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Dear friends in Christ,

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pope Saint Gregory the Great, the patronal feast day for the Community of Saint Gregory the Great. He was Pope from 590 to 604 and one of the great teachers of the early Church. A gifted pastor and writer, he is especially remembered for sending Saint Augustine of Canterbury to bring the Gospel to the Anglo-Saxons. Saint Gregory also helped shape the Church's liturgy and pastoral care. His life reminds us that true leadership in the Church is rooted in humility, service, and a deep love for Christ and his people. Although his feast day has now been moved to the 3rd September in the calendar of the Universal Church, the Community of Saint Gregory's keep his original feast day on the 12th March, the date of his death and heavenly birthday.

The next in our series of Lent Days, A Day with Saint Irenaeus of Lyons, led by Fr Jonathan Rollinson. Confronting divisions within the early Church, Irenaeus emphasised unity, continuity, and the goodness of creation redeemed in Christ. This retreat explores how his vision of faith as something received, lived, and handed on remains a vital witness in times of confusion and fragmentation. It 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.

My prayers and best wishes,

Fr Augustine

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

This Sunday 11.00am to 2.00pm in The Chapterhouse. There will be stalls, crafts, Easter gifts, cakes and refreshments. Entry is free.

Belmont Abbey Parish Accounts for February 2026	**- Total: £4,438.71** - Income: £7,554.81 - Outgoings: £3,116.50
Parish Standing Orders for February	**- £2,692.00**

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A
8th March 2026

4.00pm	Vigil Parish Mass with hymns *Rob & Steph Warren*
8.30am	Parish Mass *John Spolnik RIP*
9.30am	*Sung Conventual Mass*
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass with the Youth Choir and the Children's Liturgy *People of the Parish*
Monday	**Feria**
Tuesday	**Feria**
10.15am	Parish Mass
Wednesday	**Feria**
Thursday	**SOLEMNITY - ST GREGORY THE GREAT,** *Pope & Doctor*
8.00am	Parish Mass
12.00noon	Conventual Mass
Friday	**Feria**
10.15am	Parish Mass
Saturday	**Feria**
10.00am to 10.30am	Confessions

Conventual Mass
8.00am - Monday to Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

4th Sunday of Lent - Year A
15th March 2026

4.00pm	Sung Vigil Parish Mass with the Schola *Youth*
Sunday 8.30am	Parish Mass *People of the Parish*
9.30am	*Sung Conventual Mass*
11.00am	Sung Parish Mass with the Praise & Worship Group *Robert Morawiecki RIP*

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

First Collection (Belmont Parish)	**- Total donated: £447.20** - Cash last weekend: £215.20 - Digital last weekend: £232.00
Second Collection (CAFOD)	**- Total donated: £712.45** - Cash last weekend: £557.45 - Digital last weekend: £155.00

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Pamela Radon, Michel Power, John Spolnik, Gertrude Crump, Mabel Powell, Peter Warhurst, Sue Ball, Christopher Haan, Donald Halliday, Valerie Skiba, Mary Jones, Monica Mullan, Harry Sargeant, Bernadette Doverman, Michael Veale, Sybil Leggett, Germane Marshall & Patrick Egan.

'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: Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou or scan the QR code.

Fundraising during Lent - please see the notice board for information on Lenten Pledges. Louise Wright is again doing the Big Lent walk. If you would like to sponsor her please see her Facebook page, scan the QR code or follow the link: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louises-fundraising-page159.

TASTE AND TALK: Is now meeting on the first and third Thursdays of the month. This means the next meeting is on Thursday, 19th March, 10.30am to 12.00noon in the Parish Centre.
We will be continuing to watch and then discuss series 5 of the popular series "The Chosen".

SAFEGUARDING FOR ALL: Safeguarding and care for all members of our parish and community - young and not so young - concerns us all. With this in mind, the Parish of St Francis Xavier have invited the Diocesan Safeguarding Team to deliver an awareness session for parish volunteers of the deanery, on Saturday, 21st March from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in Belmont Abbey Parish Centre (please note the change of venue).
This session is intended for all deanery volunteers whose role carries a DBS requirement; Adult Altar Servers (18+), Altar Server Chaperone, Sacristan, EM visiting the housebound etc, Children's Liturgy, Children's Catechists (FHC & Confirmation), Parish visitors to housebound/sick, Lift providers to parishioners etc, Bereavement support volunteers, Youth group workers etc.
The aim is to highlight the responsibilities of us all in safeguarding each other, and to explain how concerns can be shared, whilst also explaining how current procedures play an important role in the process. It is open to anyone with a parish role within the deanery of St John Kemble, and we hope that all volunteer leaders and as many others will be able to attend, enabling the strengthening ties within our parishes, as well as an opportunity to meet new friends and colleagues from across the Deanery.
There is parking at Belmont and Refreshments will be served, please email Kathy Weston, Parish Safeguarding Representative of St Francis Xavier, to book your place, and ensure ample supplies; sfxsafeguarding@gmail.com

HEALING SERVICE: The monthly Service of prayers for healing next takes place in the Abbey Church at 6.45pm on Good Friday, 3rd April led by Fr Michael Clothier from the Community of Saint Gregory the Great. Confessions will be available. All are most welcome.

THE BIBLE: MYTH OR HISTORY?: A free illustrated lecture series in Biblical Archaeology with David Rohl. Session 2 - Moses and the Exodus: The slavery period. Moses as a prince of Egypt. The events of Exodus. The Ipuwer Papyrus. The Miracle of the Sea.
Saturday, 11th April 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.

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