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Dear friends in Christ,

Next Saturday (13th September) we will be holding our Parish Meeting & AGM at 10.00am. Please do try and attend in order to see what is happening in our Parish as well as our vision for the future. We will also be launching our new Parish Handbook and will have different stalls representing the groups we have in our parish. Finally, we will seek the approval of our four new parish councillors, as well as the re-election of the existing Parish Pastoral Council.

This week, we have the two feasts of Our Lady. It is her Birthday on Monday and on Friday, we celebrate the Feast of her Holy Name. This used to be a memoria but has been raised to the rank of a Feast since it was the day when our new united Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia was announced last year. As a result, this is the Patronal Feast for the Archdiocese and it is only right that it is celebrated as a Feast.

Next Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross which replaces the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It commemorates the finding of the true Cross by St Helena in 326. The importance of celebrating the Holy Cross for Christians is twofold: we can rejoice that something so terrible has been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race. Secondly, we are reminded that Christianity is not an abstract religion. It springs from God's direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross.

The monks of Belmont Abbey have been invited to sing Ecumenical Vespers at Tintern Abbey on this Feast Day at 3.00pm. As a result, there will be no celebration of Vespers and Benediction in the Abbey Church next Sunday.

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

Upcoming Events in October

Vespers for St Thomas of Hereford in Hereford Cathedral

Wednesday, 1st October, 5.30pm

Parish Quiz Supper

Friday, 24th October, 6.45pm for 7.00pm

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

4.00pm	Parish Vigil Mass with hymns <i>Forgotten Souls</i>
8.30am	Parish Mass <i>Jane Rees RIP</i>
9.30am	Sung Conventual Mass <i>Jeanette Livermore</i>
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

Monday

FEAST - NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

Tuesday

Feria

10.15am

Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am

Wednesday

Feria

Thursday

Feria

Friday

FEAST - HOLY NAME OF MARY

10.15am

Parish Mass

John Reilly RIP

Saturday

Memoria - St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

10.00am to 10.30am

Confessions

10.00am to 12.30pm

Parish Meeting & AGM in The Chapterhouse

Conventual Mass

8.00am - Monday to Saturday

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

4.00pm	Parish Vigil Mass with hymns <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday	
8.30am	Parish Mass <i>Terry Bates RIP</i>
9.30am	Sung Conventual Mass
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass <i>Karolina Busko (birthday)</i>
3.00pm	Ecumenical Vespers at Tintern Abbey

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

Parish Collection - Cash last weekend: £188.37
- Digital last weekend: £50.00

Apologies for technical difficulties with the card machine last Sunday morning.

Weekday Mass Readings are from Year I

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, please contact Fr Augustine on the Parish telephone number.

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, Gina Thorne, Kathy Davis, Florence (Flo) Ramage, David Rohl, Piers Black-Hawkins, Liz Norman & Polly Maund-Powell.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Yasuko Mori, Br Robert Brace-Hall, Petrina Morris, Arthur David McCabre, Jane Kelly & Margaret Treanor.

'SHAPING OUR FUTURE' - PARISH MEETING & AGM: We are holding an open Parish Meeting on Saturday, 13th September from 10.00am to 12.30pm in The Chapterhouse (old Hedley Lodge).

During the meeting we will:

- 1) Share our vision for the future
- 2) Hold the PPC AGM, including the confirmation of our 4 new Parish Councillors
- 3) Launch the new Parish Handbook

150 CLUB SEPTEMBER 2025 RESULTS:

1st Prize No. 38 Jan Wyman

2nd Prize No. 97 Janet Matthews

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

TINTERN ABBEY: An Ecumenical Service of sung Vespers on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 3.00pm Sunday 14th September. Speaker: The Rt Revd Brendan Thomas OSB, Abbot of Belmont,

Singers: The Monks of Belmont Abbey and Newport Cathedral Choir. Please bring a folding chair and umbrella. Entry to the Abbey is free for those attending the service. Lunch and teas available in the village. Free parking.

MEET THE NEW MONKS: FROM DOWNSIDE TO BELMONT: Saturday, September 20th at Belmont Abbey. An opportunity to welcome our new monks. Come & hear the Downside community's unfolding story and get to know their fresh hopes. The next in our Deanery Horizons of Hope meetings, 10am Coffee for 10.20am start. Followed by the book launch, 'An Unlikely Cornerstone, The Life & Times of Dom Victor Farwell' by Dom Stephen Ortiger.

EXPERIENCED LIVE-IN CARER: Has DBS, insurance and excellent references. A caring, compassionate, trustworthy companion and committed Catholic. Available full or part-day, long term placement. Does driving, outings, appointments, cooking etc. Please contact Helen Martyn on 07867 978558..

WALSINGHAM ROSARY GROUP: We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 3.00pm to pray the rosary for peace in the world. Everyone is welcome and there is time afterwards for tea and conversation.

The next meeting is Tuesday, 7th October at 21, Woodfield Gardens, Belmont.
For any enquires telephone: 01432 359867

YOUTH CHOIR: Belmont Abbey Parish is pleased to announce the newly formed Youth Choir is recruiting boys and girls between ages 7-18. Commitment is a weekly Thursday rehearsal (4.30pm-5.30pm) and monthly 11.00am Mass (2nd Sunday of each month) in term time. To reserve a free space for your child please visit <https://www.belmontparish.org.uk/youth-choir>. Can't sing but would love to support music in the Abbey? Please consider giving a donation to support the Youth Choir running costs and give the gift of music to the next generation. Enquiries through the youth choir website, Parish Priest or Organist.

ABBEY CHOIR: A mixed choir for gifted experienced Choral Singers. Meeting monthly to sing the 9.30am Conventual Mass (4th Sunday of each month). Sight singing and computer skills essential. To find out more and register your interest please visit <https://www.belmontparish.org.uk/abbey-choir>

PARISH SUPPORT GROUP: Provides a regular link and support between the wider parish community and parishioners who are unable to attend Mass or parish events due to a change in personal circumstances.

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