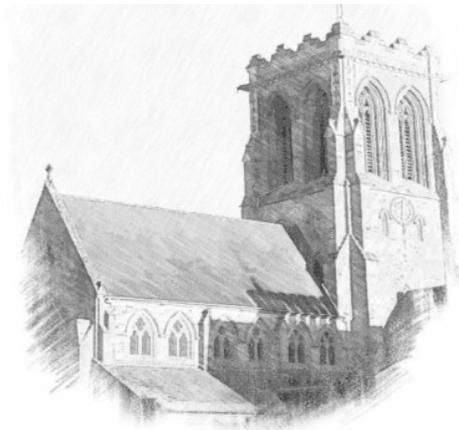


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th August 2016

19th Sunday

In Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

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This is holiday time for many people. You can always tell by the number of people who are away during the summer – and by the new strange faces we see in Church. Vacations are times when we can relax and reflect and enter into a new kind of pace that will help us see our lives in a different way. Jesus says: "Come to me, all you who labour and overburdened and I will give you rest." Vacation time, wherever it is taken, can and should be a time to be re-created. We certainly see it as a time to be renewed physically ... how about spiritually? May our holiday time be also a time for re-focusing on Christ - and the peace and strength He brings. Perhaps we could also make a special effort to welcome those people who are in our midst as visitors or tourists over these next few weeks.

The summer edition of the Angel is now available in the porch and parish centre. Thank you to all our contributors, editors and collators.

No children's liturgy of the Word during August. Don't forget we are always looking for new volunteers to lead or merely help with these sessions. Please see Fr Nicholas for more details.

Fr Nicholas

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£309.60
	Standing Orders	£412.50
The 1 st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 nd Collection	£119.98
The 2 nd 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>		



Tea & Chat

The dates for forthcoming meetings are: August 16th, September 20th, October 18th, November 15th. Meet in the Parish Centre starting at 2:30 pm.

Diamond Diners

The dates for forthcoming dinners are: September 6th, November 1st, December 6th. Meet at the Three Horseshoes, Allensmore at 1.00 pm.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

This year the Coffee Morning is on Friday 30th September. As I shall only just be back from the Belmont Pilgrimage to Rome, I do not feel able to organise it. I have been hosting it for several years now and feel it would be good for someone else to take over. It would be great if someone came forward to organise support for this very worthwhile cause. We usually raise about £300+ which is all spent locally. Most of us know of someone who has benefited from the MacMillan Nurses. Please contact me on 01432 376782 and I will pass on all the contacts and information necessary to run a very enjoyable Coffee Morning.

Many thanks *Margaret Rose*



The 25th - 29th of August are the dates for **Youth 2000's Walsingham retreat 2016!** A 5 day Prayer Festival, packed with dynamic talks, live-band worship, powerful prayer services, fun social activities, and loads more with over a thousand other young Catholics from the UK. With top speakers from the USA and all over the country, all descending on the National shrine of Walsingham. For more details on the festival, e-mail: info@youth2000.org or find us on Facebook.



Rotherwas Chapel

On Monday 15th August the Mass of the Assumption will be celebrated in Rotherwas Chapel by Abbot Paul at 11 am. This will be the first Mass to be

said since 1914 in this beautiful, historic Catholic chapel, formerly belonging to the Bodenham family of Rotherwas House, and so an important occasion for the Catholic community in Hereford. All are welcome. Further information: bmwarde@aol.com.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 13 August
7:30 pm
Concert in Abbey Church

Tuesday 16 August
2:30
Tea & Chat
Parish Hall

Friday 19 August
9:00 am
Church Cleaning

Sunday 21 August
Collect & Pay for
Tesco Vouchers

Friday 2 September
9:00 am
Church Cleaning



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!



Would you like to help the Welsh Georgian Trust to buy the 'Gunter Mansion' in Abergavenny? The Mansion is an important part of Catholic heritage: both St. Philip Evans and St. David Lewis said Mass in the chapel hidden in the attic. Learn more about the significance of the house, and the project to secure it, online: tinyurl.com/GunterMansion.



Annual Pilgrimage to the grave of St John Kemble – Sunday 21st August, 3.00 pm Welsh Newton Graveyard, followed by Benediction in St. Mary's Church, Monmouth. Fr. Matthew will be preaching.





Concert of Gregorian Chant and Organ Music at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 13th August, 7.30 pm.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Morawiecki who passed away on Friday after a long illness. The funeral was Saturday 6th August. Please also remember the Morawiecki family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.



HOMILY

“You too must stand ready.”

Illustration

All over the world, huge numbers of people are on the move. Whether we call them migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, it is estimated that the world has not seen the current level of migration since the end of the Second World War. There are people fleeing conflict in Syria and Iraq, crowding onto boats to get across the Mediterranean; encampments around the French ports at the English Channel, made up of both political and economic migrants from Africa

and the Middle East; the ongoing migration from Southern and Central America continues to be a major political issue in the USA; there is controversy over the treatment of migrants trying to get into Australia who are diverted to camps in other areas in the region. Fences have been built and strengthened in parts of Europe, while the border between the USA and Mexico is under constant surveillance.

All these people on the move are desperately seeking a new homeland – a place where the essentials of life can be guaranteed: safety, freedom, food and clean water, education and health care, opportunity, equality. Often the journeys undertaken are long and hazardous, and it is open to question whether the countries at the end of their journey will in fact prove to be the hospitable homes that the migrants dream of.

Gospel Teaching

That universal longing for a safe and permanent homeland is one that finds an echo in all of our readings today. The letter to the Hebrews speaks of the faith of Abraham and Sarah as they leave their old home and place their trust in God’s promises of a new homeland and an enduring legacy – descendants beyond counting. We are told that though Abraham and Sarah could

never see that promise fulfilled in their own lifetime, they nevertheless placed their trust in God as they looked to the ultimate homeland of heaven where all God's promises would come to completion.

The book of Wisdom recalls the night of the first Passover, when the oppressed people of Israel were liberated by God from slavery in a foreign land so that they could make their long journey to their homeland. The people need courage for their journey and they stand in solidarity with each other, sharing the danger, as they prepare for their liberation. The journey to their homeland is a matter for the whole community.

And in the Gospel Jesus tells his "little flock" not to be afraid – the Father has already given them the kingdom. They have a homeland awaiting them. But there is a note of caution struck: the people have to be ready, prepared, actively about their master's business, living faithfully according to his commands, if they are to be ready to greet the master when he returns.

Application

That longing for a homeland lies deep within each of us. Jesus promises that the Father has prepared the kingdom for us. But he tells us to be prepared, ready for this homeland. How do we

do that? Jesus warns us that we have been entrusted by God with tasks and responsibilities – and that if in the meantime we start to act selfishly, greedily or violently, then we will be denied entry to the promised land.

The first reading speaks of the people sharing the dangers together. That sense of solidarity is surely the entry visa we need to access the homeland we all long for. It is the solidarity of knowing that we have one common Father – that we are brothers and sisters who need to care for each other. That when we feed those who are hungry, clothe those who are naked, visit those who are sick and welcome those who are strangers, then we are storing treasure for ourselves in heaven and are on the right path to the kingdom. If we live out of this sense of belonging to a single human family, there can be no barriers, no fences, no "them and us"; just the solidarity of one single community, because it is as a community – a people – that we are saved, not as a random grouping of individuals.

Are we journeying on the way to the kingdom, or will we be denied entry? To answer that, we can simply look at our lives to see if are we travelling alone or in genuine fellowship with others, living for ourselves or leading a life of service, building up fences or

creating community. Such solidarity is all the preparation we need to make for our homecoming.



Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin and Martyr was born in 1891 in Breslau, Poland and was the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She was an outstanding student and was well versed in philosophy with a particular interest in phenomenology. Eventually she became interested in the Catholic Faith, and in 1922, she was baptized at the Cathedral Church in Cologne, Germany. Eleven years later Edith entered the Cologne Carmel. Because of the ramifications of politics in Germany, Edith, whose name in religion was Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was sent to the Carmel at Echt, Holland. When the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested, and, with her sister Rose, was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Teresa died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942 at the age of fifty-one. In 1987, she was beatified in the large outdoor soccer stadium in Cologne by Pope John Paul II. Out of the unspeakable human suffering caused by the Nazis in Western Europe in the 1930's and 1940's, there blossomed the beautiful life of dedication, consecration, prayer, fasting, and penance of Saint Teresa.

Even though her life was snuffed out by the evil of genocide, her memory stands as a light undimmed in the midst of evil, darkness, and suffering. She was canonized on October 11, 1998.



Quotes from St Teresa Benedicta

And when night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him.

Usually one gets a heavier cross when one attempts to get rid of an old one.

Energy apparently increases with the amount of work to be done. When nothing of burning urgency is waiting, it decreases much sooner. Heaven seems to understand such economy.

We can do nothing ourselves; God must do it. To speak to Him thus is easier by nature for woman than for man because a natural desire lives in her to give herself completely to someone.



Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 14th August- Assumption of Our Lady Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Clare Wichbold	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Adrian Eyre	Polly Maund-Powell	Monica Tomlin
2 nd Reading	Richard Batho		Tony Archer
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui Ramage-S		Sally Johns
Offertory	Hayes Family	Teresa Harris & Menna McBain	
Extraordinary Ministers	Frances Dees & Julia Davey		Rob Corrigan

Next Sunday - Parish Outreach

<p><i>Cistercian Cloister: the School of Love</i> <i>August 15-18 (Reg Fee £28 & £22</i> <i>Transport/Entry)</i> <i>Reflections on St Bernard and the great</i> <i>Cistercian saints and a visit to Tintern Abbey</i> <i>Dom Brendan, Dom Bernard, Dom Alistair</i></p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 am Children's Liturgy - 4 Sept	
	11.00 am Liturgy	
	No Children's Liturgy in August	
	For 8:30 am or 11:00 am Masses	

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 7 August)

Deaths: Robert Moriwiecki, Peter Lee, Father Jerome, Shaun Harrington, Edna Ledford and Fr Luke.

Anniversaries: Mike Ball, Nigel Dees, Charles Forrester, John Michael Bell, Charles Edward Meredith, Charles Williams, Benjamin Carmody, Philomena Hickman, Sr Monica, Cedric Ramos, Mona Williams, Lilian Bradley, Piotr Hutnik, Maude Jones, Len George Langford, Bridget Williams and Mother Catherine CP.

The Sick: Please pray for: Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Eddie Wyman, Bernard Johnson, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, Syliva Evans, David Kinsey, Polly Maund-Powell, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Duncan Sykes, Margaret O'Connor, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Valerie Blake, Sr Trish, Edward Medicott, Sr Philipa, Teresa Chowles, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Fr Michael Cronin, Elaine Campbell, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

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Liturgy for Sunday 7th August Sunday Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 19 OT)

<p>19th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God and defend your cause and forget not the cries of those who seek you.</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the world ...</p> <p>Communion: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who give you your fill of finest wheat.</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	Annette Mansie	Brenda Warde	Marnie Archer & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Julia Davey	Menna McBain	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Fran Grant		Margaret Rose
Bidding Prayer	Ann Jackson		Marje Hayes
Offertory	Hayes Family	Maria Large & Frances Riddle	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Gabrielle Stanley
Mass Intention	R. Morawiecki RIP	Pro Populo	Sheila Langford
Second Collection - Parish Outreach			
Food Bank Delivery: Chris Moore			

What's On for the week	
Mon	St Dominic: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	St Laurence: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory: Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	St Clare of Assisi: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition and Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am