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MASSES and INTENTIONS - July 2017				
Sat	15th	10.30am	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	St. Mary's - Recruitment of new Head
Sat	15th	6.00pm	15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (VIGIL)	Clare Young (Birthday anniv.)
Sun	16th	8.00am	15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Margaret Arscott RIP
Sun	16th	10.00am	15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	The Parish
Mon	17th	9.15am	FERIA	Private Int (D.J.S.)
Tue	18th	No Public Mass		
Wed	19th	1.00pm	FERIA	Ellen Devereux
Wed	19th	6.30pm	SFX School - Leavers' Mass	
Thu	20th	9.15am	FERIA	Kitty Bracken (operation)
Fri	21st	1.00pm	FERIA	Denis Francis
Fri	21st	6.30pm	(Trad. Rite)	Private Int.
Sat	22nd	10.30am	St. MARY MAGDALENE	Tom McCourt
Sat	22nd	6.00pm	16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (VIGIL)	M.A. Mathai
Sun	23rd	8.00am	16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	The Parish
Sun	23rd	10.00am	16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Jesin Jose (Year's Mind)
Sun	23rd	11.30am	BAPTISMS: Alice Slavik and Nikita Moiseenko - Phillips	
Sun	23rd	3.00pm	BENEDICTION (See notice)	

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

Please Pray For The Sick:	Brenda Strouken	Petal O'Hea
Joan Sheeran	Philip Cook	Pat Morris
Lynne Howells	Velina Milson	Vince Hanna
Fr. Antony	Keith Davies	Jenny Hughes
Rory Schofield	Cynthia Barnett	Pat England
Winnie Doran	Flo Brown	Sonia Jones
Kimberly Seaborne	Alison Alder	Sheila Fawcett
Eileen Walker	Peggy Hall	Mike Kennedy
Joan Colley	Ann Currie	

Lately Dead: Sylvia Phillips Albert Gregg
Sister Philippa Clare

Remembrance: Geoffrey Wilson Bernard Newton
Olga Tully Wladyslaw Gotowski Pauline Cassin
Hilda Shaw

During Summer we are asked to pray for these intentions:
A deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews;
Those who suffer persecution oppression and denial of
Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers

Readings for this week		
Sunday	Year A	Psalter week 3
	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6.00pm	Frances Hetterley Mary Amor Volunteer	Susan Marsden Volunteer
8.00am 10.00am	Jane Gennard Laura West Danny West	Carola Morton Audrey Fussell

Mass Welcomers Rota
W/end 15th/16th July
6.00 pm Joan + Pauline
8.00 am Maria Wright + Darren Debattista
10.00 am Margaret Bubb + Peter Bowen
W/end 22nd/23rd July
6.00 pm Margaret Daron + Pat Maclean
8.00 am Anne Doverman
10.00 am Catherine Vaughan + Mary Roberts

Offertory for 9th July - Thank you		
1st	Running of the Parish	£510.32
2nd	Renovation	£284.28
	Standing Orders	£270

This weekend there will be a talk after the 10am Mass by Simon Cameron about **Noah's Camp**.

Last Weekend's Retiring Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea raised £253.19. Thank you.

200 Club. Winners for May 1st Irene Cooper £25; 2nd Carola Morton £10; 3rd Mrs J Dykes £5; June 1st Maria Large £25; 2nd Eddie Loader £10; 3rd Carola Morton £5; Star Draw Winner Nina Fish £100. Congratulations to all our winners. Please collect your letters from the Sacristy.

Summer Fund Raising Thank you to all who helped with the fund raising events this summer. We are delighted to report the following: Coffee and Cakes in the Garden after 10.00am Mass on 25th June and 2nd July - £88.08. Garden Fete 8th July - £1230.21. Garden Party - £145.00. Grand total raised - £1463.29.

Grand Summer Draw See notice board for prize winners.

Strawberry Tea We are putting on our Strawberry Tea for the over 60's on Sunday 23rd July. The afternoon will begin at 3pm with Benediction followed by Tea in the Annexe. No need to book, just turn up.

Yoke If you are like me and sometimes arrive for Mass feeling heavy with the troubles of life then it is a comfort to realise that you are not alone and it is because he understands about the burdens that we carry and the work that we do that Christ says "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matt 11:29). He is not offering us exemption from work or a position of privilege where we can put our feet up but an opportunity to look at things differently and see our lives in his light.

Jesus Christ, the son of Joseph the master – carpenter of Nazareth, may have made many yokes in his father's workshop and it may in part been proper pride in his skill as a craftsman which led him to say "my yoke is easy" and "take my yoke upon you".

There is no sense in these words of the yoke being a symbol of slavery or bondage because the whole context is entirely different from any suggestion that his yoke is something burdensome or irksome. Earlier in this lesson he said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" and he was saying that he can give us rest from the heaviness and sorrows that this world sometimes brings. Taking his yoke upon us evokes a picture of two oxen yoked together and speaks of the quite overwhelming and wonderful offer to bind himself to us and to share our load, to be our companion in ploughing our furrow through life. He will take the strain when we stumble and go where we go.

He concludes by saying "for my yoke is easy and my burden is light". These are words of comfort and encouragement, restful not stressful, in Christ a joy shared is doubled and a burden shared is halved. L.S.

Lunch Club - Monday 17th July spaghetti bolognese and pudding. 24th July Burghill Lunch.

Rotherwas Chapel Mass Vigil Mass of the Assumption at Rotherwas Chapel Monday 14th August at 3pm celebrated by Abbott Paul.

Annual Pilgrimage to the grave of St. John Kemble Sunday August 20th. See notice board for details.

Letters Would the following please collect their letter(s) from the Sacristy - Ella Cwiertnia.

FRIDAY BREAKFASTS St. Francis Xavier and Hereford Open Door would like to work together to provide a breakfast for the homeless and needy on Friday mornings at St. Peter's Church House from the beginning of September. Volunteers would be needed from 7.45am to 9.30am on a rota basis so your involvement could be regular or occasional. Initially we would plan on providing a bacon or egg roll and hot drinks. If you are interested in volunteering /providing food/ contributing financially or would like more details please contact Mary Roberts on 01432 278328.

NOAH'S CAMP Exciting news, a new Catholic family camp set in rural Gloucestershire 7th – 11th August 2017 Inspiring talks, fun times for families, live worship band, Quiet prayer times, Taize evening, age related kids 7 youth groups. All denominations welcome. You can camp or commute daily, only about 40 minutes from Hereford. For more information visit our website: www.noahscamp.co.uk 07961 346343 or contact Jacqui/Rob Corrigan on 01432 352241 for more information.

OTHER NOTICES

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE – There are 14 pilgrims from the local Deanery going on the pilgrimage in late September, we will be joined by another 28 pilgrims from other places and parishes. Still places available, forms at back of Church or from Fr. Matthew at Our Lady's (265177). Final preparation meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 6.30pm.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY The next meeting of The Herefordshire Catholic History Society will take place on Thursday 27th July in the Kemble Room, Belmont Abbey at 2.30 pm when we will have a talk on the History of Longworth Chapel and Bartestree Convent. All welcome. Further information bmwarde@aol.com.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK		
Mon 17th July	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Mon 17th July	12 noon	Lunch Club. Parish Hall
Mon 17th July	2.00pm	St. Anne's Guild. Parish Hall
Thu 20th July	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Sun 23rd July	3.00pm	Benediction followed by Strawberry Tea in the Hall.

WHAT'S COMING UP		
Mon 24th July	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Mon 24th July	12 noon	Lunch Club. Parish Hall
Thu 27th July	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Thu 27th July	2.30pm	Hfd Catholic History Society Belmont
Mon 14th Aug	3.00pm	Mass Rotherwas Chapel
Sun 20th Aug		Pilgrimage to the grave of St. John Kemble
Sat 9th Sept		Ride and Stride