



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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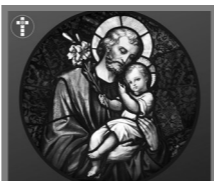


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Dear All, Pope John XXIII said: "It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father." Numerous studies show the importance of fathers simply being present to their children – giving time, not material things. Fathers, in particular, serve as a source of safety and security. Raising a child requires time, effort and sacrifice. We give thanks today for those who meet the challenges of being a good father. May they know the blessings of fatherhood too. We pray in particular for all the dads and granddads of this parish.



Happy Father's Day.

After St Joseph a good patron for Fathers would be St Thomas More whose feast we keep on Saturday. He had three daughters and a son from his first wife, gained a stepdaughter and was guardian to two others. He treated them all equally. He taught them the value of love, learning and sacrifice, and (consider the times he lived) sought to educate the girls as much as the boys. He always knew that his primary role as a father was to serve as an example of Christian life to his children. St Thomas More and St John Fisher, pray for us!

Speaking of fathers, some of you may be wondering about Fr Keith and Fr Roman. Fr Keith is continuing his treatment. Recently he has been improving, so long may that continue, and he be granted the healing he needs. Fr Roman had a slight fall recently and has moved to a nice new flat. He is on good form and hopes to get back to church as his mobility allows, age permitting! Please keep them both in your prayers.

Fr Brendan

Liturgical Calendar June 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 3

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| Sat 15th | 10.00am | First Holy Communion Mass SFX School | The Children |
| Sat 15th | No Confessions and Adoration here Confessions and Adoration at OL 10-11.00am | | |
| Sat 15th | 6.00pm | 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NK Emmanuel RIP |
| Sun 16th | 8.00am | 11TH SUNDAY | Jorge Rodrigues |
| Sun 16th | 10.00am | 11TH SUNDAY | The Parish |
| Mon 17th | 9.30am | Feria | Holy Souls |
| Tues 18th | No Mass here. Mass at Our Lady's 09.30am | | |
| Wed 19th | 1.00pm | Feria | Eddie O'Connor RIP |
| Thu 20th | 9.30am | St Alban, Martyr | Holy Souls |
| Fri 21st | 1.00pm | St Aloysius Gonzaga | Thanksgiving for speedy recovery |
| Sat 22nd | NB.10.00am | Parish First Holy Communions | The Children |
| Sat 22nd | No Confessions and Adoration here Confessions and Adoration at OL 10-11.00am | | |
| Sat 22nd | 6.00pm | 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Guido Chiavarini |
| Sun 23rd | 8.00am | 12TH SUNDAY | Stephen Booth |
| Sun 23rd | 10.00am | 12TH SUNDAY | The Parish |

Three Baptisms to celebrate!

We welcome into God's family **Hanna Zylinska** who will be baptised Friday 14th June at 5.00pm. Also **Sajenth Jeyanand** and **Suveen Nelson** who will be baptised this Sunday, 15th June at 12.00. We warmly welcome **Hanna, Sajenth and Suveen** and their families to our parish.



Celebrations in the parish

On Saturday 15th June we celebrated First Holy Communion for our children at SFX School.
On Saturday 22nd June we will be celebrating First Holy Communion at 10.00am for our children from the Parish.
NB Mass this day will be at 10.00am.



We remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Kathleen Wheeler,
Sylvia Phillips,
Dermot Kelleher,
William Hankinson



Lately Dead

David Warr – The funeral will be on Tuesday 2nd July at 12 noon.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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.

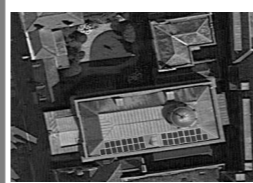
There will be a retiring collection at all Masses his weekend for the English and Welsh Bishop's Day for Life Appeal.

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. This year it falls on **16 June**. The theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives.

'O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged.'



Good News -Solar panels on our church roof



We're delighted to announce after a year's planning that the installation of the 30 Solar panels will begin to be installed this Monday 17th June at 7.30am. It won't involve any exterior scaffolding and when fitted onto the roof will be completely invisible from the ground level. At the height of the energy crisis our electricity bill peaked at £1,300 a month! Which was totally unsustainable. Thankfully with the fitting of the latest low energy light bulbs in the church and the price reduction our bills have come down considerably and with the 30 solar panels feeding into two large storage batteries we should really secure sustainable electricity to keep the lights on in church. It seems the right thing to do also with our **Green concerns. The system is expected to generate 11,528 kWh of clean electricity every year, and save 2,448 kg CO2 of carbon.** More details at the back of the church.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6pm Wendy Winterburn
Ancy Shajan , Vigeetha Joseph

8am Cecilia Balestra
Frances Hetterley

10am Thomas Kottuppallil
Mary Cook Noel Elegado
Moses Obanimoh

Ministers of the Word

6pm
Philip Dixon

8am
Helen Booth

10am
Liz Symonds



Cardinal Fitzgerald is coming to SFX!

On Thursday 27th June at 6pm Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald OBE will be saying Mass at SFX and then giving a talk at 7.00pm. The talk, which is part of Herefordshire Deanery's "Horizon of Hope" will be on 'The Church's Message to a Divided World. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald is the former head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. **Save the date!**

Poetry for Pleasure

The next meeting is postponed by one week and will take place on Thursday 27th June instead of 20th June. The meeting will be in the Parish Hall 1030 -1200 and the theme will be "Inspired by Nature". All are very welcome.

Parish Walk

The next Parish Walk is on **Sunday 7th July**. It is a 4 mile walk starting at Lower Breinton and going in a loop away from the river. It covers a variety of terrain including farmland, woods and a nature reserve. The walk involves ascents and descents but all the hills are gentle. There are several stiles. Meet at the Lower Breinton National Trust car park at 2.30 pm. The car park is very close to St Michael's Church, Breinton HR4 7PG.

Parish Summer Party Sunday 14th July

starting after the 10 o'clock Mass at approximately 1130 am. Please put this date in your diaries! More details to follow.

A prayer for Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love.

A Cup of Tea/Coffee and Cake

Everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass and procession. A great way to make new friends and meet with Abbot Brendan.



Collections 8/9th June

1st £ 490.00 The Parish
2nd £408.00 Renovation



Parish Calendar– June 2024

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| Mon 17th | 7.00 pm | SVP group |
| Sat 22nd | 10.00am | Parish First Holy Communion |
| Thurs 27th | 10.30-1200 | Poetry for pleasure |
| Thurs 27th | 6.00pm | Mass/talk Cardinal Fitzgerald |