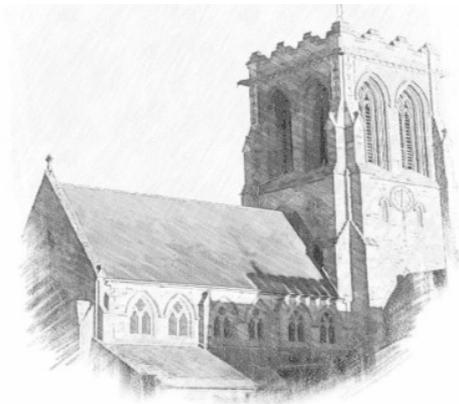


# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

***5<sup>th</sup> February***

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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As an experiment, from today, coffee and tea (and biscuits) will be available after both the 8.30 and 9.30 Masses. This will be available in the Bar of Hedley Lodge. Coffee after the 11 am Mass will continue to be in the Parish Centre.

The Outreach second collection today is for the charity, **Venture**. 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. Over 50 years the mission grew from the resources of Venn's Corn Mill, John and Emelia's 'rock solid' Christian Faith and their gritty 'business-like' determination to make a difference.

Today, Hereford City Mission is renamed Venture and remains a Christian cross-church initiative true to John and Emelia's original vision of loving those who are marginalised or vulnerable. Their work relies on an army of rigorously trained volunteers, incredibly diverse (from retirees to students) but who all share a passion to make a difference by 'Loving people better'.

The charity's focus is on substantive, sustainable programmes that make a tangible difference for people facing significant challenges. All their volunteers are united by a set of shared values and desire to share the Power of Jesus' love in the public space.

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£439.74</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>£138.94</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>Parish Outreach. Thank You!</b>		



### Second Collections

Last month our Parish Outreach collections went towards supporting the St Joseph's School, Makeni project, SPUC and the local Acorns Children's Hospice. Thank you. This month there will be collections for Vennture (5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Feb) and the annual collections for Marriage Care (12<sup>th</sup> Feb) and the Catholic Education Service (19<sup>th</sup> Feb).



At the Belmont Chapter last week, Fr Abbot asked me to convey the community's thanks to all our volunteers, in particular the church cleaning group who maintain the abbey in such a wonderful condition. Thank you.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 February  
Churches together  
Ewyas Harold  
Baptist Church  
7.30 pm

8 February  
Deanery Pastoral Council  
OLQM 7:00 pm

10 February  
Church Cleaning  
9:00 am

18 February  
First Holy Communion Class  
10:30 am

21 February  
Tea & Chat  
2:30 Parish Hall

26 February  
Collect & Pay  
For Tesco vouchers

1 April  
Jumble Sale  
12:00  
At OLQM





### **Tea and Chat**

has resumed, and continues on 21st Feb, 21st March, and 18th of April. It is always on the 3rd Tuesday in the month. For any newcomers to the Parish this is a very friendly group that meets for a cup of tea and a piece of cake or a biscuit and a good chat. We meet in the Parish Centre at 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm. There is no charge, but a donation is very welcome for us to buy coffee, tea and milk and help to pay for heating the hall. Everyone is welcome, so don't be shy just come along and join us.



### **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 1 pm. The price for two courses is £6.95 and for three courses is £8.95. If you would like to join us, this coming Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, please let Ray Rose know, 0783 773 2611, or sign/add your name to the form in the Parish Centre TODAY.

Future dates are: - March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>. A full list of dates is available on the noticeboard in the entrance to the Church and in the Parish Hall. We

look forward to meeting you there, it is best to be there by 12:45 to allow time to order food



### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Golden Jubilee Celebration**

4th March 2017 10 am – 6 pm.

Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way  
West Bromwich B70 7JW

[www.bethelconventioncentre.co.uk](http://www.bethelconventioncentre.co.uk)  
Sandwell and Dudley railway station nearby.

Online booking at [www.crr.org.uk](http://www.crr.org.uk) or contact Helen [helenwells.017@gmail.com](mailto:helenwells.017@gmail.com) or 07752134833.

Booking charge £12; under 14's free (but must be booked on in advance)  
Inspired testimonies, anointed and engaging preaching and RISE THEATRE. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley and Archbishop Kevin McDonald will be the homilist.



### **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!



With sadness we report the death of Gordon Wilson who died on 25 January. May he rest in peace. **His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30 am.**



**Walk humbly with your God - The prophet Micah for today**

Led by David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School. David will creatively and imaginatively help us to dig deep into the message of the prophet Micah and help us to see why his message is still relevant to Christians today. On Saturday 25th February at 10am to 3pm in St David Lewis RC Church, Monnow Way, Bettws, Newport, NP20 7DX.

This day is part of the Burning Within Bible Course. Burning Within is our Six Month Bible Course running from January to June 2017 held on the fourth Saturday of each month at various locations across South Wales. If you can't make all six Saturdays, each one also stands alone so don't worry if you miss some! This is a free course but all donations are gratefully received. Tea, Coffee and biscuits are provided but you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

For more information see [catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events](http://catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events) or [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com).



**Herefordshire & Belmont Abbey Walsingham Group**

Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. From £195 per person to include all travel and half-board accommodation. There are still a few places available.

The next meeting of the Group will be at Belmont abbey on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 5.55 pm for Vespers, Angelus, Rosary and Mass followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome - you do not have to be a member of the group. For further information contact Menna MacBain on 01568 797077.



If you are interested in finding out about some of new issues being promoted by SPUC please visit their website at [www.spuc.org.uk/news](http://www.spuc.org.uk/news).



**Food Bank**

The Food Bank is in urgent need of carrier bags, sugar in small bags, coffee, tins of meat and fresh fruit and vegetables. Many thanks for your continued help.



### **Jumble Sale**

Some of you have already given us jumble. Thank you! The next jumble sale is on 1 April at OLQM but starting at 12 noon so that the leftovers can be taken to Charity shops. Do please give us only clean clothes and those that are usable. If anyone knows someone who buys clothes deemed to be “rags” we would be grateful to know. Our last buyer no longer does it. Many thanks for your help!



### **Homily**

*“Seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.”*

### **Illustration**

If you are preparing to take your car to Europe on holiday, it is essential to find out the requirements of each of the countries through which you will be travelling in regard to emergency equipment. Some require a high-visibility jacket for each of the occupants of the car, some a replacement set of light bulbs, some an emergency triangle to place behind a broken-down car. It is important to be prepared for every eventuality so that you can both see and be seen. How often it happens

that motorists, pedestrians and cyclists are involved in accidents because they wear dark clothing on inadequately lit roads. Without decent lights, they cannot see properly where they are going. Without bright clothing, they cannot be seen by drivers in fast-moving traffic.

### **Gospel Teaching**

This same principle is true also in the work of evangelisation, as we see in today’s scripture readings. For St Paul, the power of the Gospel comes not from his ability to use the clever arguments of philosophers and theologians, but from the power of God. Paul simply expresses what he knows about Jesus and especially about the death and resurrection of Jesus, and then he allows the Spirit of God to work in the hearts and minds of those who listen to him. It is the power of God that enlightens the hearts of believers, not intellectual arguments, and that light is to be seen in the simplicity and integrity of Paul’s life and teaching.

Reading the prophet Isaiah, we find that when God enlightens our mind and heart, we begin to see things differently. We discover our responsibility for the life and welfare of others, especially those who are poor and oppressed. Enlightened by grace, we are moved to share our

bread with those who are hungry, care for those who are homeless and oppressed; when we do this, we bring light and hope into the darkness of their lives. By the light of God's grace, we see and we are seen.

Similarly, in the Gospel, Jesus lets his disciples know that he hasn't shared the light of his love with them so that they can keep it to themselves. He wants his light to shine in them and through them for all the world to see. Jesus knows that the witness of lives that have been changed by love is the light that can transform a darkened world. When we see our world in the light of the love of Jesus, we will be empowered to respond to the needs of people all around us and they will experience God's love for them and praise God.

### **Application**

When we think about all the issues that face our world today, we can be overwhelmed and wonder how we can possibly make a difference. The news seems to get worse by the day. The lives of millions of people across the globe have been disrupted by war and violence. Refugees flee from their homes in search of a better life; countries to which they flee are closing their borders in an effort to protect their own way of life and culture. There seems to be no end to the conflict and little hope of a

resolution. Closer to home, selfishness and greed seem to dominate our political decision-making and affect even the relationships within our families. Wherever we look, the darkness is closing around us. We need a light to help us navigate through this hopeless prospect. We cannot do it on our own.

But we are disciples of Jesus. From the moment of his death on the cross, when darkness enshrouded the earth, the light of his love, revealed in his resurrection from the dead, has been the beacon shining into our hearts to show us the way to life. He has enlightened us with a Gospel of love. He gives us confidence to persevere in love in spite of all that works against us, whether this is the world around us or the doubts and fears of our own hearts. He has sent us to bring the light of his love to others. It may only be simple acts of kindness and generosity, a word of encouragement or forgiveness and healing. Even these little sparks of love are sufficient to dispel the darkness of people's lives and give them hope. With the light of Christ, we ourselves can see and we will be seen helping the world to avoid the greatest catastrophe of self-destruction.



**Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February- 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT Year A - Cycle 1**

	<b>08:30</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Annette Mansie	Ann Stapleton	Rita Chamberlain & Brenda Sherwood
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Fran Smallwood	Lucy Zammit	Niamh Coyle
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Julia Davey		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayers	Liz Norman		Pat Draper
Offertory	Hayes Family	Teresa Harris & Menna MacBain	
Extraordinary Ministers	Seamus Hayes & Kath Parry		Tony Archer & Jan Wyman

***Next Sunday - Parish Outreach***

<p><b>Anniversaries</b></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>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
	<b>8.30 Children's Liturgy - temporarily cancelled</b>	
	<b>5 Feb</b>	Jackie King & Mary Wood
	<b>12-Feb</b>	<b>No Children's Liturgy</b>
	<b>19-Feb</b>	<b>No Children's Liturgy</b>
	<b>26-Feb</b>	Jacqui Corrigan & Pauline Gill
<b>05-Mar</b>	Jacqui Moore & Mary Wood	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 5 Feb)

**Deaths:** Gordon Wilson, Bridgid Smith, Cornelius Linehan and Brian Hayes

**Anniversaries:** Charles Bray, Ernest Mertz, Edith Rice-Jones, Mary Riddell, Josie Brown, Elizabeth Harbourne, Maria Mecina, Florry Caine, Eileen Egan, Elizabeth Croton, Joe Schofield, Norah Gethen, Agnes Ward, Mary Carroll, Philip Davies, Dominic Sterckx, Siobhan Hayes and Denise Homfray.

**The Sick:** Please pray for: Betty Murray, Tom Supple, Maureen Toner, Rachel George, Norma Naudain, Marnie Archer, Ann Thomas, Mary Smith, Fr Michael Cronin, Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Stephen Fisher, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medlicott, Sr Philipa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

**Liturgy for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017** *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 5)*

<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>In</b> <b>Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> Save us, Saviour of the World.....</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul and the hungry he fills with good things.</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	Liz Norman	Clare Wichbold	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Bill Jackson	Paul Nickhold	Jennifer Hackman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Ann Jackson		Tony Archer
Bidding Prayer	Mary Hayes		Lucy Reed
Offertory	Ramage-H family	Maria Large & Frances Riddell	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Fran Smallwood		Jan Wyman & Chris Moore
Mass Intention	<b>Gordon Wilson RIP</b>	<b>Benefactors &amp; Parishioners</b>	

**Second Collection - Parish Outreach**

**Food Bank Delivery: Margaret & Ray Rose**

**What's On for the week**

Mon	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Comps:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	<b>St Teilo:</b> Mass at 8:00 am in the Oratory
Fri	<b>St Scholastica:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 10:45 - 11:15: Requiem Mass for Gordon Wilson at 11:30.
Sat	<b>BVM:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am