


ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All There is some news in the Deanery to share this week. Sadly, Canon Paul Millar is moving from Leominster and Bromyard to become parish priest of Pontypool and Blaenavon. We wish him many blessings in the years ahead after his work in the county, including at SFX in the past. Belmont will assume oversight of Leominster and Bromyard in the person of Abbot Paul.

Abbot Paul is due to retire as Abbot of Belmont next year, after many years of dedicated service. In preparation for this, he is stepping down as Parish Priest of Belmont and Fr Augustine will be assuming that role. We wish them both well as they move ahead. Do please pray for the Belmont community as well as we begin a period of discernment before a new abbot is elected next year. Abbot Paul will retire in May, and an election will be held on June 4th.

A number of you have told me that you are soon off on your summer holidays! Some might have already gone! The schools broke up this week after much hard work from pupils and staff alike. I hope everyone has a wonderful break, perhaps with a bit more time to think of heavenly things? Meanwhile for many others the work must go on! But in this stressful world I hope everyone can find the balance between rest and work that they need. Remember after working for six days the Lord God took a well-earned rest! Have a lovely week, **Fr Brendan.**



Liturgical Calendar July/Aug 2023 Year A Psalter week 4

Sat 29th	10.30am	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Fr Vic Kotze
Sat 29th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 29th	6.00pm	17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Jise Varghese (Birthday)
Sun 30th	8.00am	17TH SUNDAY	Petronio & Anecita Tuyan RIP
Sun 30th	10.00am	17TH SUNDAY	Parish
Mon 31st	9.30am	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Tim & Ann O'Connor RIP Wedding anniv.
Tue 1 Aug	No public Mass here. Mass at OL at 9.30am		
Wed 2nd	1.00pm	Feria	Donal Looney (Anniversary)
Thur 3rd	9.30am	Feria	Sr Mary Pius RIP
Fri 4th	1.00pm	St John Mary Vianney, Priest.	Vincent McDonnell RIP
Sat 5th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady No Confessions today	David Baxter RIP
Sat 5th	WEDDING OF JOANNA WILLIAMS AND GARETH NOYES at 12.30pm		
Sat 5th	6.00pm	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Joe and Ethel Meagher
Sun 6th	8.00am	TRANSFIGURATION	Tom and Kathleen Kinoulty RIP
Sun 6th	10am	TRANSFIGURATION	Parish

We welcome into God's family **Nikita Neala** who will be baptised this Sunday, at 12noon. We warmly welcome Nikita and all his family into our Parish community. Also for **Viola Tiernan** who was baptised here on Thursday morning.



Job Vacancy at St Mary's R.C. High School
An exciting opportunity has arisen to appoint a part-time Chaplaincy Lead Required for September 2023. For further details please contact sturley@st-maryshigh.hereford.sch.uk



Remembrance
Dorota Czernay, Doreen Miller
Jean Lewis

Recently Died
Mary Barnacle



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

Our World Youth Day Parishioners have arrived in Porto in Portugal

Many Thanks to you the parishioners here at SFX who have been so generous with your support for our young parishioners. Our pilgrims arrived in Porto on Wednesday with the other Cardiff Archdiocese Pilgrims. They will spend a few days there in the diocese visiting the parishes. From there they will travel to Lisbon for the main gathering with Pope Francis culminating with the final out door mass which may well have hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world present. Do keep all our pilgrims in your prayers. They have promised to send further updates. One of the main WYD messages which we all might ponder and pray about is printed below.

Christianity is not primarily for Christians. It's for the world. You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world, Jesus says to his followers. It's not, "Oh yeah, oh yeah, thank you, I now have these wonderful spiritual principles so I can become a happy person! Well, in fact, you will become a happy person. But the point of your being a follower of Jesus is to bring others to Christ.

You live your Christianity for the sake of the world, not for your own sake. You are a beacon unto the nations, If Christians aren't in the world, those who are shaped by the Cross of Jesus, what's going to happen is the world's going to start going down these weird paths.

As the Christian Gospel is preached less and less, as the Christian life is publicly lived less and less, and that's, let's face it, what disaffiliation means, trouble for society will follow.

So I want my fellow Christians listening to this to realise that your not a Christian for yourself. You are a Christian for the world.
Bishop Robert Barron WYD address 2023.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Jane Gennard Angela Holmes Sarah Slancauskas	6pm Stephen Booth
8am Frances Hetterley Vera McHale	8am Stephen Cleeve
10am Mia Brennan Mary Cook Noel Elegado	10am Liz Symonds

St Francis Xavier's Parish Summer BBQ

Sunday 27th August 2023 11.30 am

Adult Ticket £8, Child £3, Family £20. Includes Burger, Hot Dog, from our local butcher! Salads and Glass of Wine /Soft Drink. Bring your own drink; more wine and soft drinks also on sale.

Please pre-order your ticket on sign-up sheet. Tickets on sale after Masses from 12th August



Pilgrims Progress



Many thanks to Dorothy Kennedy and Stephen Cleeve for organising the lovely walk last Sunday beginning here outside the beautiful Italianate Church in Hoarwithy. There was a good turnout of parishioners of all ages and also Fr Brendan. A beautiful walk in the July sunshine! The next parish walk will be in October and we are planning the walk to visit Breinton.

CAFOD GIANT LETTER

Thank you to those who signed the letter which supports small scale farmers who are losing rights to their own seeds. The World Bank is damaging local seed systems by forcing low-income countries to subsidise commercial seeds from big companies. We are one of over a hundred parishes so far who, along with many bishops, are sending a message to the World Bank that the Catholic community stands with these farmers.





Parish 200 Club.

Winner for the **£100 Summer Prize Draw 2023** Elizabeth Wilson.
July Draw 2023 1st Helen Birch £30; 2nd Sam Cassidy £20; 3rd Sylvia Cockcroft £10
Congratulations to the winners who can collect their letters from the Sacristy. Thanks. Paul & Brenda

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



Collections for 22nd/23rd July
1st Collection **£462.04**
2nd Collection **£371.47**
World Youth Day **£529.71**

Parish Calendar - August

Wed 4th	6.30pm	Bible study Group (ABC) Parish Hall
Tues 15th	2.30pm	Rotherwas Chapel Mass
Sun 20th	3.30pm	St John Kemble Pilgrimage
Sun 27th	11.30am	Parish BBQ