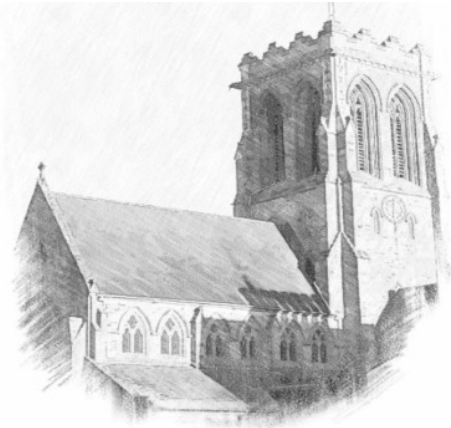


St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey



PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th October 2016

28th in Ordinary Time
(Cycle C)

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The Church "dedicates" both May and October to the remembrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May's commemoration is more general--the Mother of God in all her splendor, whereas October's is quite specific - Mary under her glorious title of "Our Lady of the Rosary." When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries.

The second collection today is for Cafod. Your support means more of our brothers and sisters across the world will have the materials and training they need to be able to grow enough food for their families. Please continue to pray for this work and for the gifts of God's earth to be shared by all. Please, also, don't forget to return your Friday Fast Day envelope. Thank you.

The Russian Resurrection-Voskreseniye Choir will be giving a concert this afternoon at 3:00 pm at Belmont Abbey. Collection at the door. *Fr Nicholas*

Last Sunday's	1 st Collection	£248.70
	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	£131.52
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!		

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The next **JUMBLE Sale** is on 29 October - so we do need some more items. **Change:** Please do not send us any rag bags. We can no longer sell them. We could do with some more **books and bric-a-brac**. Thank you for your continued efforts.

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**BELMONT ABBEY PARISH
QUIZ SUPPER
FRIDAY, 21. OCTOBER 2016
AT HEDLEY LODGE
6.45 FOR 7.00 PM SHARP PLEASE
APPLICATION SLIPS CAN BE HAD
FROM FOLDER IN FOYER
ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY - YOUR
SUPPORT WILL BE MUCH
APPRECIATED**

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Operation Christmas Child

Leaflets are available in the porch for this year's Christmas shoebox appeal. Fill a shoebox with toys, sweets, basic hygiene items and school stationery for children in dire poverty. Filled shoeboxes can be left in the porch for collection.

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Diamond Diners

This is a lunch club for those over 60 years. We meet at the "Three Horseshoes" public house at Allensmore. If you would like to join us please let Ray Rose know, 0783 773 2611, or sign/add your name to the form in the Parish Centre by the previous Sunday. The dates until December are: - November 1st and December 6th. We look forward to meeting you there, it is best to be there by 12:45 to allow time to order food.

Tea & Chat

We are an informal group who are all part of the wider Belmont Abbey Community. We meet in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The remaining dates are: - 18 October and 15 November .

Margaret Rose

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 14 October
9:00
Church Cleaning

Tuesday - 18 October
Tea & Chat
2:30
Parish Hall

Friday - 21 October
6:45 for 7:00 pm
Quiz Supper
Hedley Lodge

Friday 28 October
9:00
Church cleaning

Saturday 30 October
2:00
Jumble Sale
OLQM Parish Hall



Don't forget, the nave of the Church has a loop system. If you use a hearing aid, simply adjust your aid to the 'T' setting. We also have a wheel chair, kept near the porch, which is available for helping less mobile people to and from the church.



Please respect other church users and parishioners and park safely and tidily on a Sunday morning. Please only park in the disabled parking bays if you have the appropriate badge. Thank you.



Herefordshire Catholic History Society

Following the great interest shown by the attendance at Mass on 15th August at Rotherwas Chapel, there will be a talk on the History of the Bodenham Family of Rotherwas on Friday, 14th October in the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey at 2.30 pm. All welcome. Further information bmwarde@aol.com



Offer your hand for international friendship! Welcome an adult international student into your home this Christmas and make the world a little friendlier. Adult international students in the UK face a lonely holiday on a university campus, and would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing Christmas festivities, and telling you about their own country. Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a

charity set up in 1987. To find out more, please visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.



CONGRATULATIONS

Jacqui and Rob Corrigan are delighted to announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Corrigan, to Esther Rich on Saturday 1st October. They plan to marry in 2017.



A **BIG THANK** you to all who attended last Friday's "Biggest Coffee Morning in the World". Thanks to all who baked, decorated, washed up, and generally made it a very enjoyable time. We raised £260.86, which has gone off to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Jan Wyman.



New Rota

The new Rota of ministries has been sent out. If you have not received yours please check your spam box and then contact me. Many thanks!



Missio (APF) Red Boxes

Please make arrangements to hand in your Red Box to your promoter. Name & Tel: No: on label on bottom of box.

New Box Holders

Your promoter will phone you in the coming weeks to make arrangements with you. Please can I have all monies in by the end of November.

I have been secretary of the APF for over 15 years and feel now is the time to hand over to someone else who can take this important work forward. I have given my resignation to head office and will leave at the end of December. Is there any one who would/could take this on? I am more than willing to give help initially with procedures.

Please give this serious consideration and phone me on 01432-356878 if you are interested. *Liz Norman*



Celebrate Family Conference – Bristol Weekend 2016

Sat 22nd Oct 2016, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. to Sun 23rd Oct 2016, 9 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Theme: "Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God" Micah 6:8

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Celebrate Weekend. CELEBRATE is a conference for all, young and old. We are expectant that the Lord shall move powerfully amongst us all during the coming conference: Encountering God in the Teaching, Praise & Worship, Healing through Prayer Ministry and Confession, Children's & Youth Ministry through led streams.

A small fee includes an evening meal on Saturday. Tea, coffee, and refreshments are available throughout the conference. You should make provisions for a packed lunch on both conference days. For more information and for booking online please go to the

website: www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/bristol or e-mail Bristol @celebrate conference.org or phone Jane Davies 01432 267089. One of our own young people, together with her husband, is part of the Core Team and Worship Ministry for this Conference. Hope to see you there.



Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society

First Autumn talk at St David's R. C. 6th Form College, Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff
When: Sunday October 16th Time: 3pm. Gareth Marsh will talk about Guto Nyth Bran, Llanwonno and the Nos Galan Road Races. All are most welcome to this free event. Further enquiries: Tricia Coulthard: 02920 595 899 or triciacoulthard@outlook.com



HOMILY

"It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner."

Illustration

There's a cartoon about a business company that had been guilty of malpractices. The board meets to work out a statement explaining what happened. There is a picture of the board at the end of their discussion and the chairman is saying, "If there are no other ideas, then it's agreed, we blame the media." This is a common practice, which we are all tempted to follow. It's called scapegoating. You look around for a

person or group that you can blame for the bad things that are happening. It is often a blanket condemnation of a nation or group. It's simpler that way and it lets us off the hook. Someone else is to blame, not us.

Of course, there is sometimes a core of truth behind the hostility. Those we accuse did some bad things and then the hatred grew. In biblical times we know that the Jews and the Samaritans felt such a hatred and regarded each other as enemies. In fact they were quite close in their religion; they shared the same Torah and revered Moses, but they worshipped in different temples. Josephus the Jewish historian tells us that not long before Jesus began his ministry the Samaritans had secretly polluted the Temple at Jerusalem by scattering bones there. Security had to be increased. But then Samaritans killed some Galileans who were on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. So there was an explosive tension between Jews and Samaritans; such tensions also existed between other groups in Jesus' homeland.

Gospel Teaching

This tension is reflected throughout Luke's Gospel. In Jesus' first sermon in Nazareth he infuriates his home-town congregation by reminding them that in the past God had healed an outsider, a Syrian general called Naaman. In today's first reading we

are told how this foreign soldier, who had become an outcast through contracting leprosy, was healed through the Jewish prophet Elisha. God sometimes gives priority to foreigners; but Jesus' listeners don't want to hear that. Later in the Gospel, as Jesus began his journey to Jerusalem, some Samaritans refused him entry to their village. Infuriated, James and John offered to call down fire on them, but Jesus rebuked his zealous disciples.

Now today in the Gospel Jesus is again travelling in that dangerous borderland between Galilee and Samaria. Suddenly ten lepers confront him. They have to keep their distance because according to the law they are impure, so they shout, pleading for him to show them mercy. Jesus orders the ten to show themselves to the priests. And they are all healed. God has marvellously saved them so that they can return to normality. What happens next? They all depart for home, taking for granted their cure, but one of the ten comes back praising God and throwing himself down in gratitude at the feet of Jesus. Which one was that? Here comes the point of the story, for we are told, "The man was a Samaritan." As Jesus says, it was only the foreigner who came back to give thanks. And we remember that it was the parable of the good Samaritan that Jesus used to shock his audience into

recognising that an enemy can be a true neighbour.

Application

Not much has changed over two thousand years. It is not difficult to list groups and nations who still hate each other. And throughout history, we can see how easy it is to make scapegoats of whole races, religions, nations or groups. Who it is will depend on who we are and where we come from. It's easy too – and sometimes very convenient – for politicians to stir up suspicion against certain groups and to blame them for society's ills. In some cases the original division may be the result of a particular act of violence or injustice. If this is the case, we may not deny that an evil act has been committed; but Jesus teaches us that it is wrong to extend the blame to every member of a group as though all are guilty.

Jesus shocks his audience by showing them that God's grace is working in their enemies. His purpose was to bring salvation not just to the Jews but to the Gentiles too – that includes us. When we blame all asylum seekers, all immigrants, all Muslims, or any other group for bad things that are happening we are failing to hear and live out the Gospel. God's grace is unbounded. Remember the one who came back to give thanks was the foreigner.

Ministers, etc. For next Sunday 16th October- 29th in Ordinary Time Year C

	08:30	09:30	11:00
Celebrant	Fr Nicholas		Fr Nicholas
Welcomers	Cooper Family	Clare Wichbold	Morawiecki Family
Sacristan			Jeremy Hogan
1 st Reading	Fran Grant	Patrick Walesby	Liz Morawiecki
2 nd Reading	Adrian Eyre		Pat Draper
Bidding Prayers	Mary Hayes		Marje Hayes
Offertory	Hayes Family	Anthea M- Saner & Margaret Campbell	
Extraordinary Ministers	Kath Parry & Gabrielle Stanley		Jane Davies

Next Sunday - Parish Outreach

<p style="text-align: center;">Anniversaries</p> <p>These are noted below. Our week starts on Sunday- the anniversaries include all those which occurred on the Sunday date to the following Saturday.</p>	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	8.30 Children's Liturgy - temporarily cancelled	
	09-Oct	Jacqui Corrigan & Jan Wyman
	16-Oct	A Morawiecki & R Blackburn
	23-Oct	Marje Hayes & Mary Wood
	30-Oct	Pat Wood & Rachel Cowdrey
	06-Nov	Jacqui Moore & Monica Russell

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

Deaths: *Connie Luxon, Margaret O'Connor and Robert Morawieck*

Anniversaries: *Philip Wetz, Monica Day, Sheila Evans, Mary Gladstone, Cyril Lewis, Derek Stanley, Margaret P Harris, Scholastica Lewis, Carolyn Cotterell, Ellen Driscoll, Dom Wulstan Probert osb, Pamela Turle, Rt Rev Abbot Kindersley osb, Dorothy Lewis, Peter Cole, Edward Kenny, Dom Francis McKenna osb, Edward Rosser, Anna Tulacz, Frederick Fox and Dom Antony Robinson OSB.*

The Sick: Please pray for: *Ann Thomas, Mary Smith, Fr Michael Cummins, Philip Herderschee, Sheila Langford, Dominique Wetz, Marie Williams, Sally Hayward, Sue Savory, Stephen Fisher, Gordon Wilson, David Kinsey, Denise Ellis, Lillian Allsopp, Kenny Hanna, Shirley Brymer, Edward Medicott, Sr Philpa, Elaine White, Sue Rogers, Joanne Savory, Sr Catherine, Vincent Hanna and Sadie Bowyer.*

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Liturgy for Sunday 9th October Cycle C; Weekdays: Cycle 2 (Wk 28 OT)

<p>28th Sunday In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Entrance: If you O Lord should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.</p> <p>Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the World ...</p> <p>Communion: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.</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	Anne Stapleton	Ross & Anne Williams
Sacristan			Rob Corrigan
1 st Reading	Richard Batho	Sally Johns	Niamh Coyle
2 nd Reading	Jacqui Ramage-S		Lucy Reed
Bidding Prayer	Fran Smallwood		Jane Davies
Offertory	Ramage-H Family	Paul Nickhold & Lucy Zammit	
Extra-Ordinary Minister(s)	Seamus Hayes & Julia Davey		Monica Russell
Mass Intention	Spolnik Family	Pro Populo	Phillip Wetz & In Thanksgiving
Second Collection - Cafod			
Food Bank Delivery: John Goodall-Copestake			

What's On for the week	
Mon	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Tue	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am
Wed	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Midday Mass in Oratory : Tridentine Mass at 7:00 pm
Thu	St Edward the Confessor: Mass at 8:00 am
Fri	Feria: Mass at 8:00 am: Exposition at 11 am & Midday Mass in Oratory
Sat	St Teresa of Jesus: Mass at 8:00 am: Reconciliation at 10:00 am