




ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, Climate change is a real challenge for our time and we can all see its effects in the world around us: rising sea levels, extreme weather events, droughts, and floods. It affects not only our planet but also the poorest and most vulnerable communities, who often bear the brunt of its impact. "Everything is connected," and all our actions can have an impact on others.

I am grateful to the parish CAFOD group who gently raise our awareness of these issues, and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* lays down a challenge to us all to be better stewards of our common home.

What can we do as a parish? One thing we are looking at is having renewable energy. Our high electricity bills for the church this winter nudged us to do something. We are looking to have solar panels installed on the church roof. It is a perfect site – a large flat surface hidden away from sight. They are expensive to install, but the professionals tell us that in six years savings would cover the cost of installation and our bills will regularly be lower after that. For so many reasons it seems the right thing to do. We are waiting for the appropriate planning permissions from the local Council and Historic Churches before we go ahead. If you have any thoughts speak to me or a member of the Parish Advisory Council. It is something we can do, and 'every little helps.' **Fr Brendan**



Laudato Si'
CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

A letter from
Pope Francis

Laudato Si

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development **no one beyond reach**

Liturgical Calendar June 2023 Year A Psalter week 3


Sat 17th	10.30am	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Holy Souls
Sat 17th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 17th	6.00pm	11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	N.K. Emmanuel
Sun 18th	8.00am	11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Parish
Sun 18th	10.00am	11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Frank Leahy Intentions
Mon 19th	9.30am	Feria	Albert Gregg RIP
Tue 20th	No public Mass. Mass at Our Lady's at 9.30am		
Wed 21st	1.00pm	St Aloysius Gonzaga	Timothy Surtees
Thu 22nd	9.30am	STS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS	Holy Souls
Fri 23rd	1.00pm	St Ethelreda (Audrey)	Fr Vic Kotze RIP
Sat 24th	10.30am	THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	William Fawcett RIP
Sat 24th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 25th	6.00pm	12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	M. A. Mathai
Sun 26th	8.00am	12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Parish
Sun 26th	10.00am	12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Thomas Keohane (Confirmation Day)

Happy Fathers Day

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for all fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.


We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. **Amen**



Remembrance

Dermot Kelleher, William Hankinson Doreen Skyrme, Monica Smith.

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.



Last week we celebrated the great feast Of Corpus Christi. The miracle of the Eucharist made visible at each and every Mass! Miracles are compulsory if you are a Christian.

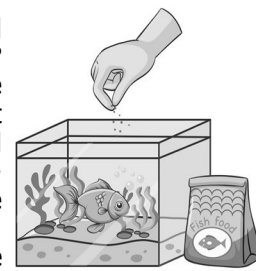
"And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." *1Cor 14-15.*

Q- Belief in miracles contradicts the laws of science, which tell us that things like virgin births or dead people rising back to Life simply cannot happen."

A - Science does not tell us what always happens. It certainly does not tell us what can or cannot happen. Science's laws are only generalizations from our observations of how nature usually works. They do not forbid exceptions. Miracles do not contradict the laws of science any more than a gift of extra money contradicts a bank balance. It is an addition, not a subtraction. Dropping food into a goldfish bowl does not contradict the ecology of the fishbowl. A presidential pardon does not contradict the usual laws of the courts. Supernatural events do not contradict natural events. Science tells us what agencies operate in nature, not what agencies, if any, operate outside it. The fish in the gold fish bowl can observe the usual life in their world but that does not prevent the gold fish bowl owner operating in any way they want or at a time of their choosing?

Q Miracles would be a total contradiction of our free will?
A 'God's interventions are miracles: events that cannot happen by merely natural agents but only by a supernatural agent. They no more interfere with our free will than natural events like earthquakes.

We choose how to respond to them. Taken from "Miracles" by Peter Kreeft <https://www.catholiceducation.org>



Tea, Coffee and Cake Everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass.



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Jane Gennard Sarah Williams Sarah Slancauskas	6pm Helen Booth
8am Frances Hetterley Vera McHale	8am Stephen Cleeve
10am Mia Brennan Gerald Okafor Moses Obanimoh	10am Stephen Booth

Drinks and Nibbles after Mass

You are warmly invited to pop into the parish garden after the Saturday night Mass on July 1st. 7.00pm

Drinks and nibbles will be served, and what a great way to have a chat to some of your friends old and new or meet new parishioners and say hello to Fr Brendan. All welcome.



**Hereford Police Choir concert
Friday June 23 7.00pm**



Tickets are now on sale £10.50 or on the door at SFX

Come and join us for a two part concert by Hereford's most iconic male voice choir, followed by refreshments. All in aid of pilgrims going to World Youth Day in Portugal. Do come along and give them your support!

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!



There will be a retiring collection at all Masses

this weekend for the Bishop's Day for Life Appeal. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. For more information on where this money will go and on the work of this charity go to **www.dayforlife.org**

'May the Lord help you to work ceaselessly to enable all, believers and non-believers alike, to understand that protection of human life from conception is an essential condition for building a future worthy of the human being.' (*Prayer for the Day for life.*)



Collections for 3rd/4th June
1st Collection £510.48
2nd Collection £423.64



Parish Calendar

18th June	8.00am	Coffee and Croissants after Mass
19th June	7.00pm	SVP in Parish Hall
21st June	6.30pm	ABC Bible Group. All welcome
23rd June	7.00pm	Hereford Police choir concert SFX
1st July	7.00pm	Drinks/nibbles after 6.00pm Mass
11th July	2.30pm	Ledbury Singers Concert SFX
27th Aug	TBC	Parish BBQ