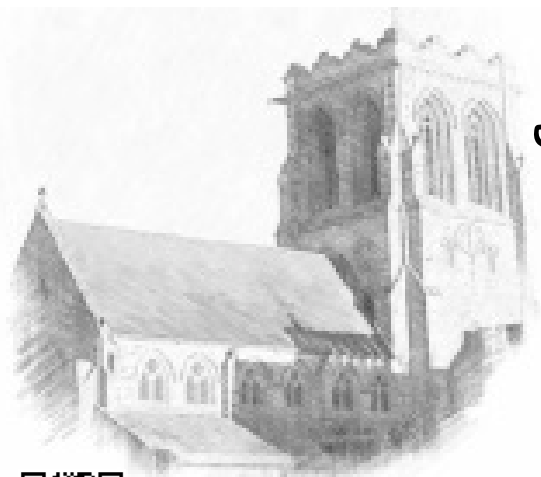




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Dear friends in Christ,

You will have noticed that the sound system is up and running again. Thankfully, it did not take the engineers too long to replace the faulty mixer and reprogram the new one. There may still need to be some tweaks done here and there with the different levels. There should be a loop system present for those who use hearing aids; I would be grateful to hear from those who use the loop system if it is functioning correctly.

It is with great sadness that I announce the news of the death of Abbot Charles, the 10th Abbot of Downside, who died last Saturday night (27th June). Abbot Charles arrived with the rest of his brethren here at Belmont in July last year but soon declined to the point where he was resident at Hampton Grange Nursing Home, where he died. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. His Requiem Mass will take place here at Belmont Abbey on Thursday, 16th July at 2.30pm. His body will be taken to Downside Abbey to be buried.

Next Saturday, to coincide with the feast of St Benedict, the Parish of St Benedict's, Stratton on the Fosse (the Parish Church next to Downside Abbey) will be visiting Belmont Abbey and the Downside brethren. They will also be present at the 4.00pm Vigil Mass. Hopefully this will be the start of a 'twinning' of sorts between our two parishes who share a monastic heritage.

Next weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday. Where churches around the world come together to pray for seafarers and fishers and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. There will be a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea).

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

**Belmont Abbey
Parish Accounts
for June 2026**

- **Total: £6,023.39**
- Income: £14,477.91
- Outgoings: £-8,454.52

**Parish Standing
Orders for June**

- **£2,491.00**

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 5TH JULY 2026

4.00pm	Vigil Parish Mass with hymns <i>Bernadette Higgins RIP</i>
8.30am	Parish Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
9.30am	Sung Conventual Mass
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass <i>Elizabeth Cleveland RIP</i>
3.30pm	Ukrainian Liturgy
Monday	Memoria - St Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr
Tuesday	Feria
10.15am	Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Feria
10.15am	Parish Mass
Saturday	FEAST - ST BENEDICT, Abbot
10.00am to 10.30am	Confessions
	Conventual Mass 8.00am - Monday to Saturday

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 12TH JULY 2026 - SEA SUNDAY

4.00pm	Vigil Parish Mass with hymns <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	
8.30am	Parish Mass <i>Seafarers and fishers</i>
9.30am	Sung Conventual Mass
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass with Youth Choir & Children's Liturgy <i>Francesca Simon (Birthday)</i>

1st Collection (Belmont Parish)

- **Total donated: £281.05**
- Cash last weekend: £98.55
- Digital last weekend: £182.50

2nd Collection (Peter's Pence)

- **Total donated: £302.07**
- Cash last weekend: £173.35
- Digital last weekend: £128.72

Second Collection for the work of Stella Maris on Sea Sunday in the red bag and on the card machine, next weekend.

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. In an emergency, or if Fr Patrick is unavailable, please contact Fr Augustine on the parish telephone number. He is always happy to visit.

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, Mandie Chapman, Joanna Savory, John Stannard, Anne Williams, Karolina Busko, Greg Primavesi & Derek Wood.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Anthony Holley, Edna Pamela Hill, Claude Hunt, Dom Cyril Wackrill, Michael John Baker, Baby John Paul Freeland, Dom Andrew Baker, Mary Barber, Pauline Cassin, Raleigh Chichester, Dom. Ambrose Perrins, Juanita Drezewski, Joan Hann, Elizabeth Kenway, Sean Harrington, Dom Cuthbert Bennett, Arthur Chichester, Thomas Crump & Gertrude Daniel.

REQUEST FOR READERS: We are looking for additional readers to read at Holy Mass, both Sundays and weekdays especially at the 4pm Vigil Mass. If you would like to be involved in this ministry then please contact Fr Augustine or Michael Hall at mjhall1948@outlook.com.

WOW@BELMONT: Our next meeting is Tuesday, 7th July at 11.00am in the Parish Centre. A warm welcome to any widows or widowers who would like to join us for a cuppa, cake and friendly chat.

WALSINGHAM ROSARY FOR PEACE: Takes place on the first Tuesday of the month in the Abbey Church. Everyone is welcome to 21, Woodfield Gardens, Belmont for tea afterwards. The next meeting is Tuesday, 7th July at 3.00pm.

HORIZONS OF HOPE TALK: "How to be Human in the Age of A.I." An introduction to Pope Leo XIV's encyclical 'Magnifica Humanitas' led by Austen Ivereigh. Join us for an engaging introduction to this landmark document. Saturday, 11th July 10.00am – 12.30pm in The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey.

THE BIBLE: MYTH OR HISTORY?: A free illustrated lecture series in Biblical Archaeology with David Rohl. Session 5 - Kadesh-Barnea - The location of Kadesh-Barnea. Aaron's tomb on Mount Hor. The journey to Abel-Shittim. The death of Moses on Mount Nebo. Saturday, 11th July 2.00pm to 4.00pm, in The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey. Free parking, Free entry. Monthly lectures on the second Saturday of each month.

DOWNSIDE ABBEY FESTIVAL 2026: A series of concerts this Summer in the magnificent setting of Downside Abbey, 16th-19th July. Artists include David Bednall and the Bristol Brass Consort, the Choir of St Mary's, Wimbledon and the Tenebrae Associate Artists. The highlight of the four-day festival will be a 'Come and Sing', directed by Sir John Rutter. Tours of the Abbey Church will take place and there will be an opportunity to see the exhibition 'Everyday Lives'. More information is available at: <https://www.downsideabbey.co.uk/downside-abbey-festival-2026/>

LECTIO DIVINA: Meetings are on Wednesdays 11am–12noon, the next is on 22nd July in The Chapterhouse.

THE PICKWICK PAPERS: Join the lovable Mr. Pickwick and his eccentric band of companions as they bumble their way on a rollicking journey through confusing courtships, courtroom shenanigans, questionable duels, and carriage rides gone terribly wrong.

Pack your picnic, secure your seat and prepare for an uproarious adventure with The Pickwick Society—where the only certainty is a thoroughly good time will be had by all!

Belmont Abbey grounds, Saturday, 8th August at 7.00pm-9.30pm Tickets: adults £18, children (under 16yrs) £8
Box Office: 03306 600541 - www.bit.ly/Pickwick-Belmont

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF ST JOHN KEMBLE - SUNDAY, 23RD AUGUST 2026

9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church, Monmouth.

10.15am Pilgrims set off to walk to Welsh Newton - bring a packed lunch.

3.00pm Rosary, readings and prayers at St John Kemble's Grave, Welsh Newton Churchyard.

4.15pm Benediction at St Mary's Church, Monmouth.

Everyone welcome.

CAFOD - DAY OF CREATION: On Tuesday, 1st September the season of creation commences. This is an ecumenical celebration uniting Christians in prayer for and in praise of God's glorious creation. The theme for this year is living waters.

Please join us on this day for a meditative walk around the Abbey grounds pausing and reflecting at beautiful visual displays centred on the immersion of living waters-and then for a light lunch in the Parish Centre.

Please see the CAFOD board in the porch for full details of the day.

Please sign the book in front of the board if interested and take an invitation.

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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