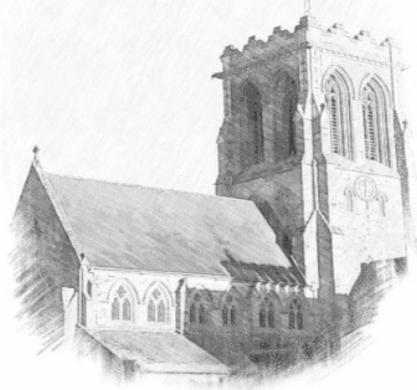


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

9 July 2017

**14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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Today, we welcome our parish children who are making their First Holy Communion. This is a wonderful occasion for these children and their families. Today, they receive the greatest of all gifts and are united to the Lord in a very special way. Please remember Joseph Batstone, Mansi Jassal, Phoebe Seymour, Seth Smallwood and Peter Wright in your prayers.

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

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£235.37
	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	£108.36
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: Parish Outreach. Thank You!		



The Angel

will be published shortly. If you have anything that you can contribute, please send to Fr Nick.



Summer Lunch Party

For all Parish Volunteers

Sunday 6th August
Details to follow



The Herefordshire Catholic History Society

The next meeting of the HCHS takes place on Thursday 27 July in the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey at 2.30 pm when we will have a talk on the History of Longworth Chapel and Bartestree Convent. All welcome. Further information : bmwarde@aol.com.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 July
Church Cleaning
9:00 am

18 July
Tea & Chat
2:30 pm

28 July
Church Cleaning
9:00 am

30 July
Pay & Collect
Tesco Vouchers



Fatima Pilgrimage

There are 14 pilgrims from the local Deanery going on the pilgrimage in late September, we will be joined by another 28 pilgrims from other places and parishes. Still places available. Contact Fr. Matthew at Our Lady's (265177). Final preparation meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 6.30pm.





NOAH'S CAMP

A new Catholic family camp set in rural Gloucestershire from 7th – 11th August 2017.

Inspiring talks, fun times for families, live worship band, Quiet prayer times, Taize evening, age related kids 7 youth groups. All denominations welcome. You can camp or commute daily, only about 40 minutes from Hereford. For more information visit our website: www.noahscamp.co.uk, Tel 07961 346343 or contact Jacqui/Rob Corrigan on 01432 352241 for more information



Hereford Food Bank

The Food Bank is in urgent need of more supplies and is particularly short of **tinned soup and tinned fish**. At this time there is no need for pasta or tins of beans but all other items would be very much welcomed. Thank you for your continued support. Chris



Forthcoming Marriages at Belmont Abbey

Sat 29th July

Jennifer Woodman &
Charles Kirby

Sat 19th August

Kitty Massarella &
Jonathon Nicholls

Sat 26th August

Natalie Dewhurst &
Robert Dewen



On Sunday, July 16th I shall be joining hundreds of other cyclists in Hereford to ride 32 miles in aid of St Michael's Hospice.

If you are able to help me raise money for this great cause please donate directly to my fundraising page www.justgiving.com/Christopher-Moore13.

JustGiving sends your donation straight to St Michael's Hospice (Hereford) and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you for your support!

Chris Moore





Seamus Hayes would like to thank the parish for all their kind prayers and best wishes during his recent illness. He and Sylvia are very touched and grateful and have been hugely helped by the support and prayers of their friends and parishioners. Thank you!



Homily

“You will find rest for your souls.”

Illustration

In the 2013 film *Tangerines*, nominated for an Academy Award in the category of best foreign language film, Ivo, an Estonian carpenter, is living in the war-torn territory of Abkhazia in Georgia during the conflict of 1992–1993. Following a firefight outside his house, Ivo takes in two men who have been badly injured. One is a Chechen mercenary on the Abkhazian side, the other is a Georgian volunteer. Sworn enemies, they both vow to kill each other when they are strong enough. Ivo, their rescuer, will have nothing of their fighting talk and, through his gift of hospitality and gentle care, he begins to humanise them. Slowly, each man begins to respect the other, until finally they protect each other as they both come under attack from a new

source.

The beauty of the film is the gentleness of Ivo, who knows the pain of loss, having seen his own son die in the conflict. Ivo penetrates the poison of hatred through his attention to his unexpected guests, always respecting their dignity. He is a true refuge in a time of pain and sorrow. He gives a good example of selfless love.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus reveals an interesting paradox in today’s Gospel reading, which is that great learning, or a high IQ, is no guarantee of knowing the deepest truth. Jesus reveals to us the heart of the Father, and knowledge of this is something that comes to us as pure gift. We do not have to be at the highest echelons of academia to come to this awareness. Instead, the Father, in his great generosity, makes it known to whomsoever he wishes, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus. Those to whom the Father reveals his truth and who respond to it are rightly called “children” because they become members of God’s family.

At the core of Jesus’ ministry is a compassion that reflects the tender love at the heart of the Godhead. Jesus’ invitation for all those who are struggling to come to him is an active one. Jesus holds out his hand, drawing us to himself, so that we may follow in

his footsteps. Putting on Christ is not burdensome. However, following Jesus and growing in discipleship require that we know that we are yoked to him. Then, learning from Jesus, and revelling in his gentle and humble heart, we can start to appreciate how the vision of the kingdom in today's first reading is not only a real possibility, but something already in our midst and something worth working for.

Application

Coming to Christ and knowing his loving care is an amazing experience. We have perhaps all heard stories about people being down and out and then meeting Jesus in the midst of their desperation. We do not have to look far for such witnesses. There are many accounts of people who have encountered the tender mercy and kind compassion of God.

It is one thing to talk about how Jesus has been so generous with us, offering us shelter in the midst of our crises. It is another thing to become that which we have received. Are we prepared to become like Christ by seeking to be a safe haven ourselves? In our baptism we are called to be Christ-like. So being people who can embrace and hold safe those who are struggling will hopefully be high on our list of priorities. This may appear difficult, even dangerous, but being a

place of refuge for those who need comfort need not be as risky as it sounds. It does not necessarily call for us to open up our homes – though some may be called to do that. But it asks us to open our hearts. Even though our hearts may feel inadequate and conflicted, we can trust that Christ, dwelling deep within, can communicate his tenderness through us. All we have to do is to trust him and allow some of our natural gifts of hospitality to be built upon by grace.

For many of us who live busy lives, we meet people every day who need a listening ear, or a shoulder to cry on, or some gentle encouragement. Let us not be afraid to reflect the love of the Father by reaching out to them. The Holy Spirit will guide us and Jesus will touch their hearts. Then we will show we are truly his disciples as we embrace others in the way that he did.





First Holy Communion Prayers

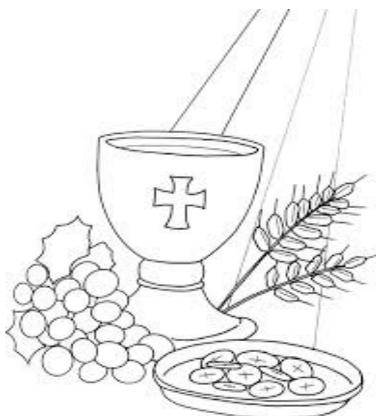
Prayer to Receive the Lord

Lord, as You enter my body, please cleanse me from all my sins.

Teach me to become as pure as You and Your mother Mary. I pray that I become a better person and be kinder to my neighbours. May Your presence in me make me a better person and do whatever is only on Your will.

Thank You for keeping me warm on those cold toasty nights and safe from harm. I pray that all my loved ones live in Your presence and that they always do what is right. I pray for the world to have peace especially in their hearts.

I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Prayer after Communion

Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts.

The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift?

At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving and serving one another in the world.

As I become more like Him, please continue to help me. Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others....

in my family,
in my neighbourhood,
in my community,
with my friends.

I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Ministers, etc. for next <u>Sunday 16 July, 15 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Cycle 1</u>			
	08:30	9:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Hayes Family	Desmond Keohane	Morawiecki Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Mary Hayes	Sally Johns	Liz Morawiecki
2 nd Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S		Monica Tomlin
Bidding Prayers	Margaret Rose		Pat Draper
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Anthea Morton-S & Teresa Harriss	
Extraordinary Ministers	Julia Davey & Kath Parry		Andre Pavia & David Wood
Next Sunday - Parish Outreach			

Anniversaries	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.	09-Jul
16-Jul		Jackie King & Pauline Gill
23-Jul		Pat Wood & Monica Russell
		None until beginning September

Please pray for all who have died: **May they rest in peace.** (W/C 9 July)

Deaths: Bernadette Higgins, Teazel Chowles, Mary Walsh and Anna Schmidt .

Anniversaries: Dom Ambrose Perrins *osb*, Joan Hann, Elizabeth Kenway, Sean Harrington, Dom Cuthbert Bennett *osb*, Arthur Chichester, Thomas Crump, Gertrude Daniel, RD Jerome Hodkinson *osb*, Frederick Henry Harris, Mary Owen, Susan Rosser, Dom Philip Jackson *osb* and Anna O'Neill.

The Sick: Please pray for: Margaret Campbell, Seamus Hayes, Denise Ellis, Carol Baines, Michael Kennedy, Chris Rogers, Peter Draper, Ruby Chandler-Marsh, Rachel George, Norma Naudain, Ann Thomas, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medlicott, Sr Philipa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.

Liturgy for Sunday 9th July 2017 *Cycle A; Weekdays: Cycle 1 (Wk 14)*

<p>14th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<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: We proclaim your Death ...</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 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomer	Liz Norman	Brenda Warde	Monica Russell & Maureen Stacey
Sacristan			Chris Moore
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Polly Maund-Powell	Jennifer Hackman
2 nd Reading	Bill Jackson		Tony Archer
Bidding Prayer	Ann Jackson		Lucy Reed
Offertory	Hayes Family	Menna McBain & Frances Wood	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Fran Smallwood & Kath Parry		Monica Tomlin & Margaret Evans
Mass Intention	<i>Seamus Hayes</i>	<i>The Parish</i>	<i>First Holy Communion Children</i>
Second Collection - <i>Apostleship of the Sea</i>			
Food Bank Collection: Chris Moore			

<i>What's On for the week</i>	
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	St Benedict: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am; Midday Mass in Oratory; Funeral Service for Teazel Chowles RIP 1:30 pm; Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	St Henry: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am; Exposition at 11 am and Midday Mass at 12 noon
Sat	St Bonaventure: Mass at 8:00 am; Reconciliation at 10:00 am; Requiem Mass for Bernadette Higgins 11.30 am