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Dear friends in Christ,

This Sunday, as well as celebrating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, it is also Education Sunday. This serves as a reminder that Catholic education in Church schools and universities endeavours to acknowledge Jesus' loving presence in the lives of young people as they work, learn, pray, grow in character and virtue, and discover their vocation. Education Sunday helps to reinforce to all members of the Catholic community the importance of education to the Catholic mission.

Sadly, the Ecumenical Vespers at Tintern Abbey, due to take place this Sunday, has been **cancelled** due to the forecasted heavy rain and strong wind warnings. This means Vespers and Benediction will take place as usual in the Abbey Church at 5.55pm.

Next Saturday (20th September) is the next in our series of Horizons of Hope meetings, which is an opportunity to "Meet the New Monks, From Downside to Belmont". The Community of St Gregory the Great will share their unfolding story along with their fresh hopes for the future. Join us in the Conference Room of The Chapterhouse, here at Belmont Abbey, from 10.00am for tea and coffee in order to start at 10.20am. Following this, there will be the book launch, 'An Unlikely Cornerstone, The Life & Times of Dom Victor Farwell, the First Abbot of Worth' by Dom Stephen Ortiger,

On Wednesday, 24th September, the Annual Mass for the St John Kemble Deanery takes place at St Francis Xavier's Church in Hereford for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. This is a great opportunity for the different parishes in the Herefordshire Deanery to come together for Holy Mass on the Feast of the National Marian Shrine, followed by refreshments afterwards in the Cathedral Hall.

Next weekend, we celebrate *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday, meaning the Joy of the Gospel. We are encouraged to think about how we can spread the Gospel joy to those around us. It is also the beginning of the Sunday Mass Counts, over a period of four weeks. If you would like to help count those who attend Holy Mass on Sunday, please see me; otherwise, I will have to seek out some volunteers!

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

St Michael and All Angels

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

4.00pm	Parish Vigil Mass with hymns <i>Private Intention</i>
8.30am	Parish Mass <i>Terry Bates RIP</i>
9.30am	<i>Sung Conventual Mass</i>
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

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24th Week in Ordinary Time - Year I

Monday	Memoria - Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday	Memoria - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs
10.15am	Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am <i>Ross Williams RIP</i>
Wednesday	Memoria - St Hildegard, Virgin Doctor
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Memoria - Sts Theodore & Adrian, Bishop & Abbot
11.00am	Requiem Mass for Ross Williams
Saturday	Memoria - Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions, Korean Martyrs
10.00am to 10.30am	Confessions
	<i>Conventual Mass</i>
	8.00am - Monday to Saturday

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

4.00pm	Parish Vigil Mass with hymns <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	
8.30am	Parish Mass <i>Dick Hayes RIP & Tom Dawson RIP</i>
9.30am	<i>Sung Conventual Mass</i>
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass <i>Margaret Gavin RIP</i>

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

Parish Collection - Cash last weekend: £155.46
- Digital last weekend: £225.00

2nd Collection next weekend for the work of the Bishops' Mission Directorate on *Evangelii Gaudium* 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, 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, Abbot Charles and Fr Stephen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Alice Johnson, Rev 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, Elsie Donovan & Annie Williams.

TINTERN ABBEY: The advertised Ecumenical Service of sung Vespers this Sunday (14th September) has unfortunately been **cancelled** due to severe weather warnings.

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, the First Abbot of Worth' by Dom Stephen Ortiger.

HORIZONS OF HOPE - DEANERY TALKS: We are looking for feedback on the talks so far, and suggestions for future topics or speakers. Please download the questionnaire from <https://tinyurl.com/26vsb9bn> or send comments and suggestions to belmontabbeycensus@gmail.com

BELMONT OBLATES: Will be meeting at 4pm in the Richardson Room of the "Chapterhouse" on Sunday 21st September: Tea, followed by News and a Talk on the Rule of St Benedict by the Oblate Master, Fr Jonathan, finishing towards Vespers at 5.55pm. Anyone interested in, or thinking about, becoming an Oblate would also be most welcome.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish is holding a Coffee Morning to support the work of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday, 26th September at 10.30am, all are welcome.

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 Wednesday, 1st October at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

WALSINGHAM ROSARY GROUP: Due to an increase in numbers we will now be meeting in the Abbey Church. Everyone is welcome to 21, Woodfield Gardens, Belmont afterwards for tea and conservation. The next meeting is Tuesday, 7th October at 3.00pm. This is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and also sadly the anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel, so our prayers will be especially for peace in the Holy Land.

PARISH QUIZ SUPPER: Will take place on Friday, 24th October 2025 in the Conference Room of The Chapterhouse, 6.45pm for 7.00pm start. Entry (Gothic side door) by ticket only £15.00 per person. To enable friends to sit together, tickets can be allocated by tables of up to eight if so wished. Please collect a sign up form from the folder in the glass porch and return it to either Fr Augustine or Clare Nickerson.

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.

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.

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