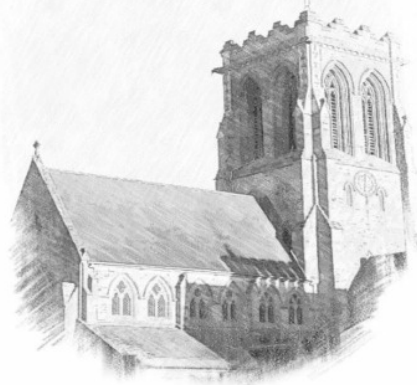


# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



PARISH NEWSLETTER

**4 March 2018**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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How's Lent going? Are you motoring along with all Lenten intentions intact or maybe you've stalled a little bit, perhaps not got going at all yet. It's easy to do this! We see Lent coming and then suddenly find we are half way through and we just never managed to sit down and think about what we should be doing! However, it's not too late! Lent is not an endurance test with only the 'winners' able to celebrate Easter. Lent is a time for us to re-think and re-order our Christian lives. The fasting, prayer and penance just helps us to focus our minds on what is really important. However, next weekend provides a wonderful opportunity for all the parish to spend some Lenten time with the Lord.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, Hereford Cathedral Choir have **cancelled** Evensong in the abbey this afternoon. Instead Monastic Vespers and Benediction will take place at 4 pm.

Lenten Station Mass celebrated by Archbishop Stack at Our Lady's Church on Tuesday 13 March 7 pm .

Parish Day of Reflection for those exercising Ministry in the Church, especially our readers and extraordinary ministers – Saturday 24 March. **Please sign the notice in the porch if you are able to attend.**

*Fr Nicholas*

***Welcome to Belmont Abbey. If you are a visitor here and you would like to Gift Aid your offertory collection, please collect an envelope from the Porch. Thank You!***

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£413.97</b>
	Standing Orders	<b>£501.23</b>
The 1 <sup>st</sup> collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	<b>£561.03</b>
The 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection is reserved for specific charitable causes or appeals and our own Outreach projects as detailed in the Newsletter. Last week was for: <b>CAFOD. Thank You!</b>		

### Parish Outreach

Last month our Parish Outreach collections went towards supporting Marriage Care, Mary's Meals and Cafod. Thank you. This month there will be collections to support local Catholic Education (4th), Hereford Food Bank (11th), Easter Flowers (18th) and Aid to the Church in Need (25th).



### Lenten Penitential Service

This Lent, the three Hereford parishes have decided to try and hold a joint penitential service. It will take place at Our Lady's Church, Belmont Road on Thursday 22 March at 7 pm.



### EMMAUS YOUTH

The date for the next meeting of Emmaus Youth is 17 March at Our Lady's Parish Hall, 2.30-5.30 pm. Come and join us for some fun!! Rob and Jacqui Corrigan, Annie Ridgway and Ben Aldridge. 01432 352241 & 07739566578.emmausyouth@hotmail.com



**REAL FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS** made by the Meaningful Chocolate Company with the Easter Story in the box. [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk).



### CHORAL EVENSONG

On Sunday, March 4,  
Hereford Cathedral Choir  
Will Sing Choral Evensong  
At Belmont Abbey at 4 pm

**THIS IS CANCELLED  
DUE TO THE WEATHER  
Monastic Vespers will be  
at 4 pm  
Mass in Extraordinary Rite  
at 6 pm**



The **Wednesday Midday Masses during Lent** will be in the Church to accommodate the larger number of people joining us for the Lenten Days of Recollection.



### Dates for your Diary

6 March  
Diamond Diners  
The Three Horseshoes  
12:45 pm

9 March  
Church Cleaning  
9:00 am

13 March  
Station Mass  
OLQM 6:00 pm

14 April  
Jumble Sale  
OLQM 1:30 pm



### WALES AND THE MARCHES

#### CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

**Unfortunately** because of the forecast adverse weather conditions St. David's College is closed until March 5. Therefore we have to postpone our talk " Little Ireland this Sunday March 4th. We will advertise this again.



**OUR LADY'S PARISH LENT COURSE** - "Let It Be Done to Me According to Your Word." A Lent course of 5 sessions, pondering how Mary helps us to be filled with God. Each session

involving a video presentation, discussion, prayer and refreshments. Wednesdays of Lent beginning 21st February in the parish room at 7 pm, and the next 4 Wednesday evenings.



### WHAT CAN I DO FOR LENT?

"CATHOLICISM-PIVOTAL PLAYERS"  
Every Monday evening in Lent at SFX. 7 pm - 8.30 pm in Parish Hall

**5 Mar: St. Catherine of Siena**

**12 Mar: Bl. John Henry Newman**

**19 Mar: G. K. Chesterton**

**26 Mar: Michelangelo**

ALL WELCOME! Tea/coffee and informal discussion



### Wednesday Lent Days - An English Spring

The 20th Century saw many powerful contributions to Christian life and letters in this country. Through their writings and witness they helped shape the Church in their lifetime and offer to us many fruits of the spirit. During Lent we enrich our faith through exploring this new inheritance.

The day starts with coffee at 10.00 am, Mass at 12 noon and includes a soup lunch with a suggested offering £10.

7 March – Ronald Knox – Dom Jonathan Rollinson

14 March Caryl Houselander – Dom  
Brendan Thomas

21 March Basil Hume – Dom David  
Yates



**Lent Study Lunches at Ewyas Harold:**  
*“Making all things new”*

On four Thursdays continuing 1 March  
at 12.30 in the Ewyas Harold Baptist  
Hall (With soup lunch first)

Thursday 8 March - Rev Joy James

Thursday 15 March - Fr Nick

Thursday 22 March - Rev Eric Locke



**ADOREMUS - PREPARATION DAY** The  
Catholic Church will hold a National  
Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress  
in Liverpool this September. To pre-  
pare for this, the Archdiocese of Car-  
diff invites everyone to a Preparation  
Day which will be held in Cardiff at St  
David’s Catholic College on 17 March  
2018 from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm. To  
attend, contact Christian Mahoney on  
[christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com) or on  
07764515864.



**Jumble Sale**

Our next jumble sale is on 14 April at  
OLQM parish hall. As always we could  
do with clean clothing, books, bric-a-  
brac and children’s toys. Please leave  
all items in the Parish Porch not in the  
Church porch. Thank you.



Don’t forget on **Palm Sunday** (25  
March) there are only two Sunday  
Masses at Belmont Abbey - **8.30 &  
10.00** am only. The Abbot will preside  
at the 10 am Pontifical High Mass,  
which, because of the long liturgy,  
replaces the 9.30 & 11 am Masses.  
Blessed Palms will of course be availa-  
ble at the 8.30 am Parish Mass



**CELEBRATE WALES:21-22 APRIL 2018**

Celebrate Wales, the Catholic Family  
Charismatic Conference, is in its 7  
year and will be held at Mary  
Immaculate High School, Wenvoe,  
Cardiff, CF5 5QZ. There are groups  
for all ages with amazing young  
leaders and inspirational speakers.  
It starts on Saturday 21 April and  
ends on Sunday 22. The theme is  
‘See I am doing a new thing’ (Isaiah  
43:19) - come and hear some  
inspired teachings along with  
Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer  
ministry and workshops. Visit:-  
[www.celebrateconference.org/wales](http://www.celebrateconference.org/wales)  
or ring Michael Coyle on 01952  
417223. Bursaries are available for  
those in need. Alternatively, you  
can ring Rob or Jacqui Corrigan on  
H. 352241 if you would like more  
information.

### **Proposed “Relief” road and “bypass”**

In the latest public document, Belmont Abbey is recognised in the consultation and it highlights that all routes will have a “Severe/Adverse” effect on it. Breinton Parish residents were told that the new “bypass” will not improve congestion on routes into Hereford.

Liz Morawiecki who is working very hard to highlight the problems with the current proposal suggests as many people as possible complete either the paper questionnaire or the online survey. Please note that at Q3 if you choose a route or “no Preference” this will be recognised that you support the principle of a bypass. Ignore the question and just put in the box “no bypass” if this is your opinion.

The full consultation and the information the council are presenting can be found on here on [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP).



### **Homily**

“Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.”

### **Illustration**

The imagination can be stirred into action when we come across the site of an ancient building or a famous historical event. We can picture to ourselves what happened in that place or at that time. For example, if we visit

the Colosseum in Rome, that mammoth, elliptical, public amphitheatre, we may remember that it was built as a place of entertainment – though such “entertainment” included fights to the death between gladiators, and sometimes unarmed Christians facing fierce wild animals. In our mind’s eye we see the huge crowd behaving as crowds so often do, perhaps baying for blood, or we picture the roaring beasts, or we imagine the thoughts going through the minds of the victims, or we visualise the emperor sitting in all his splendour to view the spectacle and to decide whether the “entertainer” shall live or die.

### **Gospel Teaching**

Some thirty years before St John wrote today’s Gospel, the huge Temple in Jerusalem had been completely destroyed by the Roman army. Once it had been among the wonders of the ancient world, the most sacred place on earth for the Jews, the place where God dwelt among God’s people. Now it was little more than a heap of ruins. Yet for John it was so much more than an ancient site. He had seen it in its glory days. Now he was old, but as a young man he had actually visited it with Jesus. It was Passover time and John had witnessed the huge influx of Jews, coming from all parts of the Mediterranean world; he had seen the Temple courts being turned into a

kind of bazaar, with the transactions of money changers, the noisy haggling of buyers and sellers, the bleating of sheep and the flapping of pigeons' wings.

John could see that Jesus was distressed; more than distressed – he was angry. The next moment, whip in hand, he was clearing them out of the Temple – men and beasts and birds; he was tipping over the tables of the money changers, so that the coins went jangling across the stone pavement; and he was explaining why he did it. “Stop turning my Father’s house into a market,” he cried. Of course, people did have to make preparations for the forthcoming Passover sacrifices – animals had to be bought and the right coinage acquired – but there was no need for them to turn his Father’s house of worship into a marketplace. Jesus’ reaction reminded John and his friends of those prophetic words, “Zeal for your house will devour me.”

The Jewish authorities were not amused. Who did this young rabbi from Nazareth think he was? What sign could he offer to show what it all meant? Jesus’ reply must have left them bewildered: “Destroy this sanctuary” – a sanctuary already forty-six years in the building – “and in three days I will raise it up.” But they were not the only bewildered ones. John admits that it was only after Jesus’ death and resurrection that he real-

ised what Jesus was getting at. It was then the pieces fell into place. It was as if, on that day in the Temple, Jesus had put his hand on his own heart when he said: “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” He, the living temple of God, destroyed on Good Friday, will rise again on Easter morn.

### **Application**

Within a few weeks we shall be celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus; in the risen Jesus we have the new, indestructible temple of God. This temple is made not of stones, however magnificent, but of the glorified flesh of the victorious Christ; this is where God is to be found and where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth. Perhaps the most extraordinary feature of this new temple is that it is built of living stones – and the living stones are you and me. Together with Christ our head, we make one body, one temple to the glory of God. These thoughts may help us to see our Lenten exercises in a new light – as a way of making us a little more worthy of our dignity as living stones in this new, living temple. At the same time, may they bring home to us the extraordinary privilege that is ours – that in this Mass, as in every Mass, we are empowered “through him, and with him, and in him” to give all honour and glory to our Father in heaven.

<b>Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 11 March 2018 -Laetare Sunday Year B Cycle 2</u></b>			
	<b>08:30</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Kath Parry	Anne Stapleton	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Adrian Eyre	Anthea Morton-S	Sergio Pavia
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Mary Hayes		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui Ramage-S		Rob Corrigan
Offertory	Hayes Family	Gillick Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees & tba		Joao & Andre Pavia
<b>Next Sunday - Parish Outreach - Hereford Food Bank</b>			

Low Mass in the Extraordinary Rite (Tridentine Mass) is celebrated here at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sunday afternoons at 4 pm.	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	04-Mar	Jacqui Moore & Monica Russell
	11-Mar	Jackie King & Jan Wyman
	18-Mar	Andrew M & Pauline Gill
	25-Mar	Pat Wood & Mary Wood

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

**Deaths:** William Padden, Elaine White, Sheila Langford and Phillip Cook

**Anniversaries:** Ada Dobson, William Eburn, Monica Devlin, Anna Panniers, Dom Bruno Reynolds *osb*, Ted Edwards, Catherine Ramlall, Molly Brooks, Mary Clay, Bridget O'Toole, Michel Power, John Spolnik, Gertrude Crump, Mabel Powell, Peter Warhurst, Sue Ball, Christopher Haan, Donald Halliday and Valerie Skiba.

**The Sick:** Please pray for: Neal Harries, Kevin Hanna, Fr Aidan, Rachel Thompson, Phillip Archer, Sonja Hayes, Robin Hayward, Gil Savory, Denise Ellis, Chris & Sue Rogers, Peter Draper, Dominique Wetz, Sally Hayward, Lillian Allsop, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medlicott, Elaine White, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Lent</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.  <b>Acclamation:</b> Save us, Saviour of the world ...  <b>Communion:</b> The sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house for ever singing your praise.</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	Liz Norman	Phyll Buckley	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Fran Grant	Patrick Walesby	Margaret Rose
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Liz Norman		Pat Wood
Bidding Prayer	Bill Jackson		Niamh Coyle
Offertory	Parish Children	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Jacqui Ramage S		Jane Davies & Tony Archer
Mass Intention		<i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>T Higgins RIP</i>

**Second Collection - Supporting Catholic Education**

**Food Bank Collection: Eddie & Jan Wyman**

***What's On for the week***

Mon	<b>Lenten Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am ; Funeral Mass for Sheila Langford RIP at 2 pm
Tue	<b>Lenten Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am Funeral Mass for William Padden RIP at 11 am
Wed	<b>Lenten Feria:</b> Mass at 8 am & Midday Mass in the Abbey.
Thu	<b>Lenten Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	<b>Lenten Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 & Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	<b>Lenten Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00