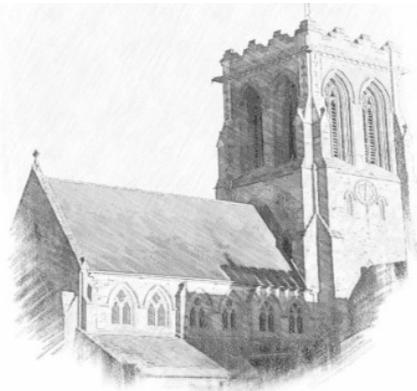


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Pentecost

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Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as described in the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty Days after Jesus' resurrection the apostles were gathered together probably wondering "what's next" when the Holy Spirit rested upon them and they began to boldly proclaim the Gospel of the Risen Lord. Pentecost is also the Greek name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks, falling on the 50th day of Passover.

This feast also commemorates the occasion when the earthly Church of Christ began its apostolic mission to the ends of the world. Pentecost is the first time the apostles feel able to launch out on their own. Today is truly when the apostles are commissioned to go out and take the Good News about Jesus Christ to all people. The message for us here is the same. All of us who have been baptised have received the gift of the Holy Spirit and it is for us to realise this gift and share the gospel message with those about us.

The outreach second collection for the next two weeks will be for the parish of San Lorenzo in Peru. The parish used to support this parish whilst Fr Joseph was parish priest. We have received a request for help from the local community to assist in the rebuilding of their church which was badly damaged during the devastating floods earlier this year.

Fr Nicholas



Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£563.59
	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	£571.35
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: Comboni Fathers Appeal Thank You!		



Parish Outreach

This month our second collections are essentially the mandatory ones for May: Priests Training Funds, World Communications Day and the annual mission appeal which this year will be made by the Comboni Fathers on Sunday 28th May.



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 10th June Matthew Corrigan & Esther Rich
 Sat 29th July Jennifer Woodman & Charles Kirby



Belmont Fete

The Fete is only 2 weeks away. We would grateful if the gardeners among you would grow some plants for the plant stall and of course we need bottles for the very popular Bottle Stall. We need about 400 + bottles so if you could start bringing them in, it would be much appreciated. Thank you for your help!



Tea Tent

The tea tent is looking for donations of washing up liquid, j-cloths, rubber gloves, cans of drink (fruit shoots), crisps, serviettes, plastic bowls, coffee, tea and plastic spoons. If you can help please drop your items off at the Parish Hall or leave with Father Nick or contact Jacqui Moore. Many thanks for your help!



Be an Angel

And write or photograph something for **The Angel**, which we hope to publish by the end of June. Please send items to the Parish Office or give to Fr Nick.





MATT AND ESTHER'S WEDDING

Parishioners are warmly invited to the Abbey on Saturday 10 June at 12.30pm for the wedding of our son

Matt. Many of you will have watched him grow up and it would be lovely to see you support him on the day. Also, there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre after the wedding to which you are also invited.



Rob and Jacqui



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 June

First Holy Communion Class

10:30 am

6 June

Diamond Diners
Three Horseshoes

12:45 pm

17 June

Belmont Abbey Fete

2:00 pm

16 June

Church Cleaning

9:00 am



War and conflict in Syria has led to the deaths of hundreds of thousands since 2011 and the displacement of millions. The Catholic community is especially encouraged to pray for Syria and its people this Friday. Pope Francis led the prayer for peace in Syria: "May the Risen Lord sustain the efforts of all those actively engaged in bringing comfort and relief to the civil population in beloved Syria, so greatly suffering from a war that continues to sow horror and death."

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales echoes that strong call for peace today and has asked that 9 June - the feast day of St Ephrem - be a Day of Prayer for Peace in Syria.



Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society - Annual History Day

Saturday June 10th at St. David's College Cardiff. Starts with Mass at 10 am.

Speakers:

11.15 Rev Dr. Trystan Owain-Hughes: "Winds of Change Revisited: New Perspectives on the Catholic Church in Wales in the Twentieth Century"

2.15 Prof. Madeleine Gray: "Sin Mercy, Death and the Gallant: the

Llancarfan wall paintings as a coherent scheme”

Cost for the Day: £10 (Members) £12.50 (non-Members) includes lunch, teas, coffees, pastries and a glass of wine. All are most welcome to join us. For more information please contact: Tricia Coulthard email: triciacoulthard@outlook.com or on 02920595899.



Longworth Catholic Chapel

His Grace Archbishop George Stack is returning again to celebrate Holy Mass in the Chapel on Thursday, 15th June at 12.00 noon. It is hoped that parishioners from every Parish in the County will be able to come together for this annual celebration in Herefordshire's only surviving Catholic Pre-Reformation Chapel.

Note. Longworth Chapel lies next to the old Bartestree Convent (now Frome Court , HR1 4DX) and is on the entrance road leading to St. Michael's Hospice from the Hereford -Ledbury road.



Homily

“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Illustration

In July 2016 Pope Francis paid a visit to Poland and attended the gathering of young people in Kraków for World Youth Day. The Holy Father was greeted by cheering crowds as he made his way to the park, and by the sight of happy faces among all the young people gathered there to welcome him. It was an inspiring sight and a happy occasion. On the following day the Pope went to Auschwitz and walked silently into that fearful compound where so many people had met their deaths, murdered by the Nazis. No words were spoken as he walked about and then sat in silence to remember the souls who had perished there.

Remembrance of past darkness was not the only thing occupying our minds at that time. Even as the young people gathered to rejoice in their lives and their common faith, terrorist attacks in France killed people on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice and murdered an old priest in a quiet church in Normandy. In the Middle East, in Syria and Iraq people were losing their lives every day as war raged on.

Pope Francis was asked for a comment on all this and his words

were well chosen. He asked us to admit that we are indeed at war with one another, and also to accept that this war is not caused or motivated by religion. Its reasons are the age-old reasons for war – desire for power and possessions, interests, money and resources. And we are all afraid of what might happen.

Gospel Teaching

On the day of Pentecost the disciples, likewise, were afraid of what might happen to them. They huddled together in an upper room with locked doors, waiting for something to happen. The Lord had promised them that the Spirit would come and so they waited. Now the room shook and the sound of the wind could be heard, and the vision of tongues of fire came upon each one of them. Each individual and the whole group together were gifted with the coming of the Spirit. It did not take long for the effects of that Spirit to be seen and heard. The people in the neighbourhood gathered, and they were people from every nation under heaven. That they all understood what was being said to them by the disciples was a clear indication of the Spirit's power to unite disparate peoples. This is the great gift of the Holy Spirit – to bring understanding between people who before now could not communicate with one

another very easily at all.

Reading again the story of that moment in the upper room when Jesus appeared to his friends teaches us that the Spirit of God brings three great gifts to us, if we will receive them. The first is the gift of peace. Shalom is a word and a grace that Jesus imparts to the disciples, now that all the violence has done its worst. Then the Lord gives his friends their mission to the world. As he was sent, so now they are sent. Finally the Spirit will empower them to bring reconciliation into a torn and troubled world.

Application

This day is known as the “birthday” of the Church. We were born on this day. The Spirit came and enlivened a group that had almost died. The risen Lord sent his living Spirit to be our life. Each one of us, as well as the whole Church together, receives the gift, and the gift is to be used. We begin with the gift of peace. Not the world's peace, initially, but our own. We seek to grow in the gift of a peaceful mind and heart, and peaceful relationships in our life. That is our first prayer. Come, Holy Spirit, into my heart and mind and life.

The second gift is the mission. You are sent out from this church into the world around you. You are able, with

the Spirit's help, to be outgoing and to help bring a gift of peace into the lives of those you live with and work with. You have a responsibility now. It is a grace given to you. Do not let it go for nothing. You can inspire others.

Finally, the third gift is the grace to reconcile people who are at war with one another. There is the power to forgive others and the power to call people to justice. Do you believe this? Do you accept this? Come, Holy Spirit.



Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday?



Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses

at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.



The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The colour of

Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day.



Ministers, etc. For next <u>Sunday 11 June The Most Holy Trinity Year A - Cycle 1</u>			
	08:30	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Anne Stapleton	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Bill Jackson	Brenda Warde	Pat Wood
2 nd Reading	Ann Jackson		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayers	Richard Batho		Pat Draper
Offertory	Parish Children	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Jacqui R- Smith		Tony Archer & Jan Wyman
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach (Peru)			

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.	04-Jun	No Children's Liturgy
		11-Jun	Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman
		18- Jun	A Morawiecki & Rachel Cowdrey
		25-Jun	Jackie King & Mary Wood
		02-Jul	Jacqui Moore & Rob Blackburn

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 4 June)

Deaths: Brian Lawrence, Sister Clare, Mary Jo Donnelly and Maureen Toner

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

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

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Liturgy for Sunday 4th June 2017 *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1*

<p><i>The Feast of Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Entrance: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.</p> <p>Acclamation: When we eat this Bread...</p> <p>Communion: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.</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	Kath Parry	Brenda Warde	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Frances Wood	Sally Johns
2 nd Reading	Fran Smallwood		Jacqui Corrigan
Bidding Prayer	Mary Hayes		Tony Archer
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Nickerson Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Frances Dees & Julia Davey		Chris Moore & Gabrielle Stanley
Mass Intention			
Second Collection - Parish Outreach - Peru			
Food Bank Delivery: Chris Moore			

<i>What's On for the week</i>	
Mon	St Boniface: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	St Ephrem: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11, Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am