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Dear friends in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate Peace Sunday. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January.

Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message is 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. Pax Christi promotes Peace Sunday with the support of the Bishop's Conference we are invited to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. Donations can be made through their website <https://paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/> or by the QR code.



Children's Liturgy will resume at the 11.00am Parish Mass next Sunday, 25th January and then take place every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from 18th to 25th January. The theme of the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes from the Letter to the Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Eph 4:4). The resources for the week can be accessed here <https://www.oikoumene.org/sites/default/files/2025-07/EN%20%202026%20WPCU.pdf> or by the QR code. The resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century. They include a daily reflection for use during the week, as well as a suggested liturgy.

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 18TH JANUARY 2026

4.00pm	Vigil Parish Mass with hymns <i>Forgotten Souls</i>
8.30am	Parish Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
9.30am	Sung Conventual Mass
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass with the Praise & Worship Group <i>Theresa Gavin</i>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Monday	Memoria - St Wulstan, Bishop
Tuesday	Memoria - St Sebastian, Martyr
10.15am	Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am
Wednesday	Memoria - St Agnes, Virgin Martyr
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Memoria - St Cadoc, Bishop & Martyr
10.15am	Parish Mass <i>Rona Nickerson RIP</i>
Saturday	Memoria - St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor
10.00am to 10.30am	Confessions <i>Conventual Mass</i> 8.00am - Monday to Saturday

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 25TH JANUARY 2026

4.00pm	Vigil Parish Mass with hymns <i>Susan Ann Rogers RIP</i>
Sunday	
8.30am	Parish Mass <i>Jennifer Mary Snell RIP</i>
9.30am	Sung Conventual Mass <i>Thanksgiving for Br Alban's Oblation</i>
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass with Children's Liturgy <i>People of the Parish</i>

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

Parish Collection - Total donated: £395.65

- Cash last weekend: £171.65
- Digital last weekend: £224.00

Belmont Abbey - Total: -£2,254.35
Parish Accounts - Income: £10,063.65
for December 2025 - Outgoings: £12,318.00

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN: Fr Patrick is the Catholic Chaplain but is currently helping out on our parish in Whitehaven. If you or a loved one requires a priest to visit you in hospital, 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, Florence (Flo) Ramage, David Rohl, Liz Norman, Catherine Simons, Fr Richard, Polly Maund-Powell, Abbot Charles, Louise Wright & Jeanette Livermore.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Helen Bates, Bernard Berto, Gwendolin Massey-Lynch, Dom Laurence Maxwell, Kevin McGinn, Dorothy Passmore, Frances Roebuck, Gerard Wakelam, Fanny West, Alice Locans, Caroline Martin, Dom Alexander George, Stephen Fisher, John Bray, Dom Dyfrig Harris, Lisle Massey-Lynch, Dorothy Thorn, Jane Davies & John Keeler.

BORDER VOICES CONCERT: Scottish Renaissance masterpieces, by Robert Carver (c1484–c1568), sung by early music group, Border Voices. Almost nothing is known of Carver, court musician to James III, and few of his compositions survived the Scottish Reformation. Border Voices will sing his beautiful and mysterious Mass, 'L'Homme Arme', along with other works by his contemporaries. Leominster Priory, Sunday 25th January, 7pm.

LECTIO DIVINA: Takes place monthly on Wednesdays at 11.00am to 12noon, in the Parish Centre. The next session is on 21st January.

HEALING SERVICE: The monthly Service of prayers for healing next takes place in the Abbey Church at 6.45pm on Friday, 6th February 2026 led by Fr Michael Clothier from the Community of Saint Gregory the Great. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions will be available. All are most welcome.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH - PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Monday, 5th—Friday, 9th October 2026 - 5 days/4 nights. Cost: £1,029 pp. half board; Coach return fare to Heathrow is extra. Travel insurance included. The cut-off date is 14th February 2026 for signing up.

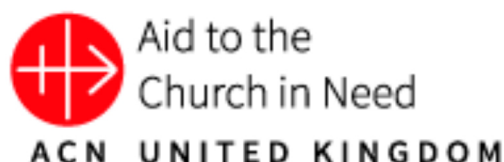
Spiritual leader: Fr John George OSB. Fully guided tour to include the following highlights: Papal Audience; visit to St Peter's Basilica with Mass, tour & visit to the Dome; visit to and Mass in the Catacombs. Visit to the Trevi fountain and the Venerable English College. To sign up, please e-mail the office: hereford2@cardiffmenevia.org

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

As the circumstances of our lives change we find ourselves needing even reluctantly, more help. Such is the case with those who avail themselves of the support group. **We need more drivers and volunteers who are willing to support fellow parishioners to attend Holy Mass, and parish events.**

We also need volunteers who would be willing to support our parishioners to attend medical and other appointments or provide a much needed break for those providing care.

If this is something you feel you could do please contact the support group on the same channels: 01432 374712 or belmontsupp@gmail.com



Steve Riedlinger, Community Outreach Representative, for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) will be visiting the Parish next weekend (24th and 25th January).

Steve will be talking about ACN's response to recent crises and how we can support suffering and persecuted Christians.

There will be a further opportunity to support this Catholic charity through prayer and giving.