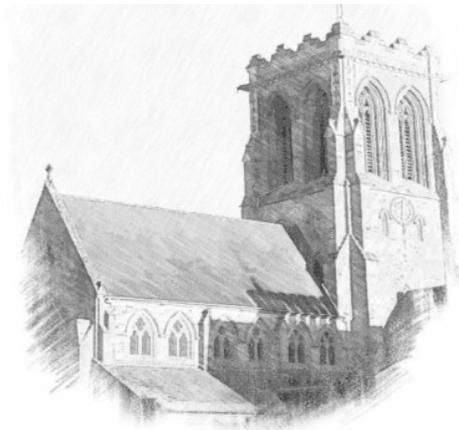


# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**4<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**23<sup>rd</sup> in Ordinary Time**  
*(Cycle C)*

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Items for the Newsletter to  
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or The Parish Office

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Abbey Church.

The parish First Holy Communion programme will be beginning in the new year. The children are prepared by parishioners who have a great love for the Eucharist and who wish to pass on their love and understanding to the next generation of Catholics. The family, the school and the priest also have an important role to play in preparing the children.

The children will make their First Holy Communion in early summer 2017 and there will be a series of preparatory classes which take place usually on Saturday mornings. Parents who would like their children (Year 3 and above) to be considered for First Holy Communion next Summer should speak to Fr Nicholas or Jacqui & Rob Corrigan.

As we approach a new academic year we wish all our young people a good year, especially those beginning school for the first time. We pray, too, for all our teachers and school governors that they continue to be blessed in their important work.

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£292.93</b>
	Standing Orders	<b>£412.50</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>£139.11</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 <i>Parish Outreach. Thank you!</i>		



Thank you to everyone who didn't bring us any jumble over the last weeks. BUT now is the time - the next **JUMBLE** is on 29 October - so we do need some more items. If you do have clothes that are not fit for purpose do put them in a bag and mark it rags - we can sell them. Thank you for your continued efforts.



### 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!



**Congratulations** to Agnieszka Chepa & Roberto Degl'Innocenti who were married in the abbey yesterday. We wish them every happiness in the years ahead.



### Forthcoming Marriages

We offer our prayers and best wishes to the following couples who are preparing for marriage here at Belmont Abbey over the next few weeks:

*9th Sept*

Natalie Sadler &

Michael Paiano

*17th Sept*

Bryony Barling &

Victor Lamarque



### Diamond Diners

This is a lunch club for those over 60 years. We meet at the "Three Horseshoes" public house at Allensmore, behind Locks Garage. We are a friendly group which enjoys eating together once a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month at 1pm. The price for two courses is £6.95 and for three courses is £8.95. If you would like to join us please let Ray Rose

know, 0783 773 2611, or sign/add your name to the form in the Parish Centre not later than the previous Sunday.

The dates until December are: - September 6th, October 4th, November 1st and December 6th. We look forward to meeting you there, it is best to be there by 12:45 to allow time to order food. Many thanks

*Margaret Rose 01432 376 782*

### **Tea & Chat**

We are an informal group who are all part of the wider Belmont Abbey Community. We have a cup of tea, slice of cake or a biscuit and sit and chat. The cake is provided by some of those present. (We can always do with more cake makers.) We meet in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We do ask for a donation in order to buy milk, tea and coffee and to contribute to heating costs on the winter. It is a friendly relaxing environment, and much welcomed by those who live on their own and like company.

The advertised date of September 20<sup>th</sup> has been **CANCELLED** due to many people being away and the nearness to the Macmillan Coffee afternoon on 30<sup>th</sup> September (See separate notice).

The remaining dates are: - October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>. There won't

be one on December 20<sup>th</sup> due to the nearness of Christmas.

No need to let anyone know, just turn up and enjoy yourselves.

*Margaret Rose*



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

2 September

9:00 am

Church cleaning

16 September

9:00 am

Church Cleaning

20 September

Tea & Chat

**Cancelled**



Join the **Ride and Stride** this year to help fund repairs badly needed in many of Herefordshire's churches. This national event takes place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Cycle or walk between the churches in your area. Half of the sponsorship raised goes to the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, half to the church of your choice. For more information go to [herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/Ride.php](http://herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/Ride.php)





## DOES CARE OF THE DYING MEAN RATIONING MERCY?

During this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has constantly reminded us of the Corporal Works of Mercy. One of these is caring for those who are sick, and all that implies in an age of extraordinary medical advances. In the light of this, and in view of the increasingly controversial issues surrounding ‘end of life decisions’ , Baroness Finlay of Llandaff has been invited to St. David’s Cathedral to give an important talk on the subject of Palliative Care. Her talk will be entitled “Does Care of the Dying mean Rationing Mercy”.

The talk will take place at 1.15 pm on Wednesday 14 September in the Mostyn Room at St. David’s Cathedral. It will be of particular value to patients and their relatives and carers, hospital chaplains and those who visit the sick. Although admission is free, it is expected that there will be a big demand for places. If you would like a ticket, please email [arch@rcadc.org](mailto:arch@rcadc.org) so that places may be allocated on a first come first served basis.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

We have supported the ‘World’s Biggest Coffee Morning’ for some years now and this year it is on

September 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 2:30 in the  
Parish Hall

Jan Wyman will be organising it this year, with Margaret Evans and family helping to setup tables and chairs the evening before.

Please do come and support this very worthy cause. Bring some homemade cake with you, or buy some cake and biscuits to share with others, and most importantly bring with you a donation which will be sent to Macmillan. Traditionally we have always been very generous to this cause. Most of us know someone who has benefited from the care and attention of a Macmillan Nurse. All monies raised are used locally for our own Nurses.

Many thanks for making the effort. Jan’s telephone number is 01432 263575

*Margaret Rose*





## CAFOD SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Could you visit a local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD?

We are looking for volunteers to give a short presentation or talk about the work of CAFOD and inspire children and young people to make a difference.

Full training and resources provided.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact CAFOD South Wales on 02920 344 882 or email [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk) or see the poster at the back of the church.



## Homily

*“None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.”*

## Illustration

Thérèse Martin grew up in a middle-class family in nineteenth-century France. She was the baby of the family, made to feel special by her older sisters, who took a major part in raising her after her mother’s death. Doted on by her father, she was perhaps a rather “spoilt” child – family memoirs recall her throwing tantrums when things didn’t go her way! Thérèse entered the Carmelite monastery at fifteen, following in her older sisters’ footsteps, and died

there aged twenty-four. A short life; and a life shaped by her own struggles to grow from a young, privileged girl, through the hard disciplines of Carmel, into an extraordinary maturity of holy living and dying. One of her major struggles, recorded in her autobiography, concerned her vocation – what did God want her to do? She longed for the special callings – to be a missionary, a priest, a martyr. But, in the end, she recognised her call in something more ordinary and everyday – the call to love. From that day, she writes, she stopped thinking about herself and thought only of how to love those around her better. And from that day, she asserts, she was always happy.

## Gospel Teaching

This calling to love described by St Thérèse may seem an odd contrast to those startling words from the Gospel, which seem to speak not of love, but rather of a call to “hate”: “If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brother, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.” Jesus is not, of course, requiring us all to go home and hate our families. The context makes this clear. But he is, none the less, calling his disciples to something quite radical. This is a passage that speaks of the great cost of discipleship, the cost of being and remaining close to Jesus, of following

him to the cross. For the Gospel is clear that this is what is required if we are to share in the life of resurrection, the life of God.

What is described here is a fundamental “giving up” – of possessions and all the goods of life that we cling to in order to make us feel safe and comfortable. All these things – even when, like families, they are real goods in themselves – disciples are called to be ready to leave if they stop us following Jesus. But this is a giving up *in love*, just as the cross is God’s act of love. The difficult, costly thing is that this is loving in *God’s way*, and not only in the ordinary ways that make life secure and happier for ourselves. It is this love that our Old Testament reading today names as Wisdom – an understanding only possible through God’s gift. It is this love that transcends the ordinary social relations for Philemon and the slave Onesimus. In all this, we are meeting with God, whose intentions, will and truth lie beyond our fallen ways of knowing and loving.

### **Application**

All this means that to be Jesus’ friend and follower, we are called to live lives of loving others. This is costly: ultimately it costs our lives, which is why we cannot “love” our ambition, plans, investments, attachments and

so forth, as if they were the real things of living. What Jesus teaches, and what we see reflected in the lives of saints like Thérèse, is a way of loving that calls us beyond these things, a sharing in the Wisdom of God, who sees things differently from our world. This is one of the reasons the Church encourages us to “give up” things – through fasting and almsgiving, through the dedicating of time to prayer and care of people in need. This costs us – sometimes even in our relationships and home comforts. But, Jesus promises, it is in this giving away of ourselves that we will draw close to him, and discover a new way of living and loving, and a renewed world in his Spirit.

So much in our lives compels us to become preoccupied with our own skills, ideas and ambitions. In such a culture we cling to what we possess, with a kind of love and, often, a kind of selfishness. Inspired by today’s readings, let us pray to be able to lift our eyes to look beyond our own concerns and learn to pay the cost of discipleship – the cost of a love beyond our own needs and wants.



**Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September- 24<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time Year C**

	<b>08:30</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Ann Stapleton	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Bill Jackson	Clare Nickerson	Jane Davies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Ann Jackson		Gabrielle Stanley
Bidding Prayers	Fran Smallwood		Peter Davies
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Nickerson Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees & Kath Parry		Chris Moore

**Next Sunday - Parish Outreach**

<p><b>Anniversaries</b> 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>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
	<b>8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 4 Sept</b>	
	<b>11.00 am Liturgy</b>	
	<b>04-Sep</b>	Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman
	<b>11 Sept</b>	Marje Hayes & Rob Blackburn
<b>18-Sep</b>	A Morawiecki & Pauline Gill	
<b>25-Sep</b>	Jackie King & Rachel Cowdrey	

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

**Deaths:** Margaret O'Connor, Robert Moriawiecki, Peter Lee and Father Jerome.

**Anniversaries:** Sebastian Michael Wood, Catherine Davies, Henry Llewellyn, Anthony Smith, Francis Kindersley, , Dom Brendan Minney, Katrina Zdancyuk, Yasuko Mori, Edward Sullivan, Margaret Divine, Ma Soeur Arundell, Bro. Robert Brace-Hall, Petrina Morris, Francis Vaughan and Arthur David McCabre.

**The Sick:** Please pray for: Connie Luxon, Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Eddie Wyman, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, David Kinsey, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Sr Philipa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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**Liturgy for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September** Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 23 OT)

<p><b>Anniversary of the Dedication of the Abbey Church</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> Wonderful are you, O God, in your holy place. The God of Israel himself gives you his people strength and courage. Blessed be God.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> We proclaim your death O Lord ...</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> You are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in you. The temple of God, which you are, is holy.</p>
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<b>Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.</b>			
	08:30 am	09:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Cooper Family	Desmond Keohane	Brenda Sherwood & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Jacqui R-Smith	Basil Nickerson	Pat Draper
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Adrian Eyre		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayer	Fran Grant		Monica Tomlin
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Frances Riddell & Teresa Harriss	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Julia Davey		Rob Corrigan
Mass Intention	<b>Vincent Hanna</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>	<b>Seb Wood RIP</b>
<b>Second Collection - Parish Outreach</b>			
<b>Food Bank Delivery: John Goodall-Copestake</b>			

<b>What's On for the week</b>	
Mon	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Fri	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am