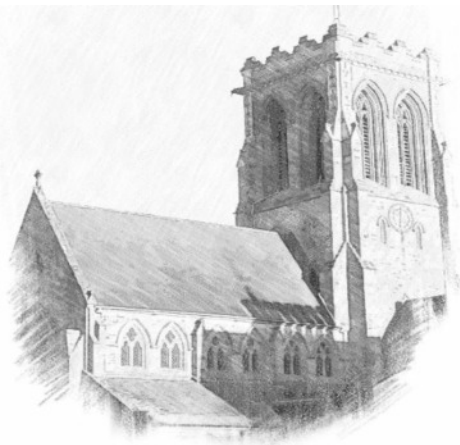


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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This weekend we return to "Ordinary Time" readings. We use "ordinary" not in the sense of "usual" or "common," but ordered or sequential. Over the next seven weeks we will have ordered readings from St. Luke's Gospel, chapters 7, 9 and 10. The readings show aspects of discipleship: what it means to be and become a follower of Jesus.

The Belmont Abbey Garden Fete looms ever nearer. There are only two weeks to go so please get busy baking cakes, growing plants or donating any surplus bottles from your drinks cabinet for the bottle stall. We are also looking for good condition toys, decent bric-a-brac and nearly new items for the stalls. Most importantly, don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours along for a fun and sunny afternoon on the monastery lawns. We are of course, as always, looking for any volunteers to help on the day – do get in touch if you can be of any help.

Unfortunately, due to illness the graveyard has not been cut recently. My apologies for this and I hope to have the grass cut this week.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£351.70
	Standing Orders	£412.48

The 1st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.

	2 nd Collection	£161.46
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The 2nd collection is reserved for specific charitable causes or appeals and our own Outreach projects as detailed in the Newsletter. Last week was for **Parish Outreach. Thank you!**



Belmont Annual Garden Fete

Three weeks only until the Fete!!

Once again we are asking for your help in presenting a wonderful Garden Fete, even better than last year.

It would be great if all the gardeners out there would start growing some plants for the flower stall and if you need small pots for your seedlings - we have a lot of them to give away.

We are really in need of bric-a-brac and books, soft toys and children's toys, and of course any jewellery you no longer use so that we can again have a great success with these stalls.

If you are willing to help run a stall, or could help with the games please contact Kath Parry on 01981 250304.

We also need items for the **Grand Tombola**: unwanted presents etc. This

is a popular stall and at the moment we have very little for it.

Thank you to those parishioners who have already given two bottles for the bottle stall, but we do need lots more!! We haven't yet hit the 400 bottles that the Bottle stall needs.

Please leave all items for the Fete in the Parish Porch not the Glass Porch. Closer to the date we will ask you for help with items for the Tea Tent.

Draw tickets are now on sale. Please take some to sell to friends and neighbours.

Many thanks for your help!



The Angel

It is planned to trial a new format for The Angel to be published in early July. Articles of interest should be sent to the Parish office by 30th June to admin@belmontparish.org.uk please. Digital photos of events would also be welcome.



Congratulations to Hugh Loughrey and Carley Yapp who were married in the Abbey yesterday! We wish them every happiness in the years ahead.





Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 2nd July Nathalie Eakins
 & Benjamin Mazur

Sat 9th July Abigail Trumper
 & Joe Markewicz

Sat 23rd July Kerry Matthews
 & Jon Dallow

Thu 28th July Andzela Kacinskaite
 & Gerard Cleugh



Parking

Drivers are asked to respect the disabled parking areas – especially on a Sunday!

Parish Centre – unless you are dropping something off at the parish centre, please park in the car parks adjacent to the Parish House rather than on the road in front.



Tea & Chat

The forthcoming dates for Tea & Chat are 21st June, 19th July and 16th August. All are welcome in the Parish Centre from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm.

Diamond Diners

The forthcoming dates for the Lunch Club are 7th June, 5th July and 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.



Rob and I are going to do some voluntary work in Calais/Dunkirk from 5th to 8th June. We were overwhelmed at your kindness and support after our plea for help and are asking for your prayers while we are there. Also if anyone wants to donate we are now looking for Bags for Life (strong shopping bags), vegetable/sunflower oil, tinned fish, tomatoes, chickpeas and tea bags. **We will leave early afternoon on 5th June so please bring items clearly labelled "Refugees" and leave in Parish porch on that day only.**

Many thanks. *Jacqui Corrigan*



Parish Deanery Representative

Would any one like to take on the role of Parish representative to the Deanery pastoral Council? There are usually four evening meetings a year, generally held at Our Lady's Church hall. Please see Fr Nicholas or Chris Moore for more details.



The Shroud of Turin Exhibition

This exhibition, featuring life-sized photographic replicas of the Shroud

of Turin, was created by international-ly respected expert Pam Moon and it aims to use the replica of the Shroud as a visual aid to tell the story of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and to examine the mystery of the cloth.

St. Francis Xavier's church (in Parish Hall/Annexe) Opens Monday 27 June until Sunday 10 July .



The Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic

June 12th 12:30 pm onwards

This event is open to everyone who is part of the wider Belmont Community. Let us all join together to celebrate this occasion, by having a shared table.

Food can be laid out in the Parish Centre, and, weather permitting, can be consumed on Fr. Nicholas' lawn which we will try not to share with Alfie. Please bring finger food, sausages, quiche, sandwiches, crisps, cheese or anything else that can be eaten without knives and forks.

Please don't be shy or think it is not meant for you. Just come along and let us all celebrate together.

Margaret Rose



A new Rota of Ministries

is due from 26 June to and including 2 October 2016. Please let me know your non-available dates as soon as possible on 01432 266307 or Email

frangrant235@btinternet.com. Many thanks for your help. *Fran Grant*



Lost and Found

There are quite a few items now. They are in the drawer marked Lost and Found in the Glass Porch. Please have a look if you have lost anything. All items will go to the next jumble if not collected.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church Cleaning
Friday 10 June

Queen's Jubilee Picnic
12 June

Belmont Grand Fete
18 June

Tuesday 21 June
2:30 pm
Tea & Chat

Sunday 26 June
Pay for and collect
Tesco Vouchers

16 July
Grandparents' and
Grandchildren's Day





Pilgrimage for Catholic Grandparents and their families

“A Grand Day Out” is being held by the 3 Welsh dioceses at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 16th July, from 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, to mark both the Year of Mercy and the 100 anniversary of the Archdiocese. It will be a fun family day, all ending with Mass at 3.00 pm celebrated by the bishops. See Poster in the porch.



HOMILY

“A great prophet has appeared among us.”

Illustration

It's sometimes said that in the Western world death has become the last taboo. Talking about death is not what we do. Friends may “pass over” or “pass away” or “pass on”, but none of them ever seems to “die”. And because there is an uneasiness about talking of death, it's not unknown for a bereaved person to be ignored by neighbours. It isn't that the neighbours are unsympathetic: it's just that they're unused to “doing death”; they don't know what to say or how they ought to react. Sometimes they will cross to the other side of the road to avoid having to raise the subject. Of course, if

death really is the end of everything, then what more is there to say? And how can we react, except by trying to reduce to a minimum the embarrassment that the mere mention of death might cause us and those who are bereaved?

In striking contrast, the Bible is never averse to talking about the reality of death. In the sacred pages, death is not a taboo subject. And in those same pages we hear, as we have twice today, that even death is not as final as it seems. And it is striking that on both occasions the emphasis is not so much on the power involved as on the compassion shown.

Gospel Teaching

In a time of terrible drought, Elijah the prophet would not have survived but for the generous hospitality afforded him by a widow who shared with him her last meal. As a reward, he promised that her supply of food would not run out until the famine was over. But then another tragedy occurred: her son died. In the way that people sometimes react in tragic circumstances, the widow now began to blame the prophet for her son's death. His response was to take the child, to stretch himself over him as though to give him the kiss of life, and to pray that God would intervene. The child was restored to life, and his mother recognised that Elijah was indeed a holy man.

In the Gospel, even more than in the first reading, the element of compassion is to the fore. As Jesus and his companions approach the little town of Nain, about five miles from Nazareth, another procession is making its way towards the city gate. It's a funeral procession for a young man, the only son of a woman who has also lost her husband. She is alone in the world and Jesus "felt sorry for her"; the meaning of the original Greek word is very strong – he is moved to the core of his being, he is filled with compassion. Gently, he tells her not to cry as he moves forward and touches the bier. It is an action totally unexpected: by physical contact with the trappings of death Jesus incurs ritual impurity. But his deep compassion overrides everything else. A few moments later, he hands over to the widow her son, now restored to life.

power will one day work an even greater miracle for each of us – not a mere reprieve, not a mere restoration to the life we have known, but a raising up to a new kind of life, a life wonderful beyond anything we could imagine and lasting for ever. Like everyone else we have a natural fear of death, or at least of the process of dying, but as believers we know that the risen Christ has lost none of his power, none of his boundless compassion; he only waits to draw us through death into everlasting life. Then we shall re-echo the words of today's responsorial psalm, which sees death as being as short-lived as a night, quickly giving way to the dawn of a glorious new day: "At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn... you have changed my mourning into dancing." And then we shall cry out with the psalmist: "O Lord, my God, I will thank you for ever."

Application

No one had asked Jesus to intervene in this way; no one had expressed faith in him; it was simply his compassion that led him to do this mighty deed, which left the people "filled with awe" and praising God. Of course, some years later the young man would face death again. What he had received was only a temporary reprieve.

But in restoring a dead man to life, Jesus is reminding us that his almighty



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 12th June - 11th in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Cooper Family	Anne Stapleton	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Liz Norman	Brenda Warde	Marje Hayes
2 nd Reading	Fran Grant		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayers	Adrian Eyre		Jacqui Corrigan
Offertory	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Julia Davey		Chris Moore

Next Sunday -Parish Outreach

<p>One Foot in the Grave <i>June 10-12 (2 Days Reg Fee £26)</i> <i>How do we enter the latter part of life with a modicum of humour and good grace?</i> <i>Abbot Paul Stonham</i></p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 5 June	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	12-Jun	Jackie King & Mary Wood
	19-Jun	Pat Wood & Pauline Gill
	26-Jun	Jacqui Corrigan & Rob Blackburn
03-Jul	Jacqui Moore & Jan Wyman	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.**

Deaths: *Bernard Clayton, Sue Ball, Mary Carroll, John Wallin and John Keeler*

Anniversaries: *Mary Crilly, Kathleen Summer, Isabella Milsom, Catherine Wegg-Prosser, Ronald Fitness, Oliver Hill, Shelah Pascoe, Abbott Raynal osb, Br. William Shearwood osb, William Holtom, Mary de Bollegui and Violet McGinn.*

The Sick: Please pray for: *Lesley Hayes, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Peter Lee, Fr Luke, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medicott, Bridie Gittoes, Sr Philpa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Edna Ledford, Sue Rogers, Fr Michael Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.*

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Liturgy for Sunday 5th June *Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 10 OT)*

<p>10th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the world...</p> <p>Communion: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.</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	Hayes Family	Nickerson Family	Monica Russell & Marnie Archer
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Fran Smallwood	Frances Wood	Gabrielle Stanley
2 nd Reading	Jacqui R-Smith		Jane Davies
Bidding Prayer	Fran Grant		Peter Davies
Offertory	Children's Liturgy	Maria Large & Frances Riddell	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Julia Davey		Chris Moore
Mass Intention		Pro Populo	
Second Collection - Parish Outreach			
Food Bank Delivery: Kath Parry			

What's On for the week	
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: NO Midday Mass: Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	St Columba: Mass at 8:00 am.
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition & Midday Mass in the Oratory
Sat	St Barnabas: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am