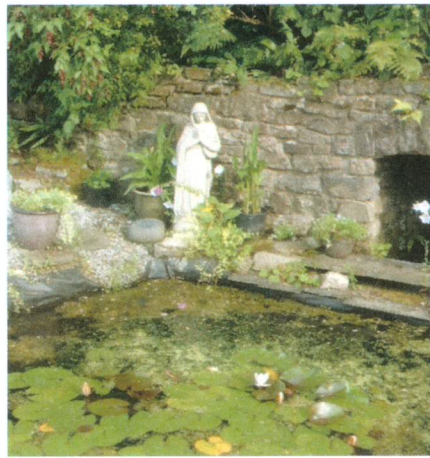
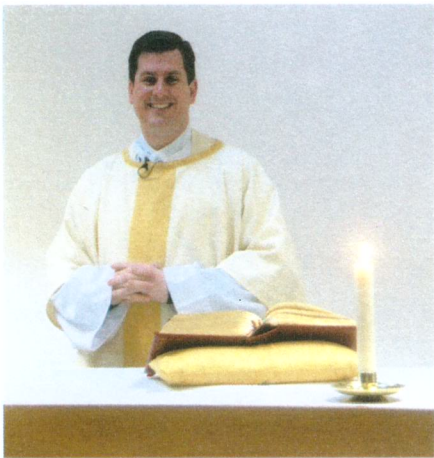


Holy Cross Abbey, Whitland 2021 News

Founded in 1802 & Celebrating 30 Years at Whitland



Mother Christine Retires as Abbess

On the 14th December 2021 M. Christine will celebrate her 75th birthday and according to our Constitutions she offers her, resignation which has been accepted and will come into effect on 15th December. M. Christine was elected on 14th February 2006 and then re-elected in 2012 for an indefinite time. So much has changed during her abbatial mandate: the new library, rebuilding the cloisters, redesign the cloister garden, upgrading the infirmary, new patio, and the reordering of the church. The grounds, two fields, which had been rented to a local farmer were bought back into use with the planting of mixed woodland, starting the market garden which now has 2 small greenhouses, 5 polytunnels and 33 allotment beds, developing the gardens, moving, and expanding the orchard. Changing from oil boilers for heating and hot water to a biomass boiler and solar panels. Organising and renewing our common life and liturgy, giving life enriching chapter talks. We have so much to be thankful for and wish M. Christine a well-earned rest.



Sisters Jean, Elsie, Elizabeth, Edith, Stephanie, Usia, M. Christine & Sr Jo

We welcome Fr Liam Bradley Our New Chaplain

Fr Liam in April 2021 took up his new role as part-time chaplain to Dyfed & Powys Police as well as continuing his role as chaplain to Withybush Hospital. He was appointed to be our part-time chaplain. We knew Fr Liam when he was Parish Priest at Haverfordwest and we were delighted to welcome him as chaplain. With Fr Liam's support we have entered into a project of liturgical renewal. Fr Liam gave an enlightening talk on the Scavie.

Altar Bread Sales

Altar breads are our main source of income and sales this year are better than last year but they are still below 50% of what they were. We thank everyone who purchases their altar breads, Christmas Cards, Christmas Puddings, fresh vegetables, and logs.

Patronal Feast



This year the weather on the Solemnity of the Triumph of the Holy Cross was warm and dry so we were able to have a BBQ. It has been over 10 years since the last BBQ and the cooking was a team effort.

Open Doors Event at Whitland Abbey 24-25 September

The Volunteers of Whitland Abbey have been working tirelessly on improving the site for pilgrims and visitors. Whitland Abbey was part of the CADW Open Doors celebration of the heritage of Wales. M Christine was invited to give a Blessing of the site. Fr Liam wrote the prayer of blessing which linked the Cistercian Monks of the past to the present day Cistercian Sisters up the road in Whitland.



Obituaries

Pamela Wallace, friend of the community for many years used to visit and help Sr Elizabeth in the Paradise Garden; she died peacefully in her sleep in January.

Kathleen O'Gorman prior to Covid pandemic; visited us each year and guided us in a week of reflection on Holy Scripture. Kathleen was seriously ill in the summer and died at home with her family 27th September, she is greatly missed.

We Thank You Very Much

We thank all friends, relatives and benefactors for their generosity and kindness. We have received many prayers, much encouragement and very kind donations.

90th Birthdays



3rd March Sr Genevieve celebrated her 90th birthday with the staff

at St Vincent's Nursing Home.

8th October Sr Stephanie celebrated her 90th Birthday with Mass and a special lunch a lovely day



Garden & Grounds

This year St Mary's Well Ffynnon Fair has been developed so that we can sit next to the pond. It is now an area of peace and beauty.

Paradise Garden was planted by Sr Elizabeth over 25 years ago and many of the bushes had grown so successfully that they dominated the flower beds. A large number have been removed and placed in other areas with the hope that they will settle in their new location and thrive once more.

The vegetable and fruit season have had a few setbacks this year, due to weather. We lost all our tomato plants for selling to frost, the plants in the polytunnels were damaged but thankfully survived. Runner beans were slow but the French Beans did well.

Blackcurrants were plentiful but the apples & pears were much reduced.

Farewell to Suzanne

Suzanne joined us 11 years ago working part-time in the altar bread department baking and cutting the breads. With the lockdown due to the Covid pandemic the churches closed and so our altar bread sales stopped.

We were delighted to invite Suzanne for tea and cake, to catch up on news and to enjoy the love and friendship that has developed over the years. We thank Suzanne for her service which in times of need included working in the sewing room helping out in the kitchen on special occasions. We will keep in touch.



Farewell to Elvis

Elvis Clement joined us for work experience working one day a week with Clem & Dave. He is now studying full time at college and we wish him well in his studies and future career.

Thank you

To our part-time team: Dave, Clem, Sue & Peter for all their hard work and friendship.

We wish you all a very blessed 2022

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(Q) Peace and joy to you this Christmas *Tangnefedd a Llawnnydd i chi y Nadolig hwn* /

(R) Wishing you peace and joy at Christmas *Gan ddymuno Tangnefedd a Llawnnydd i chi dros y Nadolig*

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Thank you very much.

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