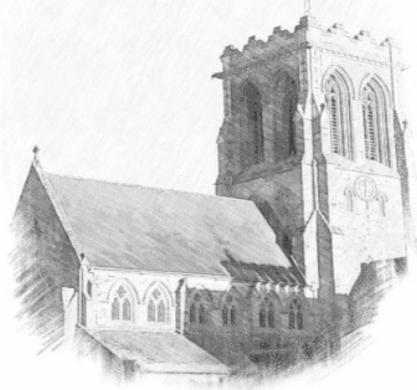


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week 14 Ordinary Time

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Congratulations to all our young people who were confirmed last week. It was another very special parish occasion. A special thank you to our catechists Chris Moore, and Eddie & Jan Wyman for all their hard work over the last few months.

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Many of us have never stopped to consider how important seafarers are to our standard of living. Without them we would not have most of the items we use in our everyday lives. Many of these seafarers are unable to practise their faith due to long periods away from home, whilst others are denied basic rights and working conditions that we take for granted.

Today's second collection is our opportunity to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain.

Fr Nicholas

Welcome to Belmont Abbey. If you are a visitor here and would like to Gift Aid your offertory collection, please collect an envelope from the Porch. Thank you!

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£452.74
	Standing Orders	£581.00
The 1 st collection goes towards the maintenance of our Abbey church and parish, diocesan levies and other related costs.		
	2 nd Collection	£273.35
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 Peter's Pence. Thank You		



Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy

If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from Fr Matthew, please let him know on 01432 265177 / fr.matthew@live.co.uk.



If you are not able to get a newsletter - remember that you can go to our website to find out what is going on in the parish. Website address is on the first page.



For Sale

An old but working microwave for £5. It is in the Parish Hall. Money to to the parish.



Dates for your diary

13 July
Church Cleaning
9:00 am

Tea & Chat
July 17th

Parish Party
19 August



St Michael's Hospice - Wheelie Big Cycle

On Sunday 15th July I am cycling 58 miles at the Wheelie Big Cycle event in aid of St Michael's Hospice. If you would like to donate to this cause, please visit my JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-moore38> or I'll be happy to accept cheques or cash. Many thanks for your support, Chris Moore.



This year's Summer Parish Lunch Party will be on Sunday 19th August. Details to follow.



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NOAH'S CAMP

A Catholic family camp set in rural Gloucestershire (near Dymock). 13th to 17th August 2018. Youth and children's activities, live worship band, inspiring talks. For more information see our website:- www.noahscamp.co.uk or phone 07961 346343.

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EMMAUS YOUTH are having their next meeting on Saturday 14 July from 2.30-5.30 pm at Our Lady's church hall. We would also like to invite current Year 6's to an open session where they can join us for faith, fun and friendship. For information please call Jacqui on 01432 352241 or email emmaus.youth@hotmail.com.

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New Rota of ministries

A new rota of ministries is due for the period 5 August to and including 25 November. I would be grateful if you could let me have your non-available dates as soon as possible. You can contact me on 01432 266307 or by e-mail frangrant235@btinternet.com

If anyone could help with Welcoming at the 8:30 or 11 Mass, we would be grateful. Many thanks for your help. *Fran*

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Hereford Food Bank UK is in desperate need of the following items: Tinned meat, Tinned veg, Pasta sauce, Jam, Smash (instant mashed potatoes), tinned fruit, rice pudding. Toiletries - Shampoo, Body wash, Soap and Toilet rolls.

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Congratulations to Paul Brady and Laura Malins who were married in the Abbey church yesterday. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their new life together.

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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to the GRAVE of SAINT JOHN KEMBLE

Sunday 19th AUGUST 2018

10.15 am Monmouth to Welsh Newton; Pilgrims set off to walk to Welsh Newton from St Mary's Church, Monmouth after 9.15 a.m. Mass. Everybody welcome - bring a packed lunch.

3.00 pm Welsh Newton; We meet for Rosary, Readings and Prayers at

St. John Kemble's Grave in the Churchyard at Welsh Newton.

4.15 pm Monmouth: Benediction follows in St Mary's Church, and afterwards tea will be served in the garden, and produce sold. All enquiries to: Pilgrimage Secretary: Mrs M Walsh (01600) 713316



Walsingham Association

Ledbury & Belmont Abbey Group

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25 July at Belmont Abbey, commencing at 5.55 pm with Vespers in the Abbey Church.

Walsingham Dowry Tour is coming to Belmont Abbey on 11, 12 and 13 October 2018. Please remember the dates! More information will be available nearer the time.



Homily

"A prophet is only despised in his own country."

Illustration

In the 1980's, Mikhail Gorbachev was First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, his country's leader. In 1990, he was elected as its president. Margaret

Thatcher was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Mr Gorbachev introduced liberalising reforms in the Soviet Union, greatly reduced the tension between his country and the Western world, and granted many European nations independence from Soviet control. He allowed the demolition of the Berlin Wall and the subsequent reunification of Germany.

As a result he enjoyed great popularity in Britain; the term "Gorbymania" was coined to describe the adulation he received when he visited London. However, he was not so popular in his own country, where many of his own people felt humiliated by the concessions he made to the West. Mrs Thatcher, on the other hand, was greatly admired in the Soviet Union, but was less popular in her own country, where many of her policies deeply divided public opinion. Someone wrote to *The Times* newspaper suggesting that if Mr Gorbachev and Mrs Thatcher would only swap countries, everybody would be happy.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus also encountered opposition and unpopularity in his own country. We see in today's Gospel that the people in his home town of Nazareth would not accept him, and that their lack of faith prevented him from

performing any great miracle there. He remarked, "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house." According to Luke's Gospel the people of his home town were so enraged with him and his teaching that they tried to throw him over a cliff, but he faced them down and escaped. On the other hand, Jesus sometimes found great faith among people who were not of his own country or race or religion, such as the Samaritan leper whom he cured, or the Roman centurion of whom he said, "I tell you solemnly, nowhere in Israel have I found faith like this"; or again, the Canaanite woman whose daughter he healed, telling her, "Woman, you have great faith."

The apostles, when they began to preach after Jesus' resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, were to find that the Gentiles responded far more readily to the message of the Gospel than did the people of Jesus' – and their – own race. Paul and Barnabas were moved by exasperation to say to the Jewish people of Antioch in Pisidia, "We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans."

Application

We might do well to keep these examples in mind in our attempts to proclaim the Gospel today. Many of us, of course, are glad to support the missions in faraway countries, but closer to home, if we attempt to spread the Gospel outside the doors of our churches at all, we tend to address our message to what we might call the fringes of our own church community: those who come to Mass at Christmas and Easter, those who send their children to our schools, those who have fallen away from the regular practice of the faith. Indeed, what passes for evangelisation is often no more than an attempt to reclaim lapsed Catholics. The trouble with that approach is that these people have heard the preaching of the Gospel already.

We might do better to follow the exhortation made on various occasions during his papacy by St John Paul II – "*Duc in altum*", that is, "Put out into the deep." These words come from Jesus' instruction to the disciples, fishing without success on the lake, that they should, "Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch." The result for them, on that occasion, was that they caught an enormous number of fish. Pope Francis has echoed this call, urging us all to be willing to go out from our

churches and bring the message of the joy of the Gospel to all people. If we heed this call and boldly proclaim the Gospel to people of other religions or none, or of very different cultures from our own, we might well experience greater success. Such at least was the experience of Jesus and his apostles.



Feast of St Benedict 11 July

St. Benedict, the Father of Western monasticism and brother of Scholastica, is considered the patron of speleologists (cave explorers). He was born in Nursia, Italy and educated in Rome. He was repelled by the vices of the city and in about the year 500, fled to Enfide, thirty miles away. He decided to live the life of a hermit and settled at the mountainous Subiaco, where he lived in a cave for three years, fed by a monk named Romanus. Despite Benedict's desire for solitude, his holiness and austerities became known and he was asked to be their abbot by a community of monks at Vicovaro. He accepted, but when the monks resisted his strict rule and tried to poison him, he returned to Subiaco and became a centre of spirituality and learning. He left suddenly, reportedly because of the efforts of a neighbouring priest, Florentius, to undermine his work,

and in about 525, settled at Monte Cassino. He destroyed pagan temple to Apollo on its crest, brought the people of the neighbouring area back to Christianity, and in about 530 began to build the monastery that was to be the birthplace of Western monasticism. Soon disciples again flocked to him as his reputation for holiness, wisdom, and miracles spread far and wide. He organized the monks into a single monastic community and wrote his famous Rule prescribing common sense, a life of moderate asceticism, prayer, study and work and community life under one superior. It stressed obedience, stability, zeal, and had the Divine Office as the centre of monastic life; it was to affect spiritual and monastic life in the West for centuries to come. While ruling his monks (most of whom, including Benedict, were not ordained), he counselled rulers and Popes, ministered to the poor and destitute about him, and tried to repair the ravages of the Lombard Totila's invasion. He died at Monte Cassino on March 21 and was named patron protector of Europe by Pope Paul VI in 1964. His feast day is July 11.



Ministries for next <u>Sunday 15 July 2018</u> 15 Sunday in OT Year B Cycle 2			
	08:30:	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Liz Norman	Nickerson Family	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Ann Jackson	Clare Wichbold	Pat Wood
2 nd Reading	Bill Jackson		Liz Morawiecki
Bidding Prayers	Mary Hayes		Niamh Coyle
Offertory	Hayes Family	Anthea Morton-S & Maria Large	
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Eddie & Fran Smallwood		Deacon Eddie & Chris Moore
Next Sunday: Hereford Food Bank			

Low Mass in the Extraordinary Rite (Tridentine Mass) is usually celebrated here at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sunday afternoons at 4 pm.	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	08-Jul	Pat Wood & Jan Wyman
	15-Jul	Andrew M & Mary Wood
		School Holidays

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 8 July)

Deaths: *Dominique Wetz, Catherine Craig, Claire George and Lillian Allsopp*

Anniversaries: *Dom Andrew Baker osb, Mary Barber, Pauline Cassin, Raleigh Chichester, Dom Ambrose Perrins osb, Joan Hann, Elizabeth Kenway, Sean Harrington, Dom Cuthbert Bennett osb, Arthur Chichester, Thomas Crump, Gertrude Daniel, Dom Jerome Hodgkinson osb, Frederick Henry Harris, Mary Owen, Susan Rosser and Dom Philip Jackson osb*

The Sick: Please pray for: *Delia Swainson, Sally Johns, Neal Harries, Kenny Hanna, Fr Aidan, Rachel Thompson, Robin Hayward, Gil Savory, Denise Ellis, Chris & Sue Rogers, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Joanne Savory, Dame Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.*

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<h1>14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time</h1>	<p>Entrance: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the world ...</p> <p>Communion: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.</p>
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Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.			
	08:30:	09:30	11:00:
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Cooper Family	Phyll Buckley	Monica Russell & Marnie Archer
Sacristan			Tony Archer
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Sally Johns	Pat Draper
2 nd Reading	Julia Davey		Jacqui Corrigan
Bidding Prayer	Richard Batho		tba
Offertory	Hickey Boys	Gillick Family	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Kath Parry & Jacqui Ramage-S		Deacon Eddie & Chris Moore
Mass Intention		<i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
Second Collection: Apostleship of the Sea			
Food Bank Collection: Kath Parry			

What's On for the week	
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	St Benedict: Mass at 8 am: Midday Mass in the Oratory
Thu	Feria: Mass at 8 am
Fri	St Henry: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Mass at 12 noon in Oratory
Sat	BVM: Mass at 8 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10 am