



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, Next Sunday is Corpus Christi and we will have our annual procession. One of the monks of Belmont will be here for Masses and to lead the Procession. It is a beautiful moment for us to witness to what is most important for us – the presence of Jesus in our midst, sacramentally present in the Eucharist. It is a great Catholic thing to pray with our feet, to go on pilgrimage and procession.



We take Christ out onto the streets of our city as a sign that his love and presence is not for a closed community but is to span and transform the world. So please come and celebrate the feast with joy the feast of the Bread of Life, giving for the healing of the world.

My only sadness is that I will be away and miss the procession. Long before becoming parish priest, I had agreed to give a retreat to the monks of Westminster Abbey in Canada who run a high school and college seminary. Pray for me that I might help and inspire them in their work and witness. **Fr Brendan**

Liturgical Calendar June 2023 Year A Psalter week 1

Sat 3rd	10.30am	St Charles Lwanga and Comp. Martyrs	Daniel and Ellen Looney RIP
Sat 3rd	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 3rd	6.00pm	HOLY TRINITY	Jival Varghese Jose (Birthday)
Sun 4th	8.00am	HOLY TRINITY	John MacGregor RIP
Sun 4th	10.00am	HOLY TRINITY	Parish
Mon 5th	NB. 10am	Requiem Mass for Catherine Wales	
Tue 6th	No public Mass. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30am		
Wed 7th	1.00pm	Feria	Gerald McNulty
Thur 8th	9.30am	Feria	Veronica Birthday
Fri 9th	1.00pm	St Columba, Abbot	Holy Souls
Sat 10th	10.30am	Votive memorial of Our Lady	Stephanie West RIP
Sat 10th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 10th	6.00pm	THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)	Victor Hill RIP 40th Anniversary
Sun 11th	8.00am	CORPUS CHRISTI	Thanksgiving (Lloyds)
Sun 11th	10.00am	CORPUS CHRISTI	Parish

Corpus Christi Procession

Next Sunday 11th June we will be having our annual Corpus Christi procession through Hereford city centre. The procession starts right after the 10.00am Mass at approximately 11.15. It is a wonderful opportunity to give a holy and prayerful witness to our catholic faith. Processing through High Town takes Jesus into the gaze of many of our Hereford friends, believers and non-believers alike, and is a great occasion in the Church's year. It is wonderful when we have a good turnout of parishioners, which makes the procession so much more powerful. Please come along and support it.



Remembrance

Peter Kelly, Paddy Baker, Patricia Clark, Bernadette Johnson, Dom Luke Waring.



Recently Died
Stanley Howard
Catherine Wales - Requiem Monday 5th June 10am

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

Prayer for the Sick:

Ania Kuzba, Joan Colley, Fr Keith, Ausura Chukarov, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Midad Jasari, Jan Beavan, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Margaret Skelding, Christina James, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Ann Currie, Patricia Moroney, Mary Elizabeth, George Mecina, Ana Rudnicki.



Devotion to the Sacred Heart is simply a special form of devotion to Jesus. Among its earlier devotees was St Gertrude the Great. It was nevertheless a private, individual devotion of the mystical order. Nothing of a general movement had been inaugurated. The more recent devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began with St. John Eudes and then St Margaret Mary Alacoque. Her visions of Christ took place in France, at Paray-le Monial, which became, and remains, a place of pilgrimage. These revelations were numerous and the apparitions remarkable, especially that which occurred on the feast of St. John, when Jesus permitted Margaret Mary, as He had St. Gertrude, to rest her head upon His Heart, and then disclosed to her the wonders of His love. The devotion centres on the 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Among these twelve, two of the most revered promises are that **"I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honoured"**. (This accounts for the presence of the famous image in catholic homes. In France, in Ireland and throughout the whole world.) The second is, **"I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."**

Many still try to make their "9 First Fridays" and the connection to the Sacred Heart devotions is honoured with the Litany of The Sacred Heart which is prayed after First Friday Masses here, as it was just a day or so ago. A beautiful liturgy. A powerful devotion.

Belmont Abbey Fete 17th June at 2.00pm

The fete is a lovely family afternoon trip out with a variety of stalls, bouncy castle, games for the children, children races, displays and a whole lot more, and all set in the beautiful monastery grounds. If you have not been before why not go along and be pleasantly surprised!



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Jane Gennard Angela Holmes Sarah Slancauskas	6pm Philip Dixon
8am Francis Hetterley Vera McHale	8am Dorothy Kennedy
10am Noel Elgado Gerald Okafor Thomas Kottappullil	10am Andy Milne

CAFOD meeting

Friday 9th June 2.30 pm in the Parish Hall
All welcome

CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is an international development charity which reaches out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture. CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and is part of Caritas International.

The SFX CAFOD group was formed in 2019 in response to Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si and the CAFOD "Our Common Home" campaign. New members would be very welcome.



Coffee and Croissants

You are warmly invited to Coffee and Croissants in the Parish Hall after the 8am Mass on **Sunday 18th June**.



All welcome. Why not put a date in your diary and come along, be sociable, support the Parish, make new friends and get to know your brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Poetry for Pleasure

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th June 10.30 -1200 in the Parish Hall. The theme is "A poetry trip around the British Isles".



No expert knowledge is required! Just bring a few poems on the theme to share with the group. All are welcome.

Tea, Coffee and Cake

Everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass.



Collections for 27th/28th May
1st Collection £475.41
2nd Collection £397.25



Parish Calendar

5th June	7.00pm	SVP in Parish Hall
7th June	6.30pm	Bible study group. (Open to All)
15th June	10.30	Poetry for pleasure
17th June	2.00pm	Belmont Abbey fete
18th June	8.00am	Coffee and Croissants after Mass
23rd June	7.00pm	Hereford Police choir concert SFX



O Sacred Heart of Jesus
We place all our trust in thee.