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc. | | | |
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| | 08:30 am | 09:30 am | 11:00 am |
| Celebrant | Fr Nicholas | | Fr Nicholas |
| Welcomer | Cooper Family | Patrick Walesby | Ross & Anne Williams |
| Sacristan | | | Rob Corrigan |
| 1 st Reading | Liz Norman | Menna McBain | Jacqui Corrigan |
| 2 nd Reading | Bill Jackson | | Tony Archer |
| Bidding Prayer | Ann Jackson | | Jane Davies |
| Offertory | Ramage-H Family | Nickerson Family | |
| Extra-Ordinary Minister(s) | Julia Davey | | Gabrielle Stanley |
| Mass Intention | | Pro Populo | Philip Wetz RIP |
| Second Collection - Parish Outreach | | | |
| Food Bank Delivery: Kath Parry | | | |

| What's On for the week | |
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| Mon | Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Vigil Mass of All Saints at 7:00 pm |
| Tue | All Saints: Mass in Abbey at 8:00 am and 12 noon (sung) |
| Wed | All Souls: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm |
| Thu | St Martin de Pores: Mass at 8:00 am |
| Fri | St Charles Borromeo: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Midday Mass in Abbey Church |
| Sat | Deceased Relatives & Benefactors of EBC: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am |