

# The Parish of St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey

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Dear friends in Christ,

Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, when we celebrate all those who have entered the glory of heaven and are rejoicing in the presence of God. As we prepare to enter the month of November, dedicated to the Holy Souls, there is once again the opportunity to have your loved ones' names placed on the altar and remembered at Holy Mass throughout the month. The November dead list envelopes are available to take away with you in the glass porch.

This week all the local clergy have mandatory safeguarding training from the Archdiocese on Tuesday. Unfortunately, this means that there will be no 10.15 Parish Mass and Adoration this week.

Please keep my father, Dominic, in your prayers. This week he broke eight ribs in a boating accident while on my uncle's canal boat.

Thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday and the Pope's charity, Missio, last weekend. Your prayers and support help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

A big thank you to Kath and Linzy for the fantastic harvest display on the memorial altar. We give thanks to God for the good things which come from His creation.

We recently completed the annual Mass counts which are required by the bishops. Below is a table with the average number of those who attend each Mass over the weekend at Belmont Abbey, along with last year's numbers. The numbers are mostly stable with only some slight fluctuations in attendance compared to the previous year.

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

| Mass Time | 2025 | **2026** | Change |
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| Vigil 4pm | 36 | **29** | -18% |
| 8.30am | 44 | **47** | +6% |
| 9.30am | 45 | **50** | +11% |
| 11.00am | 88 | **90** | +3% |
| Total | 213 | **217** | +2% |

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
## 25th October 2026

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| 4.00pm | Vigil Parish Mass with hymns<br>*People of the Parish* |
| 8.30am | Parish Mass<br>*Derrick Murphy RIP* |
| *9.30am* | *Sung Conventual Mass*<br>*Joan and Wacek Wybraniec RIP* |
| 11.00am | Sung Parish Mass with Children's Liturgy<br>*Joey Mazzone RIP* |
| **Monday** | **Feria** |
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*No Parish Mass due to diocesan safeguarding training.*

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| **Wednesday** | **Feast - Sts Simon & Jude,** *Apostles* |
| **Thursday** | **Feria** |
| **Friday** | **Feria** |
| 10.15am | Parish Mass<br>*Private Intention (JD)* |
| **Saturday** | **Memoria - Blessed Virgin Mary** |
| 10.00am to 10.30am | Confessions |

*Conventual Mass*
*8.00am - Monday to Saturday*

## All Saints
## 1st November 2026

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| 4.00pm | Vigil Parish Mass with hymns<br>*Seb & David Wood RIP* |
| **Sunday** | |
| 8.30am | Parish Mass<br>*People of the Parish* |
| *9.30am* | *Sung Conventual Mass* |
| 11.00am | Sung Parish Mass<br>*Holy Souls* |
| *3.30pm* | *Ukrainian Liturgy* |

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

Weekday Mass Readings are from Year II

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| **1st Collection (Belmont Parish)** | - Cash last weekend: £137.81<br>- Digital last weekend: £232.50<br>- **Total donated: £370.31** |
| **2nd Collection (Missio)** | - Cash last weekend: £182.88<br>- Digital last weekend: £165.00<br>- **Total donated: £347.88** |

**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, Mav Kuhn, Karen Say & Dominic Primavesi.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pray for the repose of the souls of Sarah Hayward, Abbot Robert Richardson, Harry Wooliscroft, Eileen Holberry, Derrick Murphy, Florence McMann, Patrick Tyler, Beryl Lonergan, Mary Fee, Anne Hudson, Dom Bernard Chambers, Thomas Treanor, Josephine (Jo) Crowther, Patricia Wybourne, Mary Jones, Catherine Lane & Frances Dees.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEREFORDSHIRE OPEN MEETING:** Takes place on Wednesday, 4th November, 7pm at St John's Methodist Church. Peter Spence, Spiritual Support Lead at St Michael's Hospice will be talking about extending psychospiritual care for those that need support at home in a new partnership with Hereford Cathedral.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday, 14th November, 11am–2pm**
Come along to our Christmas Fair in The Chapterhouse and enjoy some Christmas shopping, with over 30 local stalls offering a wonderful selection of handmade crafts, gifts and seasonal treats. There will also be refreshments and a raffle, so bring your family and friends and join us for a lovely festive occasion!

**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:** For those 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:** This Wednesday afternoon, **28th October 3pm – 4pm** and Thursday evening, **5th November 7pm – 8pm**, both meetings in the Parish Centre followed by refreshments. Come and join the group as we engage with the Word of God in Scripture. For more information you can contact Renata Schmidt: renata.jmj@outlook.com

**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 CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Saturday, 5th December at 7.00pm**
Join us in The Chapterhouse for a wonderful evening of festive music featuring the Hereford Police Male Voice Choir. Come along with family and friends for a magical start to the Christmas season, while supporting our parish.

Tickets: £10 adults, £5 children under 10. They can be booked by scanning the QR code or by contacting Linzy Parry on 07929 277604 or emailing linzy.parry1@btopenworld.com.

**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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