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Dear friends in Christ,

This Sunday at 3pm the monks will be singing Vespers at Tintern Abbey, an Ecumenical Service in anticipation of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The monks will sing alongside the Newport Cathedral Choir and Abbot Brendan will preach. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a folding chair and umbrella. Entry to the Abbey and parking is free to those attending the service. Lunches and teas are available in the village.

Next Saturday, our Parish Open Meeting & AGM takes place from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Join us and discover the many groups, ministries and activities that make up our parish. There will be an opportunity to meet those involved at stations around The Chapterhouse, find out more about what we do, and discover how you can get involved. Elections for members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will also take place. We will also be ratifying our new Constitution for the PPC, copies of which are available in the glass porch. It would be really great to see as many parishioners present as possible.

It was good to see that the Assisted Suicide Bill did not pass its second reading in Parliament last Friday. The bill was defeated by a majority of 16 which included Jesse Norman, our MP for Hereford and South Herefordshire. Unlike the MPs in the surrounding constituencies, who all voted in favour of the bill.

Archbishop Mark released this statement: "It's a good day for democracy and for the dignity of human life to see the defeat of this Bill in the House of Commons. I want to thank all those who wrote to their MPs and who advocated for the weakest and most vulnerable in our society. We must continue to seek excellent palliative care which is broad and consistent across our nations, so that no person is made to feel a burden and all those facing the end of their lives can feel supported, loved and respected."

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

Parish Collection

- Cash last weekend: £183.84
- Digital last weekend: £152.50
- **Total donated: £336.34**

Weekday Mass Readings are from Year II

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns

8.30am Parish Mass

9.30am *Sung Conventual Mass*
People of the Parish
Jeanette Livermore (Birthday)

11.00am Sung Parish Mass with Children's Liturgy
Ross Williams RIP

3.00pm *Ecumenical Vespers at Tintern Abbey*

No Vespers at Belmont Abbey this evening

Monday FEAST - EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Tuesday Memoria - Our Lady of Sorrows

10.15am Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am

Wednesday Memoria - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs

Thursday Memoria - St Hildegard, Virgin Doctor

Friday Feria

10.15am Parish Mass

Saturday Memoria - Sts Theodore & Adrian, Bishop & Abbot

10.00am to 10.30am Confessions

Conventual Mass

8.00am - Monday to Saturday

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026 HOME MISSION SUNDAY

4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns

People of the Parish

Sunday

8.30am Parish Mass

Dick Hayes RIP & Tom Dawson RIP

9.30am *Sung Conventual Mass*

11.00am Sung Parish Mass
with the Praise & Worship Group

Margaret Gavin RIP

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

Next Weekend: The Weekly Mass Counts commence. There will be a Second Collection to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate on Home Mission Sunday

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, Joanna Savory, John Stannard, Anne Williams, Karolina Busko, Greg Primavesi, Derek Wood, Mav Kuhn & Karen Say.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Alice Johnson, Fr James Belt, Marjorie Hill, Evelyn Knights, Maria Vaughan, Peter Stacey, John Williams, John Bevan, Marie-Madeleine Chelly, Cyril Duffield, Winifred Gittins-Jones, Mary Francise Wood, Roy Anthony Bailey, Maurice McGinn & Emrys Williams.

THE BIBLE: MYTH OR HISTORY?: A free illustrated lecture series in Biblical Archaeology with David Rohl. Section Two: The geography and archaeology of Genesis - Session 8 - The Great Flood and the Tower of Babel Mesopotamian flood traditions. The Mountain of the Descent. Nimrod and the Tower of Babel. Saturday, 10th October 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Belmont Abbey. Free parking, Free entry. Monthly lectures on the second Saturday of each month.

SYNODALITY READING GROUP: Join the Deanery-wide Synodality Reading Group meeting online once a week for six weeks starting 15th September, 7pm. The idea is to receive and digest the Final Document of the worldwide Synod on Synodality, which invites us to create room for the Spirit to guide the Church in our changing world. At each weekly hour-long session we'll pray with Scripture, read a short passage from the Synod Final Document, and share in small groups using Conversation in the Spirit. To receive the Zoom link, email Austen: aivereigh@gmail.com.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY – Sunday, 20th September

On Sunday, 20th September, we will celebrate Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ.

Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds its fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - Home Mission Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference.

There will be a Second Collection to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

SPECIAL DEANERY MASS: Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham - Thursday, 24th September at 7.00pm, Belmont Abbey. All are warmly invited to a special Deanery Mass celebrating the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, taking place that day in St Louis, Missouri. One of the great Catholic communicators of the twentieth century, Archbishop Sheen brought the faith into millions of homes through his pioneering radio and television ministry. May his example inspire us in the work of evangelisation today.

There is a special connection with Belmont. In 1969, Pope Paul VI appointed Sheen Titular Bishop of Newport. Belmont Abbey Church had served as the pro-cathedral of the Diocese of Newport and Menevia, and Sheen himself preached at Belmont in 1969. Preacher: Revd Dom Thomas Regan OSB. All welcome

CLERGY WELFARE OFFICER: The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia is seeking a Clergy Welfare Officer to support priests approaching retirement, already retired, or on sick leave — helping with health, finance, housing and care needs. A rewarding part-time role for someone with a heart for pastoral care and experience in healthcare or social services. 14 hours per week, £32,000 pro rata. Closing date: 26th September 2026. For an information pack and application forms, or to ask a question, please email hr@cardiffmenevia.org.

VESPERS FOR ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD: The monks of Belmont have once again been invited to sing Vespers for the Feast of St Thomas of Hereford in Hereford Cathedral on Thursday, 1st October at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 – SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA: Young adults aged 18–30 are invited to join the Emmaus Encounter pilgrimage to World Youth Day, taking place from 28th July to 9th August in Seoul, South Korea. The package includes airport transfers, bed & breakfast accommodation, 4 nights in the Diocese of Incheon and 7 nights in Seoul with access to all main WYD events, plus daily Mass and formation. Archbishop Mark will be accompanying the group throughout. The cost is £1,500 plus flight fare (TBC - around £800 to £1200), with spaces limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To join or find out more, email wyd@cardiffmenevia.org or call 02920 379490.

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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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