

St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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18th Sunday

In Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

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Today Pope Francis concludes a week of celebration with world youth by celebrating Solemn Mass in Krakow. We pray for Nathan Morawiecki from this parish and all the young people from our diocese who have journeyed to Poland for this event.

World Youth Day is a great meeting of young people from all over the world gathered to celebrate and learn about their faith. It is one of the primary means by which the Church proclaims the message of Christ to, and expresses its concern for, young people. WYD events have been celebrated for three decades. In 1986, Pope St John Paul II began the tradition in St Peter's Square, Rome, with a global youth celebration to which the entire Church was invited. Now, three decades later, Pope Francis will join the 21st gathering of what has become a worldwide youth phenomenon - the opportunity for a million plus Catholics to celebrate their faith with the Holy Father.

The theme of the 21st World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, is: "**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy**" (Mt 5:7).

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

No children's liturgy of the Word during August. 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.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£620.09
	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	£167.98
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>		



Congratulations to Gerard Cleugh & Andzela Kacinskaite who were married in the Abbey church this week. We offer them our prayers and best wishes for their future life together.



Diamond Diners

The forthcoming date for the Lunch Club is 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.



The 25th - 29th of August are the dates for Youth 2000's Walsingham retreat 2016! A 5 day Prayer Festival, packed

with dynamic talks, live-band worship, powerful prayer services, fun social activities, and loads more with over a thousand other young Catholics from the UK. With top speakers from the USA and all over the country, all descending on the National shrine of Walsingham. For more details on the festival, e-mail: info@youth2000.org or find us on Facebook.



Rotherwas Chapel

On Monday 15th August the Mass of the Assumption will be celebrated in Rotherwas Chapel by Abbot Paul at 11 am. This will be the first Mass to be said since 1914 in this beautiful, historic Catholic chapel, formerly belonging to the Bodenham family of Rotherwas House, and so an important occasion for the Catholic community in Hereford. All are welcome. Further information: bmwarde@aol.com.



Jumble

We would be very grateful if you would stop bringing jumble to the Parish Hall until further notice. We are still sorting things out after the Fete and could also do with a break. We will let you know when you can bring

jumble again. Many thanks for your help.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 31 July
Pay for and Collect
Tesco Vouchers

Friday 5 August
9:00 am
Church Cleaning

Tuesday 16 August
2:30
Tea & Chat
Parish Hall

Friday 19 August
9:00 am
Church Cleaning

Sunday 21 August
Collect & Pay for
Tesco Vouchers



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!



WYD 2016
World Youth Day Prayer

Here's the official prayer for World Youth Day taking place in 2016 in Krakow, Poland from 25 - 31 July.

"God, merciful Father,
in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
We entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman."

We entrust to you in a special way young people of every language, people and nation:
guide and protect them as they walk the complex paths of the world today and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits
from their experience of the Krakow World Youth Day.

Heavenly Father,

grant that we may bear witness to
your mercy.

Teach us how to convey the faith to
those in doubt,
hope to those who are discouraged,
love to those who feel indifferent,
forgiveness to those who have done
wrong
and joy to those who are unhappy.

Allow the spark of merciful love
that you have enkindled within us
become a fire that can transform
hearts
and renew the face of the earth.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.
Saint John Paul II, pray for us.



HOMILY

*“Be on your guard against avarice of
any kind.”*

Illustration

The RMS *Titanic* stands at the beginning of the twentieth century as a symbol and an ominous warning of all the disasters and tragedies that would be played out in the course of the following one hundred years. That magnificent “unsinkable” ship went down in April 1912. The *Titanic* was a work of great art and engineering, a tribute to human skill and growing power. Very soon, however, that same skill and power would be used to turn the force of fierce guns against

humankind, and to destroy millions in the fields of the First World War.

It was the desire for power and for territory, and the frightening urge to keep hold of what we have, that led the nations of Europe into that massive shedding of blood. There followed the tragic rise of Soviet Russia, a fierce backlash against the injustices of imperial days that only brought more misery and injustice in its wake. The punitive measures taken against Germany contributed to the rise of Hitler and we saw once more the devastation that comes with avarice, greed and anger. Wars have continued around the globe as people fight to be free, or argue over territory and the right to rule. As the new century unfolded another disaster exploded, in the attack on the Twin Towers in New York. Will this, too, turn out to be a symbol and a warning of another hundred years of torment and the shedding of blood?

Gospel Teaching

In today’s Gospel two brothers are seen arguing over money and inheritance. One of them vocalises his complaint to Jesus, demanding justice and demanding it now. Jesus hears the request but is very clear that he has no intention of getting involved in a family argument. It is not his place to go round dispensing justice in the lives of others. There are people

appointed in society to do that very thing, be they judges or mediators. But Jesus does not miss the opportunity to tell the brothers, and everyone else who cares to listen, that the big issue here is not who gets what, but how important it is to preserve the security of life that comes from loving one another. Security of life is a spiritual reality that enfolds us when we are enfolded in love by family and friends, and when we learn to allow ourselves to be embraced by the love of God. Money does not do it.

To bring home this truth, Jesus tells a story in which the only people to feature are a rich farmer and God. It is a lonely story. There is no one else around in this tale. The farmer has a big problem. “How do I keep all this wealth for myself? Build a bigger barn and store it all, and sit back and pour yourself a glass! No problem.” This man only talks to himself and only listens to himself, until God insists on being heard. Death comes and you must leave it all behind.

Application

Greed of any kind will kill us. Greed does not want to know about anybody else. Greed fouls up friendship and causes family lives to fester. Wanting everything for yourself and wanting your own way in everything is the high road to misery.

Today Jesus warns us about “avarice of any kind”. Not just a love of money or possessions, but that selfish desire to arrange the world exactly how it suits you and nobody else.

How much are our international relationships bedevilled precisely by this vice? “Securing our country’s future” is a frequently heard political value, and everyone wants to feel secure. It is a natural desire. But the security of our nation seems to involve guns and bombs and military capability, and is only seen in these terms. What of the vital importance of being able to meet another and to talk to another and to persevere in preserving all our relationships – whether internationally, or nationally, or in our family and community life?

Jesus clearly states that our security is not achieved by what we have, or what we possess; this is true whether it means riches or a wealth of fire power. Our security is maintained by the kind of people we are and try to be. Strip off your old self and your old behaviour, Paul tells us today. Put on Christ. And if you want to be rich, be rich in God.



Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, known as John in English, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was bap-

tized the same day. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney. In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed the priests were heroes. He received his First Communion catechism instructions in private by two nuns and at 13 received his First Holy Communion. In 1802, the Catholic Church was re-established in France and religious freedom and peace spread throughout the country.

In 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. He didn't return to his troop but became a deserter until 1810 when deserters were granted amnesty. He was ordained on 12 August 1815 and in 1818 was appointed parish priest at Ars.

When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. He spent much time in confession and often delivered homilies against blasphemy and dancing. He spent 11 to twelve hours each day working to reconcile people with God. In the summer months, he often worked 16-hour days and refused to retire. He died in 1859 and was canonized on May 31, 1925.

St. John Vianney would often say: "Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire, it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."

Prayer of St. John Vianney

I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.

I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.

I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally...

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.



Ministers, etc. For next <u>Sunday 7th August- 19th in Ordinary Time Year C</u>			
	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Liz Norman	Brenda Warde	Marnie Archer & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Julia Davey	Menna McBain	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Fran Grant		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayers	Ann Jackson		Marje Hayes
Offertory	Hayes Family	Maria Large & Frances Riddle	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Gabrielle Stanley
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach			
<i>Cistercian Cloister: the School of Love August 15-18 (Reg Fee £28 & £22 Transport/Entry) Reflections on St Bernard and the great Cistercian saints and a visit to Tintern Abbey Dom Brendan, Dom Bernard, Dom Alistair</i>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 31 July		
	11.00 am Liturgy		
	31-Jul	Jacqui Moore & Rachel Cowdrey	
		No Children's Liturgy in August	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 31 July)

Deaths: Peter Lee, Father Jerome, Shaun Harrington, Edna Ledford and Fr Luke.

Anniversaries: Beryl Sadler, Monica Holt, Ronald Norton, Edward Pilley, Celine Ponsford, Colin Sheeran, Ian Wilson, Gregory Power, Dom Aelred Cousins, Mary Elizabeth O'Farrell, Margarete Heathcote, William Shaw, Henry Brisker, Adrian Cox, James Morgan and Winifred Reynolds.

The Sick: Please pray for: Dominique Wetz, Eddie Wyman, Bernard Johnson, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, Syliva Evans, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medicott, Sr Philipa, 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 31st July Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 18 OT)

<p>18th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help: O Lord do not delay.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread ...</p> <p>Communion: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.</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	Annette Mansie	Patrick Walesby	Ross & Ann Williams
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Jacqui R-Smith	Marion Luscombe	Pat Draper
2 nd Reading	Liz Norman		Jacqui Corrigan
Bidding Prayer	Bill Jackson		Monica Tomlin
Offertory	Children's Lit	Anthea M-Saner & Margaret Campbell	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Julia Davey		Jan Wyman
Mass Intention		Pro Populo	Fr Luke RIP
Second Collection - Parish Outreach			
Food Bank Delivery: Kath Parry			

What's On for the week	
Mon	St Alphonsus di Liguori: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am:
Wed	St Germanus: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	St John Mary Vianny: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in Abbey Church
Sat	Transfiguration of the Lord: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am