


ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, As we begin the school year my thoughts turn to the youngsters in the parish of all ages. It is good to be starting the **Children's Liturgy** again this Sunday. If anyone is able to help out, please speak to Natalie Dalton or let the office know. It would be great to have more people involved.

It's wonderful to see young families at Mass and I appreciate the great efforts you make to bring your little ones. If they start crying and it helps settle them feel free to go to the back of the church behind the glass screen. There is a speaker there to hear the Mass and of course you can see everything and you can close the glass door. We have put out a few toys if you need them. I hope our church is a welcoming place for children and youngsters of all ages.

Aren't our **servers** wonderful on a Sunday? They help us worship the Lord with great reverence. If anyone is interested in being a server just come to the sacristy before the 6pm or 10am Mass and ask.

It is also great that a **Youth Group** is getting going in the parish for our 18-35s. Contact Pete Cunningham if you would like to take part. It is sad when some start going away to college or university but we wish you well on your next stage of life.

Many thanks to all who made our parish **BBQ** such a great success, particularly to Paul and Brenda and Di and Jay. Have a lovely week. **Fr Brendan**



Liturgical Calendar September 2023 Year A Psalter Wk 2

Sat 2nd	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Holy Souls
Sat 2nd	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 2nd	6.00pm	22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Ajit Singh
Sun 3rd	8.00am	22ND SUNDAY	Parish
Sun 3rd	10.00am	22ND SUNDAY	Socrate and Maria Bisconti
Mon 4th	9.30am	St Cuthbert, Bishop	Thanksgiving
Tue 5th	No public Mass here. Mass at OL 9.30am		
Wed 6th	1.00pm	Feria	Forgotten Souls
Thu 7th	9.30am	Feria	Josna & Deepu
Fri 8th	1.00pm	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mary Butler RIP
Sat 9th	10.30am	Blessed Frederic Ozanam (SVP)	Peace in Ukraine
Sat 9th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 9th	6.00pm	23RD SUNDAY	Vincent Hanna RIP
Sun 10th	8.00am	23RD SUNDAY	John Paul Towson RIP
Sun 10th	10.00am	23RD SUNDAY	Parish

Guys and Girls between 18-35.

you're invited to join the Young Catholics group of SFX. **September 8th at 6pm** in the main hall. We are kicking the night off with some deep prayer in the presence of Christ before the blessed sacrament by candle light. We'll then follow with, after our soul nourishment, with some pizza and a social with an early evening visit to the pub. Contact Pete

youngcatholicsatsfx@gmail.com

We welcome into God's family **Daisy Rose Jones** who will be baptised this Sunday, at 12 noon. We warmly welcome **Daisy** and all of her family into our Parish.



Remembrance

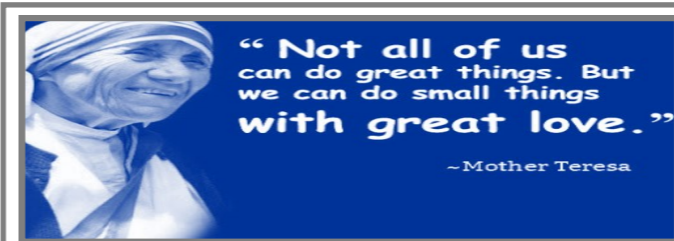
Eileen Treanor, Mary Helen Foulkes, Velina Milsom, Bette Bodenham, Vincent Edwards, Sarah Keavney, Kit Gundy, Winifred Turvey, Winifred Garrett. Patricia Lauria, Bridget Gregg.

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, 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, George Mecina, Sue Forder, Sarah, Ana Rudnicki, Dennis Schiavon, Margaret Skelding, David John Waugh.



Feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta

On 5th September

Mother Teresa is a profound example of someone who chose to follow Jesus' example of love and concern by caring for the needs of people living in poverty in Calcutta, India. Mother Teresa's feast day reminds us of her profound efforts of love, mercy, and kindness during her many years of service among the poorest of the poor.

Where did Mother Teresa find the strength and the ability to continue to serve in such a life-giving way for so many years? How did she develop her heart and love for the poor? And where did her strength of character and passion for service come from?

The answers are found in the actions of her daily life, particularly in her regular devotion to prayer and entering into the presence of God by practices of the faith, most remarkably silence.



Altar Servers - Mass & Outing

Each year, the Guild of St Stephen celebrates a Mass for all the altar servers in England and Wales. This year, for the first time, this is being held at our cathedral in Cardiff. We thought it would make a great outing for our servers to go to this Mass and combine it with a fun activity (probably bowling) and some food. To see if this is feasible we need to know how many servers would want to go. The Mass is at noon on **Saturday 14th October**. If you would like to go, please email servers@sfxhereford.org.uk to let us know - ideally during this week. For servers under 16, please ask your parent/guardian to email. (Pete Fawcett)

"When we sing we pray twice!"

This Thursday 6.00pm is an open invitation to Anyone who would like to come and join in with our singing.



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Jane Gennard Sarah Williams TBA	6pm Helen Booth
8am Frances Hetterley Cecilia Balestra	8am Stephen Booth
10am Mia Brennan Gerald Okafor Moses Obanimoh	10am Liz Symmonds

SEASON OF CREATION

This runs from 1st September until 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

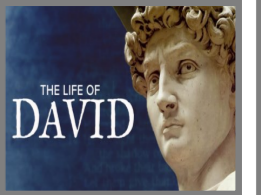
Take some time to appreciate nature in your garden or take a walk in the park or by the river. Pray the joyful mysteries of the rosary for the care of creation and to nourish our commitment to protect nature.



THE LIFE AND TIMES OF KING DAVID

One point most people, whatever their beliefs, agree on is that the West, or better still, the Free World, is in deep trouble. Although there are many responses to this Christians argue that when we turn away from God, chaos, violence and poverty ensue.

The experience of ancient Israel illustrates this time and again. This autumn the ABC group looks at the Life and Times of King David. The Israelite kingship was set up as a monarchy under God. In effect the king and his nation were answerable to Almighty God. To wander away was to betray the covenant. Our own country, a democratic constitutional monarchy under God - so beautifully spelled out in the May coronation - has done exactly that.



As we, Christ's disciples here on earth, are called to bear witness to the gospel so the job of the church, to paraphrase St John Paul, is to enable people to say YES to God just as Our Lady did. Studying King David better informs us and helps strengthen our faith. Each meeting includes a short talk and an open discussion.

The ABC group meets at 6.30PM Wednesday 6 September. All are welcome. Do please come along, you don't need to be a theological Goliath - far from it!

Parish 200 Club. Winners August Draw

1st James Ling £30; 2nd Dorothy Kennedy £20; 3rd Mia Brennan £10. Congratulations to the Winners who can collect their letters from the Sacristy. Thanks Paul and Brenda.

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



Thank you!

Collections for 26th/27th August

1st Collection £453.51

2nd Collection £388.01



Parish Calendar - September

Wed 6th	6.30pm	ABC Bible study. All Welcome
Fri 8th	6.00pm	Young Catholics group of SFX
Sun 10th	3.00pm	Vespers at Tintern Abbey
Thur 14th	6.30pm	Deanery Mass at Belmont