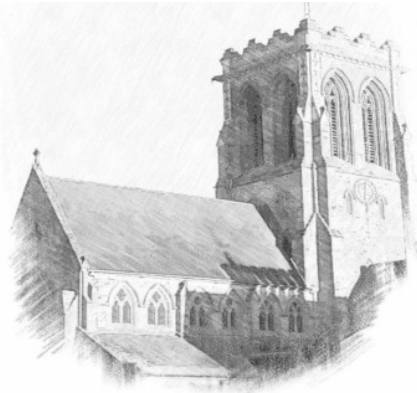


# ***St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey***



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**27<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

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St Paul in today's Epistle advises us that we need to fill our hearts and minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good. To truly bear good fruit we need to listen to the voice of the Lord, to read his words, to follow his ways, to live in his presence daily. We may think this is impossible - but the Lord knows we are not perfect, but he loves us precisely because we are weak and often foolish. He came to us because we needed him! The way of the Lord is rarely easy but if we are to bear fruit at all, then we must seek to do it in his name and following his example.

The prayer of our Mass today is that we will receive the grace to open our hearts to the prophetic voice of Jesus and become a people who produce abundant good fruit in accord with God's will. We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard. Yet, we need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety.

The second collection today is the Autumn Harvest Cafod collection.

Fr Nicholas is away on his summer holiday. Unfortunately there will be no Midday Masses during this period.

Don't forget tea and coffee are available in Hedley Lodge after the 9:30 and 9:30 Masses and in Parish Hall after 11 Mass.

*Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	<b>£660.33</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>£144.23</b>
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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: **Parish Outreach. Thank You!**



**Parish Outreach** - During October, our second collections will be for Cafod (8 Oct), the CBM Charity, formerly known as the Christian Blind Mission (15 Oct), the annual mandatory collection on World Mission Sunday (22 Oct) and a collection supporting Catholic education on 29 Oct.



### Thank You

To all who helped make the Jumble Sale such a success. Hard work but again we raised a goodly amount. As we could now do with a break please **DO NOT** bring anything for either jumble or fete until we ask you again. Many thanks.



**Hereford Food Bank** is in desperate need of the following: Rice, Fish, Soup,

Baked beans, Tinned cold meat, Smash, UHT Milk, Baby formula milk, Baby washing products - shampoo, soap, wipes, Shampoo and Shower gel. Many thanks.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**17 October**

Tea & Chat - Parish Hall

2:30 - 4:00 pm

**20 October**

Church Cleaning

9:00

**29 October**

Collect & Pay

For Tesco Vouchers

**17 November**

Quiz Night

Hedley Lodge 7:00 pm

**23 November**

Rise Theatre

Hedley Lodge 7:30 pm



### RED MISSIO BOXES

It is collection time again, please give your red boxes to your promoter or give them to me at church, I go to the 8.30 mass but can wait to meet you at the start of the 9.30 if that helps. Please hand them in by 29 October.

If there is a problem and you'd like me to come and collect from you just give me a ring on 01885 488388.

emmausyouth@hotmail.com



If you would like a Red Box and you haven't already got one again contact me and I can issue you with one.

### Parish finances

Every bit helps for this charity so please do not be embarrassed if you only have a small amount your box.

If you would like Standing Order or Gift Aid forms, or would like more information about our other revenue projects (Tesco Vouchers, 150 Club etc.) please speak to Fr Nicholas or put your name on the information request sheet in the porch.



### 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 – H. 265177 or [fr.matthew@live.co.uk](mailto:fr.matthew@live.co.uk). For the time being Fr. Matthew is absolutely dependant on receiving this information from relations and friends, it is not available via the hospital.

In two weeks time the old £1 coin will cease to be legal tender. I suggest you search those bottom drawers and down the back of sofas for all these old coins. Please do not put them in collection bags after 8<sup>th</sup> October as the banks will no longer accept them.



**Emmaus Youth** next meet on Saturday 14 October & 18 November from 2:30-5:30 at Our Lady's parish hall. You are invited to share in some praise and worship, liturgy, refreshments and time to socialize. Come and join us for some fun!! Rob & Jacqui Corrigan, Annie Ridgway & Ben Aldridge 01432 352241;07739 566578 [jacqui.corrigan@btopenworld.com](mailto:jacqui.corrigan@btopenworld.com) or

There will be a concert of Russian religious and folk music by the famous Russian choir VOSKRESH. It's on Sunday 15th October at 3 pm in the Abbey Church.



### 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.



Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to our **Macmillan Coffee** event last Friday. We had an enjoyable afternoon and raised £220.00 for this very worthwhile cause.

*Jan Wyman*



### **TRIANON MUSIC GROUP**

On Thursday, 26th October, at 7.30 pm in the Abbey Church the Trianon Music Group from Cambridge will be giving a concert of choral and instrumental music.

There will be over 60 performers. Admission is free, but there will be a "retiring collection" towards the work of the Belmont Community in Peru. All are welcome



### *A Gentle Reminder from Pope Francis*

This life will go by fast.

Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware; don't save your favourite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favourite sport shoes; repeat your favourite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect...look...

Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn.

So take this challenge that is life and do it now... love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen.



### Homily

*"The kingdom of God will be taken from you."*

### Illustration

The American politician Adlai Stevenson II was born in 1900 and died in London in 1965. He was an able and intelligent politician, and a gifted speaker. The last four years of his life he spent as US Ambassador to the United Nations. After his death, the writer and broadcaster Alistair Cooke said of Stevenson, "What he left behind was something more splendid, in a public man, than a record of power. It was simply an impression of goodness. He had mastered the art, far more difficult and rarer than that of a successful politician, writer, musician, actor: success as a human being."

When he was a boy of twelve Stevenson had been involved in a tragedy. He accidentally shot dead a

sixteen-year-old friend while demonstrating drill technique with a rifle that had been accidentally left loaded. Stevenson was devastated by this event. Years later, in 1955, he heard of a woman whose son had experienced a similar tragedy. He wrote to her and told her to tell her son that "he must live for two". Here we have an insight into the spiritual force that lifted Stevenson into the ways of justice and goodness that came to mark his life. "We will not lose faith in the United Nations," he said in 1952. "We want it to become what it was intended to be – a world society of nations under law, not merely law backed by force, but law backed by justice and popular consent."

### Gospel Teaching

The integrity and the spiritual vision of an Adlai Stevenson are missing in characters portrayed in the Gospel story we read today. Jesus is telling a parable to the chief priests and elders of his time, but it is not just a story. It is the foretelling of the deceitful and murderous intentions of his listeners, who before long will turn to violence in order to rid themselves of this turbulent preacher. The story Jesus tells describes workers in a vineyard who, although they are tenant workers, behave as if they owned the place. When the owner, now abroad, sends servants to collect the produce,

these workers are not impressed. It is their land now, they feel. The owner is not here. We do the work. We make the rules. They claim what they feel is theirs by violent action.

The parable will be played out most cruelly when Jesus is arrested, put on trial and sent to his death. Perhaps the elders, listening to the story, did not believe that they would do such a thing and did not recognise themselves in the tale. But the story came true and they did commit a crime of violence. For when people feel threatened by someone else they quickly resort to arms to defend what they feel is theirs, rightly or wrongly. Any climate of fear breeds repression and we will justify our actions simply because we are afraid.

### **Application**

The teaching of the Lord for us today in a world where fear and favour jostle for advantage is that we persevere in goodness and never let go of it. In the face of the forces gathering against him, Jesus reminds his listeners of the old saying, "It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone." Violence will never win the day. Wrongdoing contains within itself the seed of its own destruction, and the Lord who went to the cross rose that we might live.

St Paul, writing to the Philippians, promotes this way of goodness today. "Fill your minds with everything that is true," he tells us, "everything that can be thought virtuous." "Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me," he says. It is in this way that the God of peace will always be with us. This is no easy commitment and we will need stout hearts to do as Paul urges us.

In our own times the temptation to act like the workers in the vineyard is ever present, to resort to power politics to sort out the world. Let the words of Adlai Stevenson be heard again. He said, "The early years of the United Nations have been difficult ones, but what did we expect? That peace would drift down from the skies like soft snow? That there would be no ordeal, no anguish, no testing, in this greatest of all human undertakings?" Let prayer be our habit so that peace may be our reward.



<b>Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 15 October - 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Cycle 1</u></b>			
	<b>08:30</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Celebrant			
Welcomers	Kath Parry	Desmond Keohane	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Fran Smallwood	Clare Wichbold	Sergio Pavia
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Fran Grant		Niamh Coyle
Bidding Prayers	Richard Batho		Pat Wood
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Maria Large & Menna McBain	
Extraordinary Ministers	Jacqui Ramage-S & Julia Davey		Gabrielle Stanley & Monica Tomlin
<b>Next Sunday - Parish Outreach (Christian Blind Mission)</b>			

<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>		
	These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.	<b>8- Oct</b>	Jackie King & Monica Russell
		<b>15 -Oct</b>	Andrew M & Pauline Gill
		<b>22 Oct</b>	No Children's Liturgy
		<b>29-Oct</b>	No Children's Liturgy
		<b>05-Nov</b>	Pat Wood & Rob Blackburn

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

**Deaths:** Rachel George, R D Anthony osb, Jo Berry, Kevin Hanna and Sr Phillipa.

**Anniversaries:** Philip Wetz, Helena Spolnik, Monica Day, Cyril Lewis, Derek Stanley, Margaret Patricia Harris, Scholastica Lewis, Carolyn Cotterell. Dom Wulstan Probert osb, Pamela Turle, Dorothy Lewis, Peter Cole, Edward Kenny, Dom Francis McKenna osb, Edward Rosser, Anna Tulacz and Frederick Fox.

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

**Liturgy for Sunday 8 October 2017** *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 27)*

<p><b>27<sup>th</sup> Week In Ordinary Time</b></p>	<p><b>Entrance:</b> Within your will, O Lord, all things are established and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are Lord of all.</p> <p><b>Acclamation:</b> When we eat this Bread .....</p> <p><b>Communion:</b> The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.</p>
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<b>Principal Celebrants, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, etc.</b>			
	08:30 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Jonathan		Fr Jonathan
Welcomer	Annette Mansie	Anne Stapleton	Hackman Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S	Menna McBain	Tony Archer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Julia Davey		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayer	Adrian Eyre		Jacqui Corrigan
Offertory	Hayes Family	Frances Riddell & Teresa Harriss	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Fran Smallwood		Joao & Andre Pavia
Mass Intention	<b><i>Phillip Wetz RIP</i></b>	<b><i>Pro Populo</i></b>	<b><i>Theresa Moore &amp; Charlie Wheeler</i></b>
<b>Second Collection - CAFOD</b>			
<b>Food Bank Collection: Kath Parry</b>			

<b><i>What's On for the week</i></b>	
Mon	<b>Bl John Henry Newman:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	<b>Feria:</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	<b>Feria :</b> Mass at 8:00 am: <b>NO Midday Mass in Oratory:</b> Tridentine Mass at 7 pm
Thu	<b>St Wilfrid :</b> Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	<b>St Edward the Confessor:</b> : Mass at 8 am: <b>NO Exposition or Midday Mass</b>
Sat	<b>BVM:</b> Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am