

# The Parish of St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey

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Dear friends in Christ,

This weekend we have a pastoral letter from Archbishop Mark O'Toole focusing on mission. The Archbishop's vision for the Archdiocese is to become more fully a community of missionary disciples, motivated by love for Jesus and a desire to share the faith. The foundation for this vision is prayer, supported by four key pillars:

- Youth and the development of young leaders, including vocations to the priesthood.
- Evangelising zeal, with initiatives to reach those who do not know Jesus.
- Formation in faith, recognising that every baptised person is called to be missionary and to accompany one another in a synodal way.
- Loving service to those in need, especially the poor.

Six short reflections expanding on prayer and the four pillars will be available for reflection during either Lent or Eastertide. The Archbishop's full 9 page letter which sets out his full vision will be available on the diocesan website, <https://rcadc.org> from this Saturday.

My prayers and best wishes,

*Fr Augustine*



Aid to the  
Church in Need

**ACN UNITED KINGDOM**

Steve Riedlinger,  
Community Outreach Representative,  
for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)  
will be speaking at the Masses this weekend.

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.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

4.00pm	Vigil Parish Mass with hymns <i>Susan Ann Rogers RIP</i>
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>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memoria - Sts Robert, Alberic &amp; Stephen, Abbots</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memoria - Sts Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</b>
10.15am	Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memoria - St Thomas Aquinas, Priest &amp; Doctor</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.15am	Parish Mass <i>Ross Williams RIP</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memoria - St Alban Roe, Martyr</b>
10.00am to 10.30am	Confessions <i>Conventual Mass</i> <i>8.00am - Monday to Saturday</i>

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

4.00pm	Vigil Parish Mass with hymns <i>Sick of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	
8.30am	Parish Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
9.30am	Sung Conventual Mass
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass <i>Dom Dyfrig Harris RIP</i>

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

## Parish Collection - Total donated: £400.95

- Cash last weekend: £212.95
- Digital last weekend: £188.00

Sunday Mass Readings are from Year A  
Weekday Mass Readings are from Year II

**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, Liz Norman, Catherine Simons, Fr Richard, Polly Maund-Powell, Abbot Charles, Louise Wright, Jeanette Livermore, Monica Tomlin & Mandie Chapman.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pray for the repose of the souls of Jennifer Snell, Gordon Wilson, Frank Keating, Mary Buckeridge, Margaret Thomas, Horace Hiles, Dom Christopher Jenkins, Joan Sheeran, Gordon Wilson, Gerard Rosser, Emrys Thomas, Margaret Hargaden, Stephen Marius Gray, Dom Aloysius Lacey, Susan Taylor, Stephen Lewis, James Meredith, Ellen Murphy, William Nicholas, Margarita Doverman, Mary Jenkins & Clotilde Woods.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Takes place at the 11.00am Parish Mass every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Takes place monthly on Wednesdays at 11.00am to 12noon, in the Parish Centre. The next session is on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**HEALING SERVICE:** The monthly Service of prayers for healing next takes place in the Abbey Church at 6.45pm on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HORIZONS OF HOPE: Human Dignity: The Catholic Vision and Why it Matters.** The next of our Horizons of Hope talks will be given by Professor John Loughlin on the principles of Catholic Social teaching, and how they impact on the many moral challenges in our world today.  
At The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 10.00am-12.30pm.  
All welcome!

**SPRING FAIR:** Join us for our first annual Spring Fair of local makers and crafters in The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey, on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am to 2.00pm. There will be stalls, crafts, Easter gifts, cakes and refreshments in aid of Belmont Abbey Parish Funds.  
Both entry and parking are FREE!  
If you want to sell your wares, it costs £10 for a table.  
To book a table contact Louise on 07553 361864 or email [louise@thewoodee.com](mailto:louise@thewoodee.com)

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH - PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>—Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.