

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES and INTENTIONS - May 2017				
Sat	20th	10.30am	St Ethelbert K&M	Albert Gregg (sick)
Sat	20th	6.00pm	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (VIGIL)	Ann O'Connor (anniv.)
Sun	21st	8.00am	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	The Parish
Sun	21st	10.00am	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Nino Meschi and Danny Quinn R.I.P.
Sun	21st	11.30am	BAPTISM	Nicole Dias
Mon	22nd	9.15am	St. Rita of Cascia	Patrick Dolan
Tue	23rd	No Public Mass		
Wed	24th	1.00pm	6th Week of Easter	Speedy recovery - Mike Kennedy
Thu	25th	9.15am	St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Successful op.
Thu	25th	1.45pm	SFX School May Procession	
Fri	26th	1.00pm	St. Philip Neri, Priest	Moneen Schofield
Fri	26th	6.30pm	Trad. Rite	Special Int.
Sat	27th	10.30am	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP	Fr. Mario Reguzzoni S.J. Special Int.
Sat	27th	6.00pm	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (VIGIL)	Jane Richings
Sun	28th	8.00am	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Jeremiah Cremin RIP
Sun	28th	10.00am	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	The Parish
Sun	28th	11.30am	BAPTISM	Arlo James
Sun	28th	3.00pm	BAPTISMS	Alisha & Aiden Anderson - Williams

<b>Please Pray For The Sick:</b>	Brenda Strouken	Petal O'Hea
Joan Sheeran	Philip Cook	Pat Morris
Sister Philippa Clare	Velina Milson	Vince Hanna
Fr. Antony	Keith Davies	Jenny Hughes
Euphemia Kelly	Cynthia Barnett	Pat England
Winnie Doran	Flo Brown	Sonia Jones
Pat Clark	Alison Alder	Sheila Fawcett
Eileen Walker	Peggy Hall	Albert Gregg
Joan Colley	Ann Currie	Lynne Howells
Kimberly Seaborne	Ben Belnaves	Mike Kennedy

<b>Lately Dead:</b>	Clare Albrow	Sister Clare
Sheila Few	Peter Finnegan	

**During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church and Human Work.**

Readings for this week		
Sunday	Year A	Psalter week 2

	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6.00pm	Angela Holmes Frances Hetterley Mary Amor	Kathy Weston Helen Booth Stuart Fox
8.00am	Jane Gennard	Stuart Fox
10.00am	Danny West Laura West Vera McHale	Stephen Booth

<b>Mass Welcomers Rota</b>		
<b>W/end 20th/21st May</b>		
6.00 pm	Joan + Pauline	
8.00 am	Maria Wright + Darren Debattista	
10.00 am	Margaret Bubb + Peter Bowen	
<b>W/end 27th/28th May</b>		
6.00 pm	Margaret Daron+Pat Maclean	
8.00 am	Anne Doverman	
10.00 am	Catherine Vaughan+Mary Roberts	

<b>Remembrance:</b>	Nino Meschi	Mary (May) Lowe
Dennis Hyde	Mary Morgan	Irene Pogson
Mary Doverman	Josephine Hill	Eileen Jones
Eileen Brain	Margaret Harrison	Margaret Tennant
Vera Morris	Brendan Connolly	

Offertory for 14th May - Thank you		
1st	Running of the Parish	£501.55
2nd	Renovation	£285.31
	Standing Orders	£270

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturday 11.00 am-12.00 noon**

**We welcome into God's Family Nicole Dias** who will be Baptised this Sunday at 11.30am.

**Retiring Collection** The retiring collection for Catholic Communications Sunday was £205.68. Thank you.

**ACN Aid to the Church in need** Thank you so much for your support to the Appeal made on April 29th and 30th 2017. £959.78 was received in donations, £146.50 from the sale of goods and a further £161.25 2 will be claimed from Gift Aid. Therefore a grand total of £1267.58. May God bless you all in the Parish of St. Francis Xavier, Hereford. Dee Dunne Thomas.

**Comboni Missionaries** Next weekend there will be a talk and appeal by the Comboni Missionaries. We have been specifically asked to do this in 2017 by the Archdiocese. Your most generous spiritual and material support for all these extra appeals is a sign of true Christian fellowship. Thank you

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Would all box holders please bring in their boxes for the spring collection by Sunday 28th May..

## PRAISE WE OUR GOD WITH JOY?

**So....this is Eastertide.** Still. And today's Mass is again full of the joys of Easter and of evangelising!

**First reading:** Philip went ...and proclaimed the Christ to them...and...there was great rejoicing..."

**Second reading:** "Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have."

**Entrance Antiphon:** "Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth..."

**Collect:** "Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord..."

**Today's Preface of Easter** tells us that "overcome with paschal joy"...we praise God exultantly. Do we?

Am I overcome with paschal joy? Are you? Has anyone noticed?

I remember walking through High Town with the Corpus Christi procession a couple of years ago. A group of lads coming in the other direction looked us over to see what was going on and one of them shouted out, "Cheer up!"

We are members of the church by virtue of our baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit has been fanned to a flame by our confirmation. We can tell a tree by its fruits. Is the Holy Spirit alive and blazing in us? We can tell by His fruits. Of the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit JOY is His flag.

**St. Philip Neri** whose feast we celebrate this Friday was famed for his joyful proclamation of the gospel. The Offertory prayer for that day implores, "...O Lord, we ask that by the example of Saint Philip may (we) always give ourselves cheerfully for the glory of your name and the service of our neighbour."

As Pentecost approaches let us ask God to fill us with that same "self-forgetful joy" that impelled St. Philip to go out and proclaim the Good News. What does that mean to me, today, in Hereford? If we perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy with hearts full of joy God will surely ask no more of us. Christ is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Mary Cook.

**Love Thy Neighbour** At the Parish Advisory Council it was noted that several Polish families have returned to Poland, worried at the effect of Brexit. We at Saint Francis Xavier and throughout the Catholic Church and the wider Christian community in Britain have one message to all Poles: You are welcome here, please stay. We need you, your faith, your humour, your friendship and your strong and continuing contribution to Britain. The United Kingdom is not the property of any one people. Its strength has always been its tapestry of different peoples from every corner of the world. In our own congregation we number men and women and children from India, the Philippines, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Ireland and Africa. Perhaps this gives us a picture of the kingdom of God where nationality, class and accomplishment matter not. In his ministry on Earth Jesus taught us to love our neighbour without judgement or reservation. Christ inspires us to be that Good Samaritan, to take his message to all nations. For him there is no difference between races.

We at SFX shall continue to proclaim the unity and dignity of Christ's peoples here on earth. Let us ask our neighbour to stay with us awhile - for the hour is late. Saint John Paul pray for us. Saint Maximilian Kolbe pray for us. Saint Stanislaus of Szczepanów pray for us. Andy Milne.

**Lunch Club** Monday 22nd May, Ham Salad and Pudding. Monday 29th May, **No Lunch Club - Bank Holiday.**

**Letters** Would the following please collect their letter(s) from the Sacristy - Susan Marsden and Samartinean Family.

**Summer Fund Raising Events** Copies of the insert last week are still available. It gives details of plans for late June and early July. Please take one if you missed it. It is also reproduced this weekend in Polish. In the meantime please consider bringing in Bottles or bake a cake for the Sunday Tea and Coffee (25th June and 2nd July) or the Garden Fete on 8th July. More details next week.

**SFX FILM NIGHTS** presents the **Award-Winning "THE LETTERS"** The untold story of Mother Teresa (PG)

**Where:** SFX Hall **When:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May **Time:** 7:15 pm. ALL WELCOME, FREE ADMISSION, REFRESHMENTS On September 10, 1946, Mother Teresa, a nun working as a teacher in India, was on a train when she experienced a message from God, "a call within a call" asking her to assist the poorest of the poor, and to live among them.

"**The Letters**" tells the story of how this tiny figure changed hearts and lives and inspired millions. Though she experienced the dark night of the soul and God's "silence" for the rest of her life she saw God in every human being. Her story is told from the viewpoint of a Vatican priest charged with investigating her life and her cause for canonisation.

**CTiH** This week we are asked to remember in our prayers those who work for the 'Citizens Advice Bureau'.

## OTHER NOTICES

**Deanery Pilgrimage to Fatima** Fr. Matthew, the Dean, and Parish Priest of Our Lady's in Hereford is organising a Pilgrimage to Fatima for the Deanery, in this the 100th Anniversary Year of the Apparitions; **There are still places available.** There are booking forms in Church or available from Fr. Matthew -01432 265177. Places still available. Monday 25th - Friday 29th September, flying from Manchester. 4 Nights, Half Board. Price £599/person, £120 Extra for Single Rooms (Only a few available) and insurance. Organised by Leisure Time Travel in Liverpool.

**PENTECOST VIGIL SERVICE** Pentecost Vigil Service at Our Lady's Church on Saturday 3rd June. To include Exposition, music and readings. Starts at 7.00 pm, all welcome.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK		
Mon 22nd May	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Mon 22nd May	12 noon	Lunch Club - Parish Hall
Mon 22nd May	2.00pm	St Anne's Guild. Parish Hall
Thu 25th May	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Fri 26th May	7.15pm	Film Night. Parish Hall

WHAT'S COMING UP		
Thu 1st June	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Thurs 15th June	12 noon	Mass at Longworth Chapel
Sat 17th June	6.00pm	Confirmation Mass
Sun 18th June	Corpus Christi Procession after 10.00 am Mass	