



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, On Friday our Archbishop came to Belmont to bless me as the new Abbot of Belmont. It is a challenge to take up such a task, but I feel very supported by my community. It means that with great sadness I have to move on from SFX. You know I have loved these two years I spent with you - you have given me so much and have inspired me by your faith, love and kindness.

I won't disappear completely for the moment until a permanent appointment is made - which won't be before September. However, from Monday Fr Thomas Regan OSB will come and look after things for the next few weeks and then Fr Andrew Berry will be here from August 5th. I know you will make them both very welcome.

On August 5th, Fr Thomas will become PP of St Wulstan's Little Malvern and Fr Patrick PP of Our Lady's, Hereford as well as continuing his great work as hospital chaplain.

Change is never easy, but I thank God that as Abbot I will still be able to see you all from time to time. Belmont is not far away and you are always welcome to visit us for our prayers.

As this Sunday we will have our Parish Summer Party, I wish you an enjoyable summer, particularly those planning holidays or having time off from school, college or university. **Abbot Brendan**



Liturgical Calendar July 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 3

Sat 13th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Thanksgiving Allen family
Sat 13th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 13th	6.00pm	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fr Frank Slater RIP
Sun 14th	8.00am	15TH SUNDAY	Brian Daw RIP
Sun 14th	10.00am	15TH SUNDAY	Parish
Mon 15th	9.30am	St Bonaventure	Suffering Souls
Tues 16th	No Mass here. Mass at Our Lady's 09.30 Our Lady of Mount Carmel		
Wed 17th	1.00pm	Feria	Forgotten Souls
Thu 18th	9.30am	Feria	Steve Ebsworth RIP
Fri 19th	1.00pm	Feria	Tom & Irene Loftus RIP
Sat 20th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Timothy Surtees RIP
Sat 20th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 20th	6.00pm	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Parish
Sun 21st	8.00am	16TH SUNDAY	Brian Daw RIP
Sun 21st	10.00am	16TH SUNDAY	Sandy Elliot RIP



Fr Frank Slater who was the parish priest for 27 years at St Ethelbert's in Leominster has sadly passed away. Fr Frank was known to many parishioners in the deanery due to his regular supply work and support of deanery events. He will be sadly missed. Fr Frank Slater's funeral will take place as follows: the Reception of his Body at Belmont on Tuesday, 16th July, at 4.00pm and his Requiem, celebrated by the Archbishop, followed by Burial also at the Abbey on Wednesday, 18th July, beginning at 11.00am.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. Bernard Newton, Geoffrey Wilson, Olga Tully, Pauline Cassin, Hilda Shaw. **Lately Dead: Fr Frank Slater** **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**



Special message of thanks from Theresa Warr for the messages of sympathy and support received at the Requiem of her husband David. She sends special thanks to the choir.

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, George Mecina, Margaret Skelding, James Spradbery.

This Tuesday sees the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The origins of this devotion to Our Lady, date back to the miraculous happenings on Mt. Carmel when Elijah had his great confrontation with the prophets of Baal as they frantically try and fail to get their gods to accept their offerings as a holocaust.



Elijah then prayed to bring relief to the earth with rain after the drought even as through Our Lady blessings come through the birth of Christ. Christians founded a community dedicated to Our Lady upon the mount over many years in the early centuries of the Church but after persecutions they had to leave.

The founder of the modern Carmelite Order was St Simon Stock, an Englishman, who was given the Brown Scapular, a healing and protective garment, which, through prayer and grace gives comfort to many still. And as we know they are a revered and illustrious Order from whose ranks a number of great saints have emerged. They are an enclosed order of priests and nuns and their great charism is prayer, especially for priests and religious.

Pope Benedict once suggested that during the summer months when the pace of life slackens a little it would be a good thing to read about the lives of one or two of our favourite saints. Three of the great Carmelite saints are St. Teresa of Jesus, St Therese of Lisieux and St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. All very different but knowing more about them would certainly enrich us.

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing alarm you,
All things are passing:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.* (Prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus)

Congratulations to Abbot Brendan

who is the 12th Abbot of Belmont Abbey, and who, on Friday last, received the Abbatial Blessing from Archbishop Mark O'Toole. The parishioners of your parish of St Francis Xavier's will keep you in their prayers! Ad Multos Annos!



This Sunday at all Masses there will be a collection for Stella Maris. Catholic chaplains and laypeople work with seafarers struggling in difficult conditions and loneliness on the sea.



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Kathy Weston Ancy Shajan Vigeetha Joseph	6pm Fiona Stokes
8am Frances Hetterley Vera McHale	8am Dorothy Kennedy
10am Mary Cook, Thomas Kottuppallil, Moses Obanimoh, Noel Elegado	10am Val Vaughan Williams



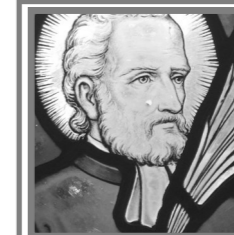
Poetry for Pleasure

The next meeting is Thursday July 18th and the theme is Travel/ Journeys. We are going on a poetic journey over the hills and far away, so try to bring a poem to share on any of the following: trains, landscape, woods, sea/coast, exotic journeys, homecoming. Please note: for this meeting only there is a change of venue. We will be meeting at Coningsby Museum 1030-1215. There will be an opportunity to visit the Museum and Coningsby Chapel. All welcome. Refreshments will be provided.



Mass at Longworth Chapel

Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Abbot of Belmont in the beautiful medieval chapel at Longworth, on Thursday 25th July at 11.00am. The chapel is situated next to the old Bartestree Convent just off the road leading to St Michael's Hospice. Please make a special effort to come and take part.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF ST JOHN KEMBLE

This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday, 18th August. 3.00pm in Welsh Newton.

We meet for Rosary, Readings and Prayers at St John Kemble's Grave in the Churchyard at Welsh Newton.



Parish Summer Party

This Sunday 14th July after 10am Mass! (starting about 12 noon)

Please bring a plate to share. Everyone will be offered a drink before lunch. Then drinks will be available for a small donation. There will also be a raffle so bring some change. Any help to set up and/or clear away on the day would be gratefully received!

A Cup of Tea/Coffee and Cake

Everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass. A great way to make new friends and catch up with old ones..



Collections 6/7 July
1st £456.62 The Parish
2nd £246.91 Renovation
White Fathers £950.54



Parish Calendar- July 2024

Sun 14th	11.30am	Parish Garden Party
Mon 15th	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Mon 15th	7.00pm	SVP Meeting (No Aug. meetings)
Thurs 18th	10.30am	Poetry for Pleasure (see notice)
Wed 24th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Group
Thurs 25th	11am	Mass at Longworth Chapel