

The Parish of St Michael and All Angels Belmont Abbey

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Dear friends in Christ,

This Friday, the Lenten Station Mass for the Deanery takes place at 7.00 pm at Saint Francis Xavier's Church, Hereford. Archbishop Mark will be coming to celebrate. Please do consider attending; it would be great to see the Belmont Parish well represented.

The "Station Mass" originated in Rome under the auspices of Pope Gregory the Great (590 – 604). They were conceived as a daily pilgrimage in the footsteps of the martyrs and saints. Pilgrims and penitents visited forty churches in Rome on foot and performed penitential exercises and celebrated Mass in each "stopping place" or "station". In doing so, they were also following the example of Jesus, who went out into the desert and fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for his mission. It is this "journey" which forms the spiritual background to the forty days of Lent and the journey each of us has to make into the desert of our own hearts and lives.

The next in our series of Lent Days, A Day with St Justin Martyr, led by Fr Alexander Kenyon, takes place on Tuesday, beginning with the Parish Mass at 10.15am and then 11.00am to 3.00pm in The Chapterhouse. More information and other events are available on the retreats and events calendar which can be found at www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings, this will be updated throughout the year.

On Monday, we get to celebrate the Feast Day of St David, transferred from Sunday. As one of the secondary patrons of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia, St David, even though only a feast in England, is transferred in Herefordshire so the whole Archdiocese can celebrate St David on the same day.

A reminder that last Friday was CAFOD Family Fast Day and any donations made directly to CAFOD online will be doubled. Donations can also be made in the second collection red bag and via the card machine.

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A 1ST MARCH 2026

4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns
People of the Parish

8.30am Parish Mass
Emily Louisa Hayes RIP

9.30am *Sung Conventual Mass*

11.00am Sung Parish Mass
Forgotten Souls

3.30pm *Ukrainian Liturgy*

Monday **FEAST - SAINT DAVID, bishop**

Tuesday **Feria**
10.15am Parish Mass
People of Iran

Wednesday **Feria**

Thursday **Feria**

Friday **Feria**
10.15am Parish Mass
Teresa Higgins RIP

6.45pm *Healing Service*

7.00pm *Lenten Station Mass at St Francis Xavier*

Saturday **Feria**

10.00am to 10.30am Confessions

Conventual Mass

8.00am - Monday to Saturday

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A 8TH MARCH 2026

4.00pm Vigil Parish Mass with hymns
Rob & Steph Warren

Sunday
8.30am Parish Mass
John Spolnik RIP

9.30am *Sung Conventual Mass*

11.00am Sung Parish Mass with Children's Liturgy
People of the Parish

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

Parish Collection - Total donated: £364.63

- Cash last weekend: £172.63

- Digital last weekend: £192.00

Sunday Mass Readings are from Year A

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.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to both Lorenzo Paiva who was baptised and Joanna Beeby who was baptised, confirmed and made her first Holy Communion this Saturday. Also to Dominic Nicholls who was baptised into God's family and the Church a few weeks ago.

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,, Fr Richard, Polly Maund-Powell, Abbot Charles, Louise Wright, Monica Tomlin, Mandie Chapman, Joanna Savory & John Stannard.

DEATH: Pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Simons, the mother of Fr Richard, who died on Friday.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Frances Schomberg, Peter Skuse, Dom Wilfrid Chadwick, Bessie Catherine Lee, Joseph McGurk, Sheila Eccles, Ada Dobson, William Eburn, Monica Devlin, Anna Panniers, Dom Bruno Reynolds, Karen Frances, Edward Edwards, Catherine Ramlall, Karen Francis, Molly Brooks, Mary Clay & Bridget O'Toole.

'EMMAUS DISCOVER': For teenagers in Year 8 to Year 13 - The day will be an experience of monastic life, an opportunity to pray together during Lent, and a chance to get to know other young Catholics. The event is £15pp taking place at Belmont Abbey on Saturday, March 14th 2026 11am-6.30pm. To register for the event please scan the QR code.



'EMMAUS ENCOUNTER': For young adults aged 18-30 - a residential retreat at Belmont Abbey taking place from March 27th to 29th. The retreat costs £150pp, plus a £25 single supplement. The retreat is full board, with a full timetable of activities, including a trip into Hereford on the Saturday to learn about local martyr St John Kemble. To register for the event please scan the QR code.



CAFOD: Family Fast Day collection this weekend. This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you saved on Family Fast Day, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. We are delighted to have received some match funding, for ONLINE DONATIONS, so please bless others with your support and donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or scan the QR code to donate via our Virtual Envelope - DOUBLING the impact of your almsgiving. Alternatively call 0303 303 3030. Or you can text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



WOW@BELMONT: Our next meeting is Tuesday, 3rd March, 11.00am in the Parish Centre. A warm welcome to any widows or widowers who would like to join us for a cuppa, cake and friendly chat.

WALSINGHAM ROSARY FOR PEACE: Takes place on the first Tuesday of the month in the Abbey Church. Everyone is welcome to 21, Woodfield Gardens, Belmont for tea afterwards. The next meeting is Tuesday, 3rd March at 3.00pm.

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

THE HEREFORD PASSION: At Hereford Cathedral: Friday, 6th & Saturday 7th March, 7.30 pm. Following on from the success of The Hereford Passion in 2024, The Revd Canon James Pacey will once again bring the story of Jesus' final days to life this Lent. The production will use words, music, action to tell the events of that fateful week against the stunning architecture of Hereford Cathedral nave. Tickets cost £10 per adult and £6 per child and are available from the Cathedral or online: <https://www.herefordcathedral.org/Event/hereford-passion-2026>.

SPRING FAIR: Join us for our first annual Spring Fair of local makers and crafters in The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey, on Sunday, 8th 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!

THE BIBLE: MYTH OR HISTORY?: A free illustrated lecture series in Biblical Archaeology with David Rohl Saturday, 14th March 2.00 - 4.00pm, Belmont Abbey Parish Centre, Free parking, Free entry. Monthly lectures on the second Saturday of each month.

EVENING LENTEN RETREAT & HEALING SERVICE: Given by Fr Michael Payyapilly VC, director of DRC Pantasaph, UK at St Ethelbert's Church, Leominster on 17th March, 6.30pm to 9.00pm. All are welcome.

PENITENCE AND HOPE: Hereford Chamber Choir, Sunday, 22nd March at 4pm, St Mary Magdalen Church Leintwardine SY7 0LB. Choral music and readings for Lent, including Lotti's Crucifixus, works by Arvo Part, Vaughan Williams, Sanders and Lassus. Tickets £15, £13 Friends of Hereford Chamber Choir, £5 Students, Under 16s free, Early Bird discount to the end of February, available <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hereford-chamber-choir/t-qmjeaoq> or ask Ellen Sarewitz.

LECTIO DIVINA: Takes place monthly on Wednesdays at 11.00am to 12noon, in the Parish Centre. The next session is on 25th March.

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