

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour out your power upon all your children in the Middle East. Let hatred be turned to love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation. Grant that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces and peace and justice be experienced by all. Amen

Gracious Mary, Mother of God and Our Lady of Kiev, we humbly ask for you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for the people, their government, and all who suffer because of war. Be with them as you stood beside your son at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. Grant, through your prayers, that peace may come to that troubled land. Amen

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

"May the Lord grant us the courage to walk along this path, so that in our time, swords may indeed be beaten into ploughshares, and the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world, and the peace of Christ may reign over all of creation." Amen

Prayer for Our Parish

Loving God, all you desire is our wholeness and wellbeing. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve for precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbours, standing before an uncertain future. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, for you, the God who does not abandon your people. Amen

FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

We pray for the sick of our parish at home and in hospital. For those who have died, especially Marion Luscombe, Leszek Fabisiak, Fran Smith and Renee Jakubowicz and those whose anniversaries are at this time George Mercia and those known only to God. We pray for those affected by the war in Ukraine, and the Middle East. We also pray for the people of Nepal and Tibet, asking the Lord to send them the help they need and comfort to those who have lost loved ones.

Last week's Statistics 30th August 2026

Attendance:

Plate Collection: £

Hall Renovation Fund: £ Thank you for your continued generosity



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

		10:00am	Pat Staton RIP
		6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 7th September	Feria	9.30am	Staff and students of Our Lady's school
Tuesday 8th September	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Simon for a return to health
Wednesday 9th September	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday 10th September	Feria	6.00pm	Marion Luscombe RIP
Friday 11th September	Feria	9.30am	The Church
Saturday 12th September	Holy Name of Mary	10.00am	Exposition and confessions
		11.00am	Mass: Holy Souls
		10:00am	For those in education
		6.30pm	Pro Populo

Charity Cycle Ride

On **Saturday 19th September** Chris Moore and Adam Michnoik will be undertaking a 100 mile charity cycle ride to raise funds for **Our Lady's Parish Hall Restoration Fund**. They will 'touch base' at the hall about 10am that morning and all are invited to come along and join them for coffee and cake. Donations can be made using the card machine and there is a sponsorship form for cash/ cheque payments available in the narthex. Anyone who wishes to join them for part of the ride please speak to Chris or Adam for details. Thank you!



Monastic Experience Weekend Fri 18th - Mon 21st Sep

Have you ever wondered whether God might be calling you to a deeper life of prayer, community, and service? Would you like to experience the rhythm of monastic life from the inside? Belmont Abbey invites men who are exploring their vocation to spend a weekend living alongside the monks and sharing in the great Benedictine tradition. Whether you

are actively discerning a monastic vocation or just curious about the monastic life and open to God's call, this weekend offers an opportunity to step away from the pressures of daily life and listen more attentively to the voice of Christ. "Listen carefully, my son, to the master's instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart." Rule of St Benedict. **The weekend is open to men aged 18 to 45.** It begins on the Friday with departures after lunch on Sunday or Monday morning. To find out more please contact:

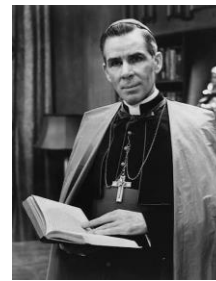
Dom Andrew Berry: brandrew@belmontabbey.org.uk



Ecumenical Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey to mark the Feast of the Holy Cross

On **Sunday 13th September at 3pm** there will be an ecumenical celebration of Evening Prayer at Tintern Abbey. The Guest speaker: Will be Rt Rev Brendan

Thomas OSB, Abbot of Belmont. Please bring a folding chair; the service will be held in the Abbey Grounds, entry of free of charge. Please see the poster on the parish noticeboard for further details.



SPECIAL DEANERY MASS: Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

Thursday 24 September • 7.00pm, Belmont Abbey

Preacher: Revd Dom Thomas Regan OSB

All are warmly invited to a special Deanery Mass celebrating the **Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**, taking place that day in St Louis, Missouri. One of the great Catholic communicators of the twentieth century, Archbishop Sheen brought the faith into millions of homes through his pioneering radio and television ministry. May his example inspire us in the work of evangelisation today. There is a **special connection with Belmont**. In 1969, Pope Paul VI appointed Sheen **Titular Bishop of Newport**. Belmont Abbey Church had served as the pro-cathedral of the Diocese of Newport and Menevia, and Sheen himself **preached at Belmont's centenary celebrations in 1959. All welcome**



Joining/Renewal of Membership 2027

*Thank you for your continual support for the 200 club. Please join or renew your membership and support our parish, as well as giving yourself a chance to win a cash prize! If you aren't already a member why not join in the fun? It's just £25 per annum and you have a real chance of winning. Why not join today? Ask Fr Andrew or Janet Winter for an entry form. Please complete the form which are also available in the narthex and place your £25:00 cash/cheque made payable to Our Lady's Church in an envelope and return for the attention of Jan Winter. Alternatively, you can set up a Standing Order by completing the section at the bottom of the form and submitting it to your bank, or by setting it up yourself through Online Banking. Winning numbers will appear in Our Lady's parish newsletter. **Remember you have to be in it to win it.***

AbilityNet BT
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Free Digital Skills Training!
Staying Safe Online & Avoiding Scams
Free group session with Richard from AbilityNet
Our Lady's Hall, 101 Belmont Rd, HR2 7JR
from 10:30 - 12:00pm on Tues 8th September
Herefordshire Council TALK COMMUNITY

Community Coffee Morning

Our monthly Community Coffee Morning will be held at 10.30am in the Parish Hall this Tuesday, 8th September.

This month we will be joined by AbilityNet who will be there to help and advise on avoiding internet scams and how to stay safe online. Everyone is welcome so do bring a friend or two! You will receive a warm welcome and even a piece of cake.