



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear Friends, Last weekend we welcomed Fr Matt Roche-Saunders. He preached at all three Masses about his work as the Director of Priestly Vocations and Youth Mission for the Archdiocese. He recently visited our Priests' Deanery Meeting and the Deanery Advisory Meeting. At the Masses he explained 'the three pillars' in his involvement with Youth Mission. The first was the necessity of getting away from the digital world and experiencing nature and silence. The second was following Jesus' example of 'Washing of Feet', service, reaching out to others. The third was for the young to present Jesus to others; to share the gospel with others. The programme is called 'Emmaus', recalling Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the day of the resurrection. The two lost disciples listened attentively to Jesus as he opened the scriptures to them. When they arrived at their destination, they invited Jesus to share a meal with them. Their eyes were opened as he took bread, blessed it and broke it and shared it with them. They immediately returned to Jerusalem to share their experience. **Fr James**

Liturgical Calendar September 2025 Yr C Psalter Wk 1

Sat 20th	10.30am	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Hasang and Comp. Martyrs	Petal O'Hea RIP
Sat 20th	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 20th	6.00pm	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Virginio Schiavon RIP
Sun 21st	8.00am	25TH SUNDAY	The Parish
Sun 21st	10.00am	25TH SUNDAY	Mary Ellen Prosser
Mon 22nd	9.30am <i>Rosary 9am</i>	Feria	Thanksgiving
Tue 23rd	NO PUBLIC MASS. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30		
Wed 24th	1.00pm	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (FEAST)	Krystyna Kowalczyk
Wed 24th	7.00pm	DEANERY MASS	St John Kemble Deanery
Thu 25th	9.30am	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Varghese & Liji Wedding Anniversary
Fri 26th	1.00pm	Sts Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	Souls in Purgatory
Sat 27th	10.30am	St Vincent de Paul	SVP
Sat 27th	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 27th	6.00pm	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sun 28th	8.00am	26TH SUNDAY	
Sun 28th	10.00am	26TH SUNDAY	The Parish



Rosary at Home - During October, we meet together in each others' homes to pray the Rosary. The Rosary begins at 6:30pm, prayers usually last for about 45 minutes. Please join in and offer to host the Rosary at your home on one evening. You don't need a big house or designer rooms - this isn't a TV Makeover show! It is praying together for the needs of all - so perhaps it is a "World Makeover"! And don't worry if you are not sure about leading the Rosary - it is a group effort. There are sign-up sheets on the notice board in the narthex. We would especially welcome invitations from new members of the parish - it is a great way to get to know each other. If you aren't yet ready to host, check the sheets for who is hosting and come along to pray. (Contact: Pete 07970 263782)



Baptism: We welcome into God's family **Daisy Margaret Naylor** who will be baptized this Sunday at 12 noon. A warm welcome to Daisy and all her family.

We remember all who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time
Lately Dead: Dorothy Foulkes
Funeral Wednesday 8th October 1.00pm
Anniversaries:
Winifred Averay, Jean Child,
Zofia Sapiecha, Muriel Reilly.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Pray for the Sick: Ania Kuzba, Jan Beavan, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Ana Rudnicki, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Margaret Davis, Margaret Skelding, James Spradbery, Teresa Bord, Sarah, Ann Marie Hughson, Patricia Marongiu, Pauline and David Day, Mark Edmunds, Rita Rees, Didit Buhain, Margaret Davis, Sarah James, Kath Feely.

SFX DEANERY MASS THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



On **Wednesday 24th September** the St John Kemble Deanery Mass will be celebrated in our Church at 7.00pm. It is very much hoped that parishioners from all the parishes of the Deanery will attend. The St John Kemble Deanery is made up

of the following parishes: Belmont Abbey, Our Lady Queen Martyrs, St Francis Xavier, Ledbury, Leominster and Bromyard, and Weobley and Kington.

What is a Deanery?

The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia is divided into seven deaneries. Each priest exercising pastoral ministry belongs to a deanery conference that meets at regular intervals. Our Dean is Abbot Brendan Thomas.

The priests of **St John Kemble Deanery** meet every few months to pray together and listen to one another. In addition to the Priests' Deanery Meetings, there is the Deanery Advisory Council with two representatives from each parish.

The Deanery is a very important, though often unseen, part of the Archdiocese and of individual parish life. Abbot Brendan, with all the other Deans, together with Archbishop Mark wish to bind parishes together through their deaneries.

This is an important event in the Parish diary. Some SFX parishioners might be working on the 24th; others have family or caring commitments and some may be housebound. We pray for you all at Mass. If you are free, please do your utmost to come along to this special celebration here at SFX.

It would be lovely to have a full church!

Together we will extend a warm welcome to our friends throughout the Deanery.

Please note: For refreshments in the College Hall after Mass turn left into Cathedral Close. Follow the path around the far end of the Cathedral. Keep right and you will see the arched doorway into the cloisters. Stewards will be on hand to help.

Congratulations to Fr Leo Maidlow Davis on his 50th anniversary as a monk of St Gregory's.

Ministers of the Eucharist		Ministers of the Word	
6pm	Kathy Weston Angela Holmes Vigeetha Joseph	6pm	Philip Dixon Stuart Fox
8am	Cecilia Balestra Frances Hetterley	8am	Tracey Buckley Lorraine L Williams
10am	Lorena D L Auer Gerald Okafur Noel Elegado	10am	Audrey Fussell Liz Symonds

Steve Riedlinger, Community Outreach Representative for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) will be visiting the Parish on 4th and 5th October. Steve will be talking about ACN's response to recent crises and how we can support suffering and persecuted Christians. There will be a further opportunity to support this Catholic charity through prayer and giving.



First Holy Communion Lessons for children NOT attending Catholic Schools

There will be a meeting for parents and children on Saturday 18th October at 4pm in St Francis Xavier's Church. Children must be in Year 3 or above. To register your child before the meeting please email me brendafirstcommunion2025@gmail.com Please include your child's name, school and year group. Also a contact phone number is required. It would be helpful if you can pass this information on to friends and family who may be interested. Brenda Williams

Applying for a place for your child for St Francis Xavier's RC Primary School

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a reception class place for your child to start school in September 2026. Please come along and meet our Headteacher, Mrs Christopherson and our Reception Class teacher, Miss Smail. Mrs Christopherson will give an introductory talk on both mornings at 9.30 am and this will be followed by a tour of the school with our Year 6 pupils. Open mornings are on either Friday 3rd October 9.30 am - 10.30 am or Wednesday 19th November 9.30 - 10.30 am. There is no need to book. Further details and application forms are available on our school website. Thank You.

Urgent -Housing request. A Parish family are looking for a 2/3 bed house, ideally around Belmont

Harvest Supper Saturday 4th October

There will be a Harvest Supper after the 6 pm Mass on Saturday October 4th. Please bring some food to share with everyone. There is a list to sign in the Narthex.



Welcome to new parishioners and visitors. Do introduce yourselves to the welcomers and **come along after the 10.00am Mass for coffee and cake.**



Collection 14/09/2025
The Parish £692.63
Thank You



What's on in September/October 2025

Wed 24th	7.00pm	Deanery Mass for all the local parishes at SFX
Sat 4th	7.00pm	Harvest Supper in parish hall after Mass
Wed 15th	7.00pm	Parish AGM – Parish Hall