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Dear friends in Christ,

It's a pleasure to have the opportunity to stand in for Fr. Augustine. Whenever I am asked to provide a supply for the weekend in another parish I always jump at the opportunity; as I remind people, frequently, you can always rely on a monk to say "yes" if it means leaving the cloister. I don't have to leave Belmont to provide cover this weekend so I'm not sure if that's a bonus or not.

Next Tuesday is the memoria of St. Bernard. It would have been our dear Br. Bernard's birthday and the Belmont community, near and far, miss him hugely. I feel sure that heaven is a tad livelier with him there and that we will meet him again when we, in our turn, are called home by God. The annual pilgrimage to the grave of St. John Kemble takes place today – please see details below.

Although I was away, I hear the parish BBQ was a great success. Thanks to all who helped and attended, especially Tim Smallwood for his culinary skills.

The formal opening of our guesthouse, the Chapter House was a resounding success and we are indebted to Julie Etchingham for doing the honours, the Lord Lieutenant, other dignitaries and guests, and for all those who helped to make the occasion so memorable.

With prayers, as always,

Alexander OSB

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

31ST AUGUST 2025

4.00pm Parish Vigil Mass with hymns
People of the Parish

Sunday

8.30am Parish Mass

Vera Dawson RIP

9.30am Sung Conventual Mass

11.00am Sung Parish Mass

George Mecina RIP

Monday

Feria

Tuesday

Feria – Oswald Chapman RIP

10.15am

Parish Mass with Adoration until 11.30am

Wednesday

FEAST – ST GREGORY THE GREAT,

Doctor

Thursday

SOLEMNITY – DEDICATION OF THE ABBEY CHURCH

Friday

Feria

10.15am

Parish Mass

Seb Wood RIP

Saturday

Memoria – Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am to

Confessions

10.30am

Conventual Mass

8.00am – Monday to Saturday

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

4.00pm Parish Vigil Mass with hymns
Forgotten Souls

Sunday

8.30am Parish Mass

Jane Rees RIP

9.30am Sung Conventual Mass

11.00am Sung Parish Mass

People of the Parish

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

Parish - Cash last weekend: £217.72
Collection - Digital last weekend: £242.00

Weekday Mass Readings are from Year 1

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 Alex 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pray for the repose of the souls of Harry Biltcliff, John Bindon, Anthony Davies, John Edward Hickman, Frederick Ward, Cecil Wegg-Prosser, Sebastian Michael Wood, Henry Llewellyn, Anthony Smith, Dom Bernard Wassall, Dom Cadfan Williams, Dom Brendan Minney & Katrina Zdancyuk.

WOW@BELMONT: Our next meeting is Tuesday, 2nd September 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.

‘SHAPING OUR FUTURE’ - PARISH MEETING & AGM: We are holding an open Parish Meeting on Saturday, 13th September from 10.00am to 12.30pm in The Chapterhouse (old Hedley Lodge).

During the meeting we will:

- 1) Share our vision for the future
- 2) Hold the PPC AGM, including the confirmation of our 4 new Parish Councillors
- 3) Launch the new Parish Handbook

EXPERIENCED LIVE-IN CARER: Has DBS, insurance and excellent references. A caring, compassionate, trustworthy companion and committed Catholic. Available full or part-day, long term placement. Does driving, outings, appointments, cooking etc. Please contact Helen Martyn on 07867 978558.

WALSINGHAM ROSARY GROUP: We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 3.00pm to pray the rosary for peace in the world. Everyone is welcome and there is time afterwards for tea and conversation.

The next meeting is Tuesday, 2nd September at 21, Woodfield Gardens, Belmont.

For any enquires telephone: 01432 359867

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.

VESPERS AT TINTERN. The monastic community will be singing Vespers at Tintern Abbey on Sunday, 14th September at 3pm. All are welcome. There will be no Vespers at Belmont on that day.

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.

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