

# The Parish of St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey

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Dear friends in Christ,

With the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord last Thursday, we have entered into the final part of Eastertide before its culmination with Pentecost next Sunday. Let us continue to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon ourselves and the Church as we prepare to celebrate His coming next week. Pentecost is also the birthday of the Church when the Apostles began their mission of evangelisation, animated by the Holy Spirit, to the whole world. As members of the Church and followers of Christ, let us not fail to continue the important work of evangelisation.

Evangelisation has been an important theme running through our Parish **Heart Speaks to Heart** programme. This is the final week, **Week 6 – Reflecting on the How (becoming Synodal)**, the sessions take place on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am – 1.00pm** and are repeated **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 7.00pm – 8.30pm**, both in the Parish Centre. These sessions include a video reflection from Archbishop Mark, Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of scripture), Conversation in the Spirit and a discussion.

These are not just any ordinary meetings but are designed to help shape the future of the direction of the Parish by listening to its parishioners. **I would encourage as many parishioners to attend as possible**, even if you have not attended any of the other sessions. We want to hear as many voices as possible.

Come and help **GATHER THE FRUITS** of our deanery's **HEART SPEAKS TO HEART** six-week programme of parish meetings on the call by Pope Leo and Archbishop Mark to become synodal and missionary. After Abbot Brendan leads us in a time of prayer, we will hear from each parish about what arose from its meetings, then reflect together on next steps in small groups, using Conversation in the Spirit. The eve-of-Pentecost celebration will take place in The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey, on **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, from 10.00am (coffee) until 12.30pm**, followed by CAFOD lunch for those who want to stay. (Once again, you do not need to have attended the meetings to come to this — all are welcome).

My prayers and best wishes,

*Fr Augustine*

## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

- 4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns  
*People of the Parish*
- 8.30am Parish Mass  
*Siobhan Hayes RIP*
- 9.30am Sung Conventual Mass
- 11.00am Sung Parish Mass  
with the Praise & Worship Group  
*Tymek Stojewski*

### Monday Tuesday

### Feria

### Memoria - Sts Dunstan, Oswald & Ethelwold, Bishops

10.15am

Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am  
*McMillan Family*

### Wednesday

### Memoria - St Ethelbert, King & Martyr

### Thursday

### Feria

10.15am

Parish Mass  
*Marie McDonnell RIP*

### Saturday

### Feria

10.00am to  
10.30am

Confessions

*Conventual Mass*

*8.00am - Monday to Saturday*

## PENTECOST - YEAR A 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

- 4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns  
*Karolina Busko*
- Sunday  
8.30am Parish Mass  
*Brooks & Savory Families*
- 9.30am Sung Conventual Mass
- 11.00am Sung Parish Mass  
with Children's Liturgy  
*Michael Harris RIP*

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

**Parish Collection - Total donated: £431.95**  
- Cash last weekend: £259.95  
- Digital last weekend: £172.00

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN:** Fr Patrick Lobo is the Catholic Chaplain but is currently on holiday. If you or a loved one want to be visited while in hospital 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, Karolina Busko & Kath Parry.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pray for the repose of the souls of Simon Cox, Dom John Owen, Mary Wegg-Prosser, David Bridges, Beatrice Donovan, Elijah Hodges, Daniel Stokes, Gordon Surrell, Abbot Alphege Gleeson, Jean Tipping, Patricia Hunn, Dom Placid Smith, Sebastian Anderson, Mary Broderick, Kathleen Clayton, Dorothy Edge, Eileen Morgan, Irene Pogson, Evelyn Rafferty, the 30 monks of St Guthlac's Priory, Hereford (reburied at Belmont in 1982), Solanje Bowen & Dom Raymund Frost.

**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 : 27<sup>th</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> June, both in the Parish Centre, 22<sup>nd</sup> July in The Chapterhouse (all three are major feasts of the English Church).

**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!

**TASTE AND TALK:** Is now meeting on the first and third Thursdays of the month. This means the next meeting is on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@cardiffmenevia.org). **Deadline for registration is this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May** (there will be transport available from select locations).
- **SUMMER CAMP:** 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@cardiffmenevia.org). Deadline for registration & payment is 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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 R C Primary School is looking to appoint a School Business Manager, 20 hours per week HC7 £14,529.70 to 16,479.32 per annum. If you are interested please call the school office on 01432 274814 or email [admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk) to arrange a tour of the school and application form.

**HEALING SERVICE:** The monthly Service of prayers for healing next takes place in the Abbey Church at 6.45pm on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June led by Fr Michael Clothier from the Community of Saint Gregory the Great. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions will be available. All are most welcome.

**"WELL READ MOM":** Catholic ladies book club would like to invite new members, all women welcome! "Well Read Mom" accompanies women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful and true. To find out more ask Lizzie Frost 07735452899, Liz Leahy 07746 612015, or Renata Schmidt

**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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