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Dear friends in Christ,

What a wonderful week of great events. We had Marvellous May Magic last Saturday which was a spellbinding and enjoyable evening. Fr Dominic has asked to share this message with everyone. 'I would like to thank all those, especially those on the Fete and Events Committee, who helped make the May Magic Evening such a success. I emailed the founder of Kids for Kids, Patricia Parker, she replied, "An amazing donation £1,050, that is so wonderful."'

It was great to see so many people attending the May Procession in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary which took place last Wednesday. We had Fr John from St Francis Xavier's as the preacher and he spoke brilliantly with lots of people commenting afterwards to me on how well he preached.

This week, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are obligated to attend Holy Mass. There are three celebrations for the Ascension, Wednesday evening at 7.00pm and on Thursday at 8.00am with the Conventual Mass celebrated by Abbot Brendan at 12.00noon. We are now entering the last few days of Eastertide, when the Church prays for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, nine days after the Ascension. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will come and renew the Church and the world as we prepare for Pentecost.

Raffle tickets for the Parish Fete Grand Draw are now available in the Glass Porch. Please take several books to sell to your family and friends!

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

**Belmont Abbey
Parish Accounts
for April 2026** - Total: £4,759.12
- Income: £10,497.1
- Outgoings: £5,738.02

**Parish Standing
Orders for April** - £3,308.00

Parish Collection - Total donated: £364.71
- Cash last weekend: £164.71
- Digital last weekend: £200.00

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A 10TH MAY 2026

4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns

8.30am Parish Mass

Sylvia Hayes RIP

9.30am Sung Conventual Mass

11.00am Sung Parish Mass with the Youth Choir
and Children's Liturgy

People of the Parish

Monday Memoria - Abbots of Cluny, Abbots

Tuesday Feria

10.15am Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am
Michael Harris RIP & family

Wednesday Memoria - Our Lady of Fatima

1.30pm Funeral Service - Michael Harris

SOLEMNITY - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7.00pm Parish Vigil Mass

People of the Parish

Thursday

8.00am Parish Mass

12.00noon Sung Pontifical Conventual Mass

Friday Memoria - St Pachomius, Abbot

10.15am Parish Mass

Edna Wood RIP

Saturday Feria

10.00am to
10.30am Confessions

Conventual Mass

8.00am - Monday to Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A 17TH MAY 2026

4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns

People of the Parish

Sunday
8.30am Parish Mass

Siobhan Hayes RIP

9.30am Sung Conventual Mass

11.00am Sung Parish Mass
with the Praise & Worship Group

Tymek Stojewski

If you need a Mass said for any intention,
please let Fr Augustine know.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN: Fr Patrick Lobo is the Catholic Chaplain who makes regular visits. If you or a loved one wants him to visit while in hospital please let him know. Telephone: 07922 323603.
If he is unavailable or it is an emergency, please contact Fr Augustine on the Parish telephone number.

SICK: Pray for Denise Ellis, Edmund Hayes, Seamus Hayes, Pat Draper, James Rogers, Sally Hayward, Margaret Rose, Anna Rudnicka, John Hackman, Maria Helena, Rosemary Nicholls, Beth Macbain, Florence (Flo) Ramage, Polly Maund-Powell, Abbot Charles, Mandie Chapman, Joanna Savory, John Stannard, Ruth Keohane, Jean Harris & Anne Williams.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Anthony Lewis, Sylvia Hayes, Owen Connelly, Moses Holmes, Bernadine Murphy, Peggy Hill, Marjory Reynolds, Leslie Twissel, Mary Blackmon, Milborough Plummer, Josephine Hourahane, Jeffrey James Ardoino, Claire George, Emily Bray, Leslie Norman Jackson & Kenneth Worthington.

150 CLUB MAY RESULTS:

1st Prize £40.00 No. 70 David Wood

2nd Prize £20.00 No. 157 Michael Parry

Drawn by Eddie Wyman. Witnessed by Jan Wyman and John Hackman.

LECTIO DIVINA: This is a way of opening our hearts to reading scripture in the Holy Spirit. It is an ancient practice, commended by St Benedict in his Rule. Lectio, whether in a group or on your own, begins with prayer, and then focuses on a brief passage of scripture. Read it several times, silently or aloud, and just allow yourself to sit with it. Be open to the Holy Spirit and to the Word of God - allowing yourself to be moved by it. Let it resonate with you and think about what it is saying to you. This helps us grow in love of scripture, and is a way of growing into prayer.

Meetings are on Wednesdays 11am-12noon : 27th May, 24th June, both in the Parish Centre, 22nd July in The Chapterhouse (all three are major feasts of the English Church).

HEART SPEAKS TO HEART: Week 5 - Loving Service (social dimension of evangelisation) - Tuesday, 12th May 11.30am - 1.00pm and repeated Thursday, 14th May 7.00pm - 8.30pm, both in the Parish Centre.

Belmont Parish is holding a weekly programme during Eastertide to discuss the five weekly topics set out by Archbishop Mark. The process will include Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of scripture), Conversation in Spirit (CiS) and a discussion.

TASTE AND TALK: Is now meeting on the first and third Thursdays of the month. This means the next meeting is on Thursday, 21st May, 10.30am to 12.00noon in the Parish Centre.

We will be continuing to watch and then discuss series 5 of the popular series "The Chosen".

EMMAUS DISCOVER - YOUTH MISSION - ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA

- **MAY PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF THE TAPER, CARDIGAN:** Saturday, 30th May 11am-5pm. £15 For pupils in Year 8 to Year 13. Rosary Walk. Learn about the Shrine. Connect with others. To journey with us, scan QR or email youth@cardiffmenevia.org. Deadline for registration is 17th May (there will be transport available from select locations).
- **SUMMER CAMP:** 5th - 9th August 2026. For pupils in Year 9 to Year 13. Taking place in St David's Bunk Barns, Pembrokeshire. £300, Travel & Meals included to journey with us, scan QR or email youth@cardiffmenevia.org. Deadline for registration & payment is 8th June.



THE BIBLE: MYTH OR HISTORY?: A free illustrated lecture series in Biblical Archaeology with David Rohl. Session 4 - Hebrew Signs in the Desert - The origins of the Hebrew alphabet. The discovery of Proto-Sinaitic at Serabit el-Khadim. Deciphering the inscriptions. The words of Moses carved in stone. The Golden Calf. Saturday, 13th June 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre. Free parking, Free entry. Monthly lectures on the second Saturday of each month.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE TAPER, CARDIGAN:

Led by Rt Rev Peter Brignall - Bishop of Wrexham. Sunday, 17th May 1.30pm - 5.45pm. Event includes Confessions, Rosary Procession, Mass, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick. For further information contact Canon Pius Augustine on 01239 612615.

JOB VACANCY: Our Lady's RC Primary School wish to appoint a school caretaker for 10.5 hours per week. This will include opening each morning and closing each evening. If you are interested please call the school office on 01432 274814 or email admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk

PARISH SUPPORT GROUP: Provides a regular link and support between the wider parish community and parishioners who are unable to attend Holy Mass or parish events due to a change in personal circumstances.

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