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Dear friends in Christ,

This weekend CAFOD is collecting signatures for a petition calling on the UK government to do two urgent things in 2026 to address the global debt crisis:

1. Pass legislation to ensure private lenders can no longer make huge profits from countries struggling with unsustainable debts
2. Use the UK's presidency of the G20 in 2027 to fix the global debt system.

Please sign the petition after Mass this weekend or you can sign the petition online via the website cafod.org.uk or scan the QR code.



CAFOD are also hosting a special **Day of Creation** on Tuesday, 1st September at 11.30am to celebrate the beginning of the Season of Creation with a meditative walk around the Abbey gardens. Starting from the Parish Centre, there will be prayers, readings and reflections, pausing at beautiful visual displays designed to explore the theme of living water. This will be followed by a light lunch. Please see the poster on the CAFOD board in the glass porch for complete details about the day and sign the book in front of the board if you are interested in attending.

Next Saturday at 7.00pm we have the outdoor performance of **Pickwick Papers** in the Abbey grounds. It should prove to be an entertaining evening. More information is available on the reverse of the newsletter.

A couple of other exciting events coming up for the Feast of the Assumption are:

- **Mary through Artists' Eyes:** Journey through two thousand years of beautiful Christian art as Abbot Brendan explores how painters, sculptors and iconographers have portrayed Mary and the faith that inspired these works. Saturday, 15 August 10am-4pm at The Chapterhouse, Belmont. £12 per person for the day. Meals and Refreshments available.
- **Star of the Sea:** An Evening of Gregorian Chant and Organ Music at Belmont Abbey for the feast of the Assumption, Saturday, 15 August at 7.00pm in the Abbey Church. Tickets are £10 which include refreshments.

All these events can be booked through the Abbey website www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 2ND AUGUST 2026

4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns
Laurie Jones

8.30am Parish Mass
Brigid B. Smith (nee Hayes) RIP

9.30am Sung Conventual Mass

11.00am Sung Parish Mass
People of the Parish

Monday Memoria - St Germanus, Bishop

Tuesday Memoria - St John Vianney, Priest

10.15am Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am

Wednesday Feria

Thursday FEAST - THE TRANSFIGURATION

Friday Feria

10.15am Parish Mass

Derek Peter Stanley RIP

6.45pm Healing Prayer Service

Saturday Memoria - St Dominic, Priest & Religious

10.00am to 10.30am Confessions

Conventual Mass

8.00am - Monday to Saturday

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 9TH AUGUST 2026

4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns
Giulia Hooper

Sunday
8.30am Parish Mass

People of the Parish

9.30am Sung Conventual Mass

11.00am Sung Parish Mass with Children's Liturgy
Derek Wood & Seb Wood RIP

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

Parish Collection - Total donated: £312.09
- Cash last weekend: £134.59
- Digital last weekend: £177.50

Weekday Mass Readings are from Year II

A big thank you from Fr Liam to everyone who supported the Mill Hill Missio Appeal last weekend. He was very pleased with the number of people who signed up for direct debits and took away a red mission box.

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. 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 & Mav Kuhn.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Dom Aelred Cousins, Mary Elizabeth O'Farrell, Ronald Hooper, Robert Adams, Margaret Heathcote, Michael Thomas, William Shaw, Adrian Cox, James Morgan, Winifred Reynolds, Mike Ball, Nigel Dees, Charles Forrester, John Michael Bell, Charles Edward Meredith & Charles Williams.

ANNUAL PARISH BBQ: Takes place on the lawns of the monastery after 11.00am Mass (12.30pm) on Sunday, 30th August. The event is free to attend, but we need numbers so that we can cater for burgers, sausages and bread rolls. We would be grateful if you could bring a salad, pudding or savoury dish. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided, but please feel free to bring other drinks for yourselves. The sign up sheet will be in the glass porch next week.

WOW@BELMONT: Our next meeting is Tuesday, 4th August 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, 4th August at 3.00pm.

HEALING SERVICE: The next monthly service of prayers for healing takes place in the Abbey Church at 6.45pm on Friday, 7th August, 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.

MORE THAN HUMAN?: Reading Magnifica Humanitas from Laudato Si' with Professor Carmody Grey, Chair in Integral Ecology, Radboud University (Netherlands) in dialogue with Dr Austen Ivereigh. Following the interest in our recent day on Pope Leo's new encyclical, we are delighted to welcome Professor Carmody Grey for this special event. She will look at Pope Leo's document within Pope Francis's framework of integral ecology and integral human development. All are welcome!

Tuesday, 11th August, 10.00am-12.30pm at The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey. Due to the talk the Tuesday Parish Mass will take place at the earlier time of 9.30am.

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Currently has **places** available in nearly all year groups. Families seeking a caring, nurturing environment with high expectations, excellent teaching, and a strong Catholic ethos are warmly invited to visit. Our recently published Ofsted report recognises that "A positive and inclusive culture is at the heart of Our Lady's RC Primary," reflecting a school where children are safe, valued, and supported to achieve their very best.

If you are considering a place for your child, or would simply like to find out more about everything Our Lady's has to offer, please contact the school office on 01432 274814 or email: admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk to arrange a personal tour of the school.

THE BIBLE: MYTH OR HISTORY?: A free illustrated lecture series in Biblical Archaeology with David Rohl. Session 6 - Conquest: The arrival of Joshua and the Israelite tribes in the Promised Land. The destruction of Jericho. The discovery of Ai. Joshua's Long Day. King Jabin of Hazor. Joshua's Covenant Stone at Shechem. Saturday, 8th August 2.00pm to 4.00pm, in The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey. Free parking, Free entry. Monthly lectures on the second Saturday of each month.

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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL - MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK: There will be a Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on 11th September. I encourage all Catholics to write to their MP. The Bishops' Conference has information available on its website at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>. On the page, there are various resources, copies of statements and guidance on writing to your MP, and please, please do so, to protect the most vulnerable in our society.

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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