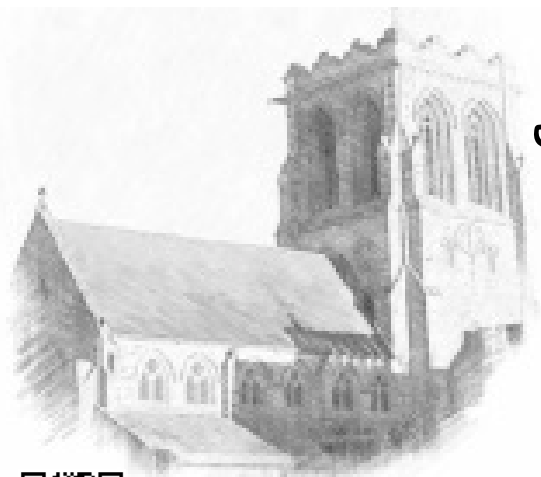




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Dear friends in Christ,

Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption, transferred from Saturday to Sunday. Please check out the two events taking place on Saturday here at Belmont in preparation for the Assumption:

- **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

There will be a river pilgrimage to raise awareness and to call for action to stop pollution of the River Wye. A 4ft wooden sculpture of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Our Lady of the Waters and the Wye) will be mounted on two canoes made into a canoe-catamaran and floated downstream from Hay to Bredwardine. This year the five-day pilgrimage will continue by car to Hoarwithy and will call at Weobley. The pilgrimage was the brainchild of the Anglican clergyman Richard Williams of St Mary's Church at Hay on Wye and sculptor Philip Chatfield who has carved beautiful stone sculptures for Tintern Abbey and locally at St Mary's Monmouth.

The pilgrimage will start with a service at St Mary's Hay followed by a procession through town to the launch point near Hay on Wye on Saturday 15th August.

On Sunday, 16th August, the pilgrims and sculpture will come to St Thomas's RC Church in Weobley for a service of Vespers at 3.30pm to be followed by tea and cake. To which all are welcome.

Other stops include Gregorian Chant at Moccas Church with some of the monks of Belmont Abbey on Monday at 6.30pm and Evensong at Hereford Cathedral on Tuesday at 5.30pm.

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

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

4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns
Giulia Hooper

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

Monday Tuesday **FEAST - ST LAURENCE, Martyr**
Memoria - St Clare, Virgin & Religious
Margaret Bennett (nee Gavin) RIP

9.30am Parish Mass (No Adoration)

Wednesday **Feria**

Thursday **Feria**

Friday **Memoria - St Maximilian Kolbe,**
Martyr & Priest

10.15am Parish Mass

Saturday **Memoria - Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00am to 10.30am Confessions

Conventual Mass

8.00am - Monday to Saturday

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY - YEAR A 16TH AUGUST 2026

4.00pm Sung Vigil Parish Mass with schola
Jadwiga Walkowiak RIP

Sunday 8.30am Parish Mass
People of the Parish

9.30am Pontifical Sung Conventual Mass

11.00am Sung Parish Mass
Holy Souls

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

Parish Collection - **Total donated: £342.71**
- Cash last weekend: £210.21
- Digital last weekend: £132.50

Weekday Mass Readings are from Year II

Belmont Abbey - **Total: -£2,173.99**
Parish Accounts - **Income: £5,380.99**
for July 2026 - **Outgoings: -£7,554.98**

Parish Standing **£2,606.00**
Orders for July

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.

DEATH: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marion Luscombe who died on Thursday morning. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Benjamin Carmody, Philomena Hickman, Cedric Ramos, Mona Williams, Lilian Bradley, Margaret O'Connor, Piotr Hutnik, Maude Jones, Len George Langford, Bridget Williams, Mother Catherine CP & Ross 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. Please sign up on the sheet in the glass porch.

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.

ROTHERWAS CHAPEL MASS: Will take place on Wednesday, 19th August at 11.30am. Abbot Brendan will celebrate the Mass of the Assumption at Rotherwas Chapel (HR2 6LD). Seating will be provided and parking is available.

150 CLUB JULY RESULTS:

1st Prize £40.00 No. 7 Jeannette Livermore

2nd Prize £20.00 No.52 Cynthia Fookes

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

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 7 - In Search of Eden: The geography of Paradise and its fabled garden. Saturday, 12th September 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Belmont Abbey. Free parking, Free entry. Monthly lectures on the second Saturday of each month.

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: Takes place on Tuesday, 1st September beginning with a Mass of Creation at 10.15am in the Abbey Church. 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.

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.

Please get in touch with us on: 01432 374712 or belmontsupp@gmail.com

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