



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear Friends, By the hall there is the shrine of Pope Saint John Paul II. Last Wednesday, on his feast day, we reflected on his life during the Homily. He was elected Pope in October 1978 and died in April 2005. During his lengthy pontificate he visited many countries and came to Great Britain on a pastoral visit in 1982. His visit focussed on the seven sacraments. He will be remembered as the first non-Italian pope in hundreds of years. He was instrumental in helping to end communism in his native Poland and the rest of Europe. During his pontificate he survived an assassination attempt on his life and in his later years suffered from Parkinson's disease. He was instrumental in the promulgation of the Code of Canon Law in 1983 and in 1992 the Catechism of the Catholic Church. He wrote fourteen papal encyclicals, his first being *Redemptoris Homi-nis*, published in 1979. Here he examines major problems confronting the world at the time. John Paul II began his papacy during a crisis of self-doubt and internal criticism in the Catholic Church. He alludes to this in the encyclical's introduction, stating his confidence that the new movement of life in the Church "is much stronger than the symptoms of doubt, collapse, and crisis." He says that Jesus is real and living. *Redemp-tor hominis* proposes that the solution to these problems may be found through a fuller understanding of the person: both of the human person, and that of Christ. **Fr James**

Liturgical Calendar October 2025 Yr C Psalter Wk 2

Sat 25th	10.30am	The Six Welsh Martyrs and their companions	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sat 25th	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 25th	6.00pm	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Jane Corrigan RIP</i>
Sun 26th	8.00am	30TH SUNDAY	<i>Henry John RIP</i>
Sun 26th	10.00am	30TH SUNDAY	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 27th	9.30am <i>Rosary 9am</i>	Feria	<i>Ed Garas</i>
Tue 28th	NO PUBLIC MASS. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30		
Wed 29th	1.00pm	Feria	<i>Gismonda Symonds</i> <i>Lillie O'Riordian</i>
Thur 30th	9.30am	Feria	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Fri 31st	1.00pm	Feria	<i>Sarah Stansbury</i>
Sat 1st Nov	10.30am	Votive Mass of Our Lady	<i>Peter Millin RIP</i>
Sat 1st	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 1st	6.00pm	ALL SAINTS	<i>Anna Kania RIP</i>
Sun 2nd	8.00am	ALL SAINTS	<i>The Parish</i>
Sun 2nd	10.00am	ALL SAINTS	<i>Herring family RIP</i>

Wanted: Room for a female older professional writer, relocating to Hereford, needs to find stop gap accommodation pending more permanent move. Happy to be as flexible as possible. Need somewhere from early November.

Non-smoker, quiet and respectful. Will pay weekly or monthly, happy to consider all options but definitely needs the Internet, and a parking space would be great.
Please contact: susannahwatkins@hotmail.com

Parish Christmas Bazaar

It's time to start thinking about the Christmas Bazaar! This will be held on Saturday 29th November in the Parish Hall. There will be more details to follow over the coming weeks, but in the meanwhile, a sign up list for stall holders/volunteers is now in the Narthex. Any help and support will be greatly appreciated as this is an important fundraising and social event for the Parish.

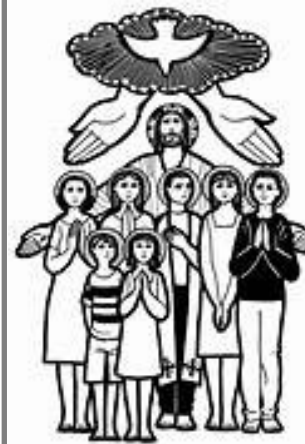


We remember all who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time
Lately Dead-Rev. Dom Stephen Holdsworth, Sanal Antony
Anniversaries: Mary Sanders, Maria Quinn, Sarah Stansbury, Gismonda Symonds, Anthony Clark
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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, Patricia Marongiu, Sarah James, Kath Feely, Pauline and David Day, Mark Edmunds, Didit Buhain, Margaret Davis, Ann Marie Hughson, Vera McHale.

All Saints – A Celebration of Holiness and New Life



Saint John Paul II: "*This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it from the rooftops. Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern metropolis.*"

This year, our celebration will be made even more special as we welcome new members into the Catholic Church. During the 10am Mass, we will celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as several people take this profound step of faith and commitment to Christ. It is a beautiful reminder that the same grace which sanctified the saints is at work today—calling, transforming, and drawing us into the communion of God's people.

Let us keep those to be baptised and received in our prayers in these days of preparation. May their example renew our own faith and inspire us to live more fully the call to holiness that belongs to every disciple of Christ.

All are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration of faith, hope, and holiness as we rejoice with all the saints in heaven and our new brothers and sisters in Christ here on earth.

Fr John



Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Jane Gennard Angela Holmes Kathy Weston	6pm Fiona Stokes Helen Booth
8am Cecilia Balestra Vera McHale	8am Stephen Cleeve Dorothy Kennedy
10am Mary Cook Noel Elegado Maria Brennan	10am Audrey Fussell Liz Symonds



Do You have Children or Grandchildren or family who don't come to Church? Then this talk might be really helpful for you

James Potter is the lay chaplain at the Sacred Heart School in Wimbeldon and has had over 20 years experience in school/university chaplaincy and parish youth ministry. On **Thursday 30th October at 7.00pm** James will be giving a talk at SFX on 'The Church and Young People' sharing his experiences of how to talk to young people about the faith. Why don't they come to Mass any more? How can I talk to them about the faith without an argument? There will also be discussion time for your own particular questions.

Belmont Parish Harvington Hall Trip is on Saturday 15.11.25 leaving Belmont Abbey at 9 am There are places available, cost is £40. Bring own sandwiches, Tea and Coffee available. Ring Meena (01432 359 867) to book your place, she requires a £15 deposit.



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Said after the decade of the Rosary.

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, By the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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 19/10/2025
The Parish £689.02
ACN: £889.42
Thank You!



What's on in October 2025

In October	6.30pm	Rosary at Home—see list in Narthex
Thurs 30th	7.00pm	The Church and Young people. Talk by James Potter.