

The Parish of St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey

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Dear friends in Christ,

This weekend is Prisoners' Sunday, a national Catholic day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. It is a moment to reflect on the lives of those affected by imprisonment — those in prison, their children and families, and all who struggle with the lasting impact of justice system involvement. It is an invitation to respond with compassion, prayer and practical support.

Prisons are in crisis. Too many people are held in overcrowded, unsafe conditions. Too many leave prison with no home, no income and no support. Behind every person in prison is a family— often children — trying to cope, many struggling to get by. The Prison Advice and Care Trust (Pact) is there for all those in need. They offer hope, dignity and the chance of a fresh start. Please support their work by donating to the 2nd Collection in the red bag or using the card machines.

This week the monks have been invited to sing Vespers at St Illtyd's Catholic Church in Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil on Wednesday at 6pm, to celebrate their 180th anniversary. The parish was originally a Benedictine foundation and in recent years monks of Belmont served in the parish for a short time. Due to this celebration, Vespers will not be taking place in Belmont Abbey on Wednesday evening.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday: the Holy Father, Pope Leo, is inviting all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through the 2nd collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and even Gift Aid your donation.

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

1st Collection (Belmont Parish)	- Cash last weekend: £152.55 - Digital last weekend: £132.50 - **Total donated: £285.05**
2nd Collection (CAFOD Family Fast Day)	- Cash last weekend: £310.10 - Digital last weekend: £175.00 - **Total donated: £485.10**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
11th October 2026
Prisoners' Sunday

4.00pm	Vigil Parish Mass with hymns *People of the Parish*
8.30am	Parish Mass *Louise Wright*
9.30am	*Sung Conventual Mass* *Marion Luscombe RIP*
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass with the Youth Choir *Tymek Stojewski (Birthday)*
Monday	**Memoria - St Wilfrid,** *Bishop*
Tuesday	**Memoria - St Edward the Confessor,** *Holy Man*
10.15am	Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am *Lea Isaac*
Wednesday	**Feria** *No Vespers at Belmont Abbey*
Thursday	**Memoria - St Teresa of Jesus,** *Virgin Doctor*
Friday	**Feria**
10.15am	Parish Mass
Saturday	**Memoria - St Ignatius of Antioch,** *Bishop & Martyr*
10.00am to 10.30am	Confessions

Conventual Mass
8.00am - Monday to Saturday

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
18th October 2026
World Mission Sunday

4.00pm	Vigil Parish Mass with hymns *People of the Parish*
Sunday	
8.30am	Parish Mass *Hayes & Parry Families*
9.30am	*Sung Conventual Mass* *Marion Luscombe RIP*
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass with the Praise and Worship Group *Dom Dyfrig Harris RIP & Michael Harris RIP*

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

Weekday Mass Readings are from Year II

2nd Collection for Pact this weekend.

2nd Collection for Missio 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, 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 Carolyn Cotterell, Dom Wulstan Probert, Pamela Turle, Irene Jones, Dorothy Lewis, Peter Cole, Edward Kenny, Dom Francis McKenna, Edward Rosser, Anna Tulacz, Frederick Fox, Celia Pritchard, Michael Pogson, Malcolm Brymer, Florence Conolly, Ada Hewer & Dom Ildephonsus Flannery.

150 CLUB OCTOBER RESULTS:

1st Prize £40.00 No. 97 Janet Matthews 2nd Prize £20.00 No.53 Moira Bates

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou or scan the QR code.

11.00AM MASS CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Currently takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11.00am Mass. We would like to be able to offer this weekly and are looking for volunteers to help on the 1st and/or 3rd Sunday of the month. Please contact Father Augustine or Helen Jenkins (hatka@btinternet.com) if you are interested.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2027: If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like him/her to receive First Holy Communion in 2027, please email Rob and Jacqui Corrigan on fhc.belmontabbey@gmail.com by the end of December to register your interest. The classes will run from January to June on alternate Saturday mornings with the Mass taking place on or around Corpus Christi.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP: This week we launched the Parish Bereavement Group. The group is open to all in the deanery who have experienced loss and would like join with others in a group support. Meetings will be be monthly and last for two hours. The aim of the group is to provide a safe space to share grief, where people can talk openly about their loss, no matter how long ago, offer support and breakdown the feelings of isolation and loneliness. If you would like any further information please contact: parishbereavement26@gmail.com
Or via the parish website www.belmontparish.org.uk

LECTIO DIVINA: The second introductory session to Lectio Divina by Dom Leo Maidlow Davis of St Gregory's Community will be **this Thursday evening, 15th October 7.00pm – 8.30pm**. The next afternoon meeting will be **Wednesday 28th October 3.00pm – 4.30pm**. You are most welcome to share in this prayerful engagement with the Word of God. For more information you can contact Renata Schmidt: renata.jmj@outlook.com

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER: The latest newsletter welcomes MPs' rejection of the Assisted Dying Bill and invites us to answer Pope Leo's call to pray the Rosary for peace throughout October. It also features Bishop Vaughan School's Festival of Peace, the Spiritus conference in Rome, a golden jubilee for two Sisters of St Joseph, and the new Archdiocesan WhatsApp channel. Coming up: a Safeguarding Café at Our Lady's, Llandovery (22nd October), and Austen Ivereigh on Magnifica Humanitas at St Helen's, Caerphilly (31st October). Read or subscribe at rcadc.org or scan the QR code.

PILGRIMAGE TO FÁTIMA, PORTUGAL: Abergavenny parish is planning a pilgrimage to Fatima next year- Monday, 20th September 2027 (6 days/5 nights/Full board/transfers/coach to Airport etc) Costs are approximate depending on airfares at time of booking - Flying to Lisbon from Bristol. Sharing room approx. £820.00. Single approx. £955.00 Staying at the Domus Pacis Hotel, run by the World Apostolate of Fatima. Forms available from Fr Matthew - fr.matthew@live.co.uk, Tel: 01873 851051 and on the parish website: https://www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk/

THE BIBLE: MYTH OR HISTORY?: A free illustrated lecture series in Biblical Archaeology with David Rohl. Section Two: The Dispersion of the Nations - Session 9 - The descendants of Noah – Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. Discoveries in Egypt's Eastern Desert. The iconography of Mesopotamian influence in early pharaonic Egypt. Saturday, 21st November 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Belmont Abbey Parish Centre. Free parking, Free entry. Monthly lectures usually on the second Saturday of each month except this month.

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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