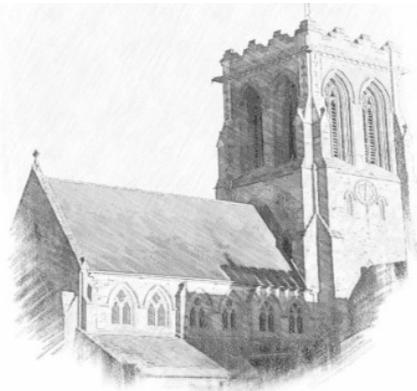


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th November 2017

31st Week Ordinary Time

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Welcome to November, these final weeks of the Church's year and a time of prayer for all our deceased. This is a very important part of our Catholic tradition. I would ask each of you to pray for your deceased loved ones with a joyful heart that God will indeed raise them up to share in his glorious life. We remember all those who have died, particularly members of our families and friends and pray that they may enter into God's heavenly kingdom. We ask the help of the saints, we believe that they remember us before God in heaven. Although God can act without these prayers, we believe that He regards them dearly, as a precious sign of the communion of believers.

This month, the parish is hosting the Christian Rise Theatre Company who are touring the country with their new play. Please put the date in your diary and have an enjoyable and thought provoking evening by coming along to their performance of '**Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador**'. On March 24th 1980, during Mass, Archbishop Oscar Romero was killed by a single bullet from an assassin. A modern day martyr created. The play will be held in Hedley Lodge on **Thursday 23rd November at 7.30 pm.**

Sale of DVDs and boxsets (some brand new) from 50p in Hedley Lodge and the Parish Centre after Masses today.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£424.08
	Standing Orders	£457.76

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

	2 nd Collection	£204.50
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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: **Catholic Education. Thank You!**



Parish Outreach - This week's collection will be for the Diocesan Clergy Welfare Appeal but the rest of November's Second Collections marked as Parish Outreach will be for local Hereford charities caring for the Homeless and the Hereford Food Bank



QUIZ SUPPER

Friday, 17th November 2017

at Hedley Lodge

6.45 for 7.00 pm

Fish/Vegetarian Options Available

Application slips can be had from

Folder in Foyer

Entry by ticket only - Your support for the Parish would be much appreciated



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 November
Diamond Diners
Three Horseshoes 12:45

17 November
Church Cleaning
9:00 am

23 November
Rise Theatre
Hedley Lodge 7:30 pm

26 Nov
Pay & Collect Tesco Vouchers

10 December
Christmas Draw

13 December
Retired Persons Lunch



Diamond Diners

Please be aware of the road works on the Abergavenny Road, which start on Monday, which will add to your journey time when coming to the Three Horseshoes on Tuesday.

Please leave in good time to ensure a prompt arrival. *Ray Rose*





Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy

If you have a relative or fellow parishioner in hospital and you know they would like to be visited by Fr. Matthew then please contact him with the details of the person concerned on 01432 265177 or fr.matthew@live.co.uk.



A special Mass is being celebrated as part of Aid to the Church in Need's campaign to highlight the injustice of Christian persecution at St. Joseph's Church, Bromyard on Wednesday November 22 at 10.00 am. Refreshments afterwards



It is with great sadness that we report the death of **David Wood** who died on Thursday after a very short illness. Please pray for him and his wife Pat and the family. May he rest in peace. The funeral will probably be on Monday 13 November at 2 pm.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year's Shoebox Appeal is now under way, leaflets are available in the porch. Please help spread the message of Christmas and change a child's life this year. A few small items and a lot of love are all that is required, surely we can each do that? If you need any help, advice, an empty shoebox or if you feel unable to fill a whole box but would like to contribute something, please speak to Kitty Nicholls. The deadline for completed boxes will be in the middle of November.



Each day during November, Holy Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls. At the entrance to the church you will find a special envelope for the Holy Souls. If you wish, you may list by name those you would especially like remembered at the altar during this month. Please hand your envelope to Fr Nicholas with your offering as soon as possible. These intentions will be remembered and left on the altar during November



Collections have already started for our **Christmas draw**. Please put your

name down if you would like to donate a prize, or part of a prize, towards the wonderful hampers that are put together for this Christmas draw. This fundraising event produces many wonderful hamper type prizes that the parish can win before Christmas.



Hereford Food Bank is always in need of the following: rice, fish, soup, baked beans, tinned cold meat, Smash, UHT milk, baby formula milk, baby shampoo, soap, wipes, shampoo and shower gel. Many thanks.



EMMAUS YOUTH

Emmaus Youth are next meeting at Our Lady's Parish Hall, 2.00-5.00 pm on Saturday 18 November; please note the slightly earlier start time. We are also meeting on Saturday 16 December 2.30-5.30 pm when we will also include our Christmas party. You are invited to share in some Praise and Worship, Liturgy, refreshments and time to socialize. Come and join us for some fun!!
Rob and Jacqui Corrigan, Annie Ridgway and Ben Aldridge 01432 352241 and 07739 566578 jacqui.corrigan@btopenworld.com



CARDIFF Diocese CAFOD Memorial Mass - Tuesday 7 November at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Hereford at 7 pm. All are welcome to join whether to remember CAFOD supporters or members of your own family, friends and community who have passed away. If you would like to add a name to our Book of Remembrance please get in touch: southwales@cafod.org.uk



The Angel

It is hoped to produce a **Christmas Angel**. If you have anything that could go in the Angel, please send it to the admin e-mail or hand in to Father Nicholas. Pictures are also welcome.



www.Angel@parish.co.uk



SFX Film Night

“Romero” on Friday 10 November at 7:15 in SFX Hall. Free admission. All welcome, refreshment interval.



Homily

“God’s message and not some human thinking.”

Illustration

A teacher reminded his students of an old joke about education. “You know the definition of education?” he said to them. “It is when the notes of the teacher become the notes of the student without passing through the head of either of them.” It is a serious point as well as a humorous one. We can fool ourselves that we are learning things simply because we are writing them down. But if we never take the time to think about what we write, then we have learned nothing except how to be parrots.

The same thing is true today about dialogue between people. We think we know what dialogue is and we probably think that we practise dialogue, when in fact all we are doing is talking. You talk and then I talk, but we don’t quite listen. Then we argue and then we fight. Many people think that dialogue has been tried and

found wanting, and so they stop believing in it. It is seen as more important today to speak your version of the truth loudly and to persuade others to follow your way. Our modern world has even been called a “post-truth society”. Since no one can agree on the truth, some people think it is better to develop your own propaganda and to make the images and the sound bites that will get you what you want. Modern media and politicians are very aware of these powerful forces for shaping the world.

Gospel Teaching

In today’s Gospel Jesus speaks to us about the failings of the scribes and Pharisees, the leaders of his time. What he has to say is valid for all time and for all in authority. Government and authority are worthy of our respect and cooperation, but we need to be awake to the weaknesses of human nature. People in power can become uncaring of others, especially of those who are poor, and people in power can become addicted to the advantages and privileges that come with the job.

What is true of those in public office is also true of ourselves in our own little areas of power. How often parents or teachers can become authoritarian in attitude towards the children in their

care. How often people in the workplace can become rigid and rude in dealing with fellow workers. And the same can all too easily become true within the Church too, in the relationship between clergy and people. It is easy for individuals to become dictators in their own backyard.

Jesus gives emphasis to not bossing others. We are to be servants of one another. "At your service" is a great motto and a great attitude to have in life. It encourages us to be receptive of other people and not so self-obsessed. St Paul applauds the Thessalonians because they accepted the Gospel as a message from God. They listened to it and took it to heart.

Application

Pope Francis asks us to consider the conversation in John's Gospel between Jesus and the woman at Jacob's well. It is a perfect dialogue. How carefully Jesus listens. How little he interrupts. How much he allows the woman to say who she is. How Jesus takes his time with this woman in order that they may both understand one another. They trade observations and comments, sharing them and not knocking down what the other person says. In that meeting the first thing that is achieved is a sense of honour and respect between

the parties. Differences of view and differences of opinion are not a problem. No one is trying to force their view onto the other. No one is trying to dominate or to win the argument. It is matter of finding the way to the truth that both can share. Too often we interrupt and shout down the voice of others because we fear their views will clash or destroy our own.

The Gospel, St Paul reminds us, is not some human thinking. It is not a particular philosophy or social theory that we can agree or disagree about. The Gospel is a message from the living God. It is a challenge to us every day of our lives. The challenge for us is to practise what is taught to us by the Lord. It is a living power that will purify our hearts and heal our relationships with one another – if we will allow it to enter our head and our heart.



Ministers, etc. for next Sunday 12 November - 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Cycle 1

	08:30	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Kath Parry	Nickerson Family	Rita Chamberlain & Marnie Archer
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Julia Davey	Paul Nickhold	Margaret Rose
2 nd Reading	Ann Jackson		Sally Johns
Bidding Prayers	Mary Hayes		Rob Corrigan
Offertory	Hayes Family	Gillick Family	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees & Seamus Hayes		Tony Archer & Andre Pavia
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach			

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	
	05-Nov	Pat Wood & Rob Blackburn
	12-Nov	Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman
	19-Nov	A Morawiecki & Pauline Gill
	26-Nov	Jackie King & Mary Wood
	03-Dec	Jacqui Moore & Rachel Cowdery

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

Deaths: David Wood, Rachel George and R D Anthony osb

Anniversaries: Mary Ballinger, Gladys Corr, Violet Morrissey, Ann Walsh, Ralph Hughes, Very Rev Fr Hugh Menken OSB, Ada Whiting, Monica Carney, Harold Davies, Henry Hatless, Cecil Evans, Conway Hill, Hilda Sterckx, John Michael Preston, Peter Rosser, Irena Sikora, Joseph Buckeridge, Leo Oddie and Cecil Wegg-Prosser.

The Sick: Please pray for: Gil Savory, Jennifer Hackman, Liz Norman, Basil Nickerson, Sam Evans, Denise Ellis, Michael Kennedy, Chris & Sue Rogers, Peter Draper, Norma Naudain, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Lillian Allsop, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Elaine White, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 5 November 2017 *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 31)*

<p>31st Week</p> <p>In</p> <p>Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the world</p> <p>Communion: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.</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	Annette Mansie	Patrick Walesby	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Richard Batho	Clare Nickerson	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Fran Grant		Sergio Pavia
Bidding Prayer	Mary Hayes		Lucy Reed
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Anthea Morton-S & Menna McBain	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Jacqui Ramage-S & Julia Dave		Rob Corrigan & Joao Pavia
Mass Intention	Harold Davies RIP	Roger Maund-Powell RIP	Seb Wood RIP
Second Collection - Diocesan Clergy Welfare Appeal			
Food Bank Collection: Chris Moore			
What's On for the week			
Mon	Deceased Relatives & Benefactors of the EBC: Mass at 8:00 am		
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am		
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am; Midday Mass in the Oratory		
Thu	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: Mass at 8:00 am		
Fri	St Leo the Great: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 followed by Midday Mass		
Sat	St Martin of Tours: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am		