



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, I am currently in **Peru** to see our brothers in our monastery just south of Lima. It is a joy to be with them, especially as one of our monks, Br Mateo, makes his solemn (life) vows this week. Belmont not only looks after local parishes but in a small way supports the church's mission much further afield. I am writing this week with two important updates. First I look forward to being with you for Masses on 26th and 27th October when I return. I am pleased to say I will have **news of your next parish priest.** I think you will be very happy. Thank you for your patience in this, but I know Fr Andrew and Fr Thomas have looked after you well in the meantime.

Secondly, to mention the "Synod on Synodality" which ends in Rome at the end of the month. It is an important event in the life of the church, but we might wonder what difference it makes, and if it matters to us at all. Well, this parish has an opportunity to join with the rest of the deanery for two days to look at these questions. First, November 23, **Receiving the Synod. What it means for the future of the Church,** and then January 18 **Implementing the Synod : Becoming a synodal missionary Church in and around Herefordshire.** We are really lucky that Austen Ivereigh, who is present at the Synod will lead these days. Fresh from Rome he will help us reflect on how we put its fruits into action locally. The talks and discussions will both take place at Belmont. Put them in your diary – more details will follow. But I hope they can help us with ongoing renewal, and give a missionary impulse to the church in Herefordshire.

Have a blessed week, **Abbot Brendan**

Liturgical Calendar October 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 4

Sat 12th	10.30am	St Wilfred , Bishop	Adam Foley RIP
Sat 12th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 12th	6.00pm	28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	David Warr RIP
Sun 13th	8.00am	28TH SUNDAY	The Parish
Sun 13th	10.00am	28TH SUNDAY	Michael Ramsay
Mon 14th	9.30am <i>Rosary</i>	St Callistus 1 Pope and Martyr	The Pope's Intention
Tues 15th	No Mass here. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30am St Teresa of Avila		
Wed 16th	1.00pm <i>Adoration 12 noon</i>	Feria	David Wright RIP
Thu 17th	09.30am	St Ignatius of Antioch Bishop and Martyr	Forgotten Souls
Fri 18th	1.00pm	ST LUKE , EVANGELIST	Holy Souls
Sat 19th	10.30am	Votive memorial of Our Lady	Gordon Fothergill
Sat 19th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 19th	6.00pm	29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	The Parish
Sun 20th	8.00am	29TH SUNDAY	The Evangelisation of peoples
Sun 20th	10.00am	29TH SUNDAY	Ian Huband (sick)



"Who do you say I am?"

Is the Shroud of Turin the real burial cloth of Christ, is this a photo negative of the true face of Christ? One of the great mysteries of the modern scientific era is the extraordinary evidence the scientists keep finding about the shroud of Turin. After some carbon dating testing in 1988 it was presumed to be a medieval fraud but since 1988 there has been a number of further scientific experiments and investigations which seem to suggest the Shroud of Turin is anything but a crude medieval forgery. **The Catholic Herald** (a monthly magazine) is on sale at the back of Church for £5 and this issue has an excellent report on the studies and many other interesting articles. Do have a look.

We remember all who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Celia Pritchard, Michael Clear, Patricia Winterburn, Sadie Hawksworth, Anne McManus, Malcom Clark, Norman Hunt.

Lately Dead- Fr Jake Dicto

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Pray for the Sick: Fr Keith, Ania Kuzba, Jan Beavan, Robbie Bell, Brian Symonds, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Sarah, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Ana Rudnicki, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Margaret Skelding, James Spradbery, Roy Pigou, Ann Marie Hughson, Teresa Bord.



URGENT: Assisted Dying Bill

As you may know, a Private Members' Bill to legalise assisted suicide has now been introduced to the House of Commons by Kim Leadbeater MP. She won 1st place in the private members ballot, so her bill has a high chance of succeeding if MPs vote in favour of it, and the Government have indicated that they will allow Parliamentary time for the bill to make its way through to a conclusion.

The first reading will take place in the House of Commons on 16 October, with a vote at second reading expected in December. It will be a "free vote" (i.e. each individual MP will decide how to vote). Please write to your MP, asking them to oppose this dangerous bill, which would put the most vulnerable in our society at risk. SPUC are encouraging people to write letters in their own words, including personal concerns about vulnerable family members or experiences of witnessing good palliative care.

MPs can be written to at: (Name of MP), House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or by email via: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/assistedsuicideuk>.

Or: righttolife.org.uk

PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY AND DEFEND LIFE.



Farewell to Fr Brendan

Abbot Brendan's last weekend as our Parish Priest will be 26th/27th October. There will be a collection for him after weekend Masses on the next two weekends i.e. 12th/13th and 19th/20th October. We will have an opportunity to say a very fond farewell and make a presentation to Fr Brendan after the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday 27th October.



The service in SFX church is this Tues at 7.00pm

and is open to anyone who has experienced a pregnancy/ baby loss either directly or within their family.

Explore www.babyloss-awareness.org to discover self-care advice and ways you can get involved during the week.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6pm Wendy Winterburn
Sarah Slancauskas
Vigeetha Joseph

8am Frances Hetterley
Vera McHale

10am Mary Cook
Noel Elegado
Gerald Okafor
Lorena de Lima Auer

Ministers of the Word

6pm Philip Dixon

8am Dorothy Kennedy

10am Andrew Milne

First Holy Communion lessons for children who do not attend Catholic Schools.

There will be a meeting for parents and children in the church on **Saturday 19th October** at 4pm. You will be able to register your child at this meeting. All children MUST be registered before lessons begin in November. Children should be in Year 3 or above. For more details please email firstholycm.2425@gmail.com please include your child's name.
Brenda Williams



Fundraising Concert here at SFX

In aid of Neuroendocrine Cancer. **3 Local Choirs-Friday 1st November Tickets £6, on the door, refreshments included.** Hereford Fire choir, The kindle singers and Gracenotes ladies choir. Promises to be a great evening. Do try and support if you can.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year, the Bazaar will be held on 30th November in the Parish Hall. Soon, a chart listing the stalls and events will be displayed in the Narthex for anyone who wishes to help, in whatever way they can. Please volunteer to make it the success it has been in the past.



Poetry for Pleasure

The next meeting is on Thursday 17th October 1030-1200 in the Parish Hall. The theme will be Rudyard Kipling and other poems of Empire. No expert knowledge is required! All are welcome.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

With all the troubles in the world and in my Life supporting and praying the Rosary is a marvellous gift. Do sign up on the noticeboards to host a meet up or find one close to you and go and support?

Welcome to any new or visiting parishioners

Do come and introduce yourselves to the newcomers and **if you are at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday do come in the hall for Coffee and cake straight after Mass** and meet the parishioners and parish priest.



Collections 5th /6th October

1st £547.48 The Parish
2nd £426.39 Renovation
Cafod Collection £627.84

Retiring Collection next weekend Missio



Parish Calendar- October 2024

Tues 15th	7.00pm	Baby loss service at SFX
Wed 16th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Group
Thur 17th	10.30	Poetry for Pleasure
Sat 19th	4.00pm	First Holy Communion meeting