



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, As we draw near to the end of the Church's year, the readings this Sunday turn our eyes towards the end of time — not to frighten us, but to remind us where our hope truly lies. Jesus speaks of upheaval, conflict, and uncertainty, yet he tells us, "Do not be terrified." These words feel especially real in our world today. We all know what it is to face change, worry, or weariness — in our families, our parish, or the wider world. But Jesus reminds us that faith is not about having everything under control; His words are both a warning and a reassurance: even when the world seems to be falling apart, God's love and faithfulness remain unshaken. The Christian vision of the end is not about fear, but fulfilment. We believe that history is moving toward the full revelation of God's Kingdom — a world made new in justice, peace, and love. Our call is to stay faithful and steadfast, even when faith feels costly. Jesus reminds us that our perseverance will win us our lives. At St Francis Xavier's, we are blessed to see that faith lived out in so many quiet, steadfast ways — in prayer, in acts of service, in care for one another. This is how the Kingdom of God grows, even in small and hidden places.

In these final weeks of the Church's year, we might pause to ask ourselves: what do I place my trust in? Is it something that can crumble — or is it the living God who never fails us? As we await the coming of Christ the King, may we renew our hope in him, who holds all things in his hands. **Fr John**

Liturgical Calendar November 2025 Yr C Psalter Wk 1

Sat 15th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	John Farren RIP
Sat 15th	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 15th	6.00pm	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Stephen Booth RIP
Sun 16th	8.00am	33RD SUNDAY	Anna & Tadeusz Kania RIP
Sun 16th	10.00am	33RD SUNDAY	Eva Ward RIP
Mon 17th	9.30am <i>Rosary 9am</i>	St Hilda Abbess	Jude James& his family
Tue 18th	No public Mass. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30		
Wed 19th	1.00pm	Feria	Benefactors of SFX
Thu 20th	9.30am	Feria	C.D.Joseph Margaret Arscott
Fri 21st	1.00pm	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	November Dead List Baiju George RIP
Sat 22nd	10.30am	St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Fr Benjamin Busko RIP Fr Michael Rapa RIP
Sat 22nd	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 22nd	6.00pm	CHRIST THE KING	Patrick O'Leary RIP
Sun 23rd	8.00am	CHRIST THE KING	November Dead List
Sun 23rd	10.00am	CHRIST THE KING	George Joseph RIP

Applying for a place for your child for St Francis Xavier's RC Primary School

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a reception class place for your child to start school in September 2026. Please come along and meet our Headteacher, **Open morning Wednesday 19th November 9.30 – 10.30am.** No need to book. Further details and application forms available on the school website. Thank You.



Father James Norris at Belmont Abbey will have been ordained thirty years a priest on the 25th of November this year. To mark this pearl anniversary a Mass will be celebrated at Belmont on Saturday the 22nd of November at 11.30am to which all parishioners are invited.

Poetry for Pleasure The next meeting is on Thursday 20th November 1030-1200 in the Parish Hall. The theme is "The Weather". Bring a few poems to share about sun, rain, wind, snow etc.



We remember all who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time
Anniversaries: Bernard Drinkwater, Mary Fussell, May Baynham, Brigid Butcher, Pat Morris, Margaret Arscott, Cyril Hayes, Laurence Abbott.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



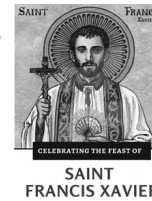
Pray for the Sick: Ania Kuzba, Jan Beavan, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, Lynne Howells, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Sarah, Ana Rudnicki, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Margaret Davis, Carola Morton, Margaret Skelding, James Spradbery, Teresa Bord, Patricia Marongiu, Sarah James, Kath Feely, Pauline and David Day, Mark Edmunds, Didit Buhain, Margaret Davis, Ann Marie Hughson, Vera McHale.

Two special events coming up at SFX On Wednesday the 19th the 1.00pm Mass will be offered for the benefactors of Saint Francis Xavier's Church.

The original building and the major restoration of our beautiful church is largely due to a number of generous benefactors over the years who have funded with great generosity our church costs. If you can't come to this Mass then please pray for our benefactors. Fr James will be explaining further how he wants to relaunch the sponsor a star scheme in the ceiling of the dome. More details to follow.

On Wednesday December 3rd it is our Feast day of Saint Francis Xavier with Mass at 1.00pm

followed by a shared lunch in the hall for anyone who can stay and celebrate our special day.



Confirmation Course.

The 2026 confirmation course for pupils in Year 8 and Year 9 (or older if you have not made your Confirmation) will begin in the New Year. Catholic Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation, which completes Baptism by sealing the baptized with the Holy Spirit. During the sacrament, the candidate renews their baptismal promises, and the bishop lays his hands on them and anoints them with holy oil (chrism). This process bestows the gifts of the Holy Spirit, strengthening the individual to live as a full and responsible member of the Church.

It gives young people approaching adulthood an opportunity to take a more mature and informed look at their faith and the challenges to it that might lie ahead as they become independent and begin to make important choices.

It is also a requirement for anyone seeking a Catholic marriage in the future. The confirmation course will take the form of 12 one-hour sessions and one whole-day retreat over the space of about four months. The dates and venue of the course are to follow. Please register for the course by emailing the Parish office at **hereford2@rcadc.org** giving your full name and contact details of the young person seeking confirmation. Please include their date of birth and the school they are currently attending. Registration details should be received no later than January 1st 2026.



Next Sunday is 'Christ the King'.

There will be a 'Youth Mass' at 6.30pm at Our Lady's Church, Belmont road. All young people are invited to attend.

Ministers of the Eucharist		Ministers of the Word	
6pm	Kathy Weston Angela Holmes Vigeetha Joseph	6pm	Helen Booth Mary Schiavon
8am	Cecilia Balestra Frances Hetterley	8.00	Stephen Cleeve James Morris
10am	Mary Cook Moses Obanimoh TBC	10am	Liz Symonds Andy Milne



RED BOXES Many thanks to those who hold Red Boxes for their generous donations which help MISSIO, the Pope's charity, to aid local missionaries. They work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

The autumn collection totalled £191.51 . If you would like a Red Box please contact Mary Roberts (maryroberts591@gmail.com) or consider making a regular monthly or annual donation to MISSIO via bank transfer. This is a good way of giving as many people now don't carry much cash. Our box collections are much lower than five years ago. Please pray for missionaries and those they serve.

Christmas Bazaar Saturday 29th November 1230-2.30 pm in the Parish Hall. There are only 2 weeks to go until the Bazaar! The aim is to have an enjoyable social event while raising funds for the upkeep of our beautiful church. We need all hands on deck to make it a success. Many thanks to everyone who has bought raffle tickets or donated items already. How can you help?

Parish Raffle: please return all stubs and money from tickets sold at any weekend Masses. More books of raffle tickets are available in the Narthex.Christmas Hamper Raffle: Tickets are now available for 3 magnificent hampers

The following items are all needed: bottles (alcoholic and soft drinks), red and green Christmas items (serviettes, crackers, decorations etc), toys(small, clean good quality), jewellery. Please leave in labelled boxes in the sacristy. Lots of lovely homemade cakes will be needed. Please bring to church on Friday 28th or Saturday 29th morning.



Open Invitation to all parishioners

On Sunday 23rd of November (Christ the King)at the 10.00am Mass we will be accompanied by our **Filipino community** leading the singing followed by a Filipino food buffet after Mass.

The Hereford Nativity is being performed at Hereford Cathedral on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th November, 7:30pm. A powerful production in the same style as last year's Passion. Book via the Cathedral website. (herefordcathedral.org/Event/hereford-nativity-2025)



Collection 9/11/2025

The Parish £789.10



What's on in November 2025

Mon 17th	7.00pm	SVP in Kemble Hall
Wed 19th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Group in Kemble Hall
Thu 20th	10.30am	Poetry for Pleasure
Sat 29th	12.30-2.30pm	Christmas Bazaar Kemble Hall