

Holy Cross Abbey, Whitland 2020 News

A Year of Faith, Hope and Charity



Sr Usia's Solemn Profession on the Feast of All Saints Who Followed The Rule of St Benedict

A Call Within The Call SSps to OCSO



Friday 13th November 2020 at 11am Dom Joseph & Fr Mateusz of Mount St Bernard Abbey concelebrated Mass at Holy Cross Abbey where Sr Usia made her Solemn Profession. The ceremony was beautiful and simple, the festive lunch was very delicious, the whole day was wonderful. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions we were unable to invite Sr Usia's family from Poland or any friends, we hope when it is possible we will have a big celebration. Deo Gr̃atias. Sr Usia entered SSps Polish Province Prior to joining the Whitland community she spent seven years as a Missionary sister in Zambia.



Covid 19 Pandemic

Like everyone else our lives have changed due to the Pandemic, we have been called to live by Faith, Hope and Charity.



We pray for our world, for the alleviation of suffering and for the end of the pandemic with adoration before and after Vespers. We finish Vespers with Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic.

We have lost 90% of our Altar Bread Income, which is the community's main source of income. The Abbey Bakery remains open for all altar bread business, email hcaaltarbreads@gmail.com.

We discussed what we could do to fill the income gap, by making savings as well as finding new ways of income generation. We have been selling plants at the gate and as it has been a good growing season, an increase in the amount of vegetables for sale. Selling more during the summer months also lead to an increase in sales of our jams and preserves. As this work well we have developed a 'Home Baking Range', of shortbread, deluxe flapjacks which we hope to sell on-line and now Christmas Puddings and Christmas Cards.



We have been blessed with many generous donations which was a real boost and a surprise. We thank each donor.

Shielding our vulnerable sisters was successful thank God.

The church remained and closed for five months. We carried out a risk assessment and put in the necessary measure to be Covid safe, and it was wonderful to open the church once more in August. A risk assessment was carried out for the guesthouse. We were only able to welcome a few visitors during September and October. We pray next year will be better and we can open the guest house once more after Easter.

Community Retreat with Dom Brendan Freeman 14–22 February 2020

The retreat was excellent, exploring Cistercian Monastic Living, using a wide range of texts both old and new. A time of joy, renewal, relaxed good fellowship, and humour.

Farewell and Thank You

In August Jan & Julian moved to Bridgend to be nearer their family. We thank Jan & Julian for all their work, help, and friendship over the years. We are hoping when the restrictions allow we will celebrate with afternoon tea. We wish Jan & Julian a very happy retirement.

Obituaries

At Mount Saint Bernard Abbey this year two of our former chaplains died.



Fr John Moakler our chaplain 2001 – 2015. Abbot of MSB 1982 – 2001. At our Eucharistic Services we are hearing again Fr John's homilies,

which are enriching. Fr John died 8th April 2020 May he rest in peace.

Fr Richard Adams. Our Chaplain from 1991 – 2001.

Fr Richard died 22nd May 2020 at MSB May he rest in peace.

Full obituaries

are on our website News page www.hcawhitland.co.uk



Congratulations

Sr Usia passed her driving test 6th March. In July Sr Usia successfully obtained Pre-settled status and in October after passing her 'Life in the UK Test' Sr Elsie now has Settled Status.

Farewell

Fr Michael Hart our part-time chaplain for four years retired in August and has moved to be nearer his relatives. We thank him for his ministry and friendship, he will be missed.

Sunday Masses

We are very grateful to visiting priests who have visited our guesthouse on retreat and have celebrated Mass. We thank Fr Liam & Fr Matt from Haverfordwest for the gift of Sunday Mass.

Welcome & Farewell

We welcome Sr Veronika staying to gain her health and farewell to Sarah, who we wish well in her new life.

Thank you

We give thanks to the Order's Economic Commission of Aid for the generous grant to help us to refit the Infirmary, for Sr Jean and Sr Elizabeth who moved into the infirmary.

We give thanks to Dave, Clem and Suzanne our part-time employees

We wish you all a very blessed, safe and healthy Christmas and 2021

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