



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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**Dear all,**

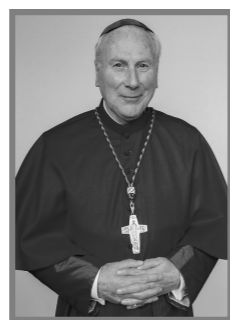
Next week we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ( Corpus Christi). This solemnity is one of the most important moments in our faith. It is the best opportunity to witness our faith as we walk with Christ through the city. It also signifies our earthly journey as we walk in him, with him and reach to the destination through Him.

Thanks for all who had an opportunity to take part in the May procession at the Abbey. That procession was for Mother Mary and this procession is of her son. The monstrance that will be carried by a priest is also a symbol of Mother Mary who carried Jesus in her womb for nine months. When we walk with Jesus, we walk with mother Mary as well as she knows the right path to her Son.

I am so excited to celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi for the first time as a priest. But also, I am very sad because the Sunday of Corpus Christ is my last Sunday to be with you. I am looking forward to leave on 5th June. As we walk around with the Eucharist, let us pray for our families, our city and our country at large. Let us also pray for the peace of the world. Fr. Brendan is off to Rome but he will be back to join us soon. **Fr. Gregory**

## Liturgical Calendar May/June 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 4

Sat 25th	10.30am	St Bede the Venerable	Holy Souls
Sat 25th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 25th	6.00pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Tymek Alina
Sun 26th	8.00am	HOLY TRINITY	Holy Souls
Sun 26th	10.00am	HOLY TRINITY	Parish
Mon 27th	9.30am	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	Albert Gregg RIP (anniv)
Tues 28th	No public Mass here. Mass at OL at 9.30am		
Wed 29th	1.00pm	Feria	Eddie Rider RIP
Thur 30th	9.30am	Feria	Eddie O'Connor
Fri 31st	1.00pm	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Sylvia Hayes RIP
Sat 1st	10.30am	St Justin Martyr	Michael O'Sullivan
Sat 1st	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 1st	6.00pm	CORPUS CHRISTI	Valerian Loro
Sun 2nd	8.00am	CORPUS CHRISTI	Thanksgiving for Blessing received
Sun 2nd	10.00am	CORPUS CHRISTI followed by Corpus Christi procession	Parish



### A Cardinal 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!**

### We remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Margaret Harrison, Margaret Tennant, Irma Farr, Vera Morris, Albert Gregg, Brendan Connolly, Wyn Lowe, Frances Thomas, Lucy Criasia, Jane McGloin, Peter Horne, Nora Evans, Barbara Jennings, Stanley Borysiuk



### Lately Dead

**Brian Daw- Requiem Mass** -Wednesday 12th June at 1.00pm.

**Eddie Rider**  
**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, Teresa Loftus, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, George Mecina, Margaret Skelding, David Warr, James Spradbery.

## Corpus Christi Procession



### Calling all SFX Parishioners

Next Sunday we will have our annual Corpus Christi procession through Hereford city centre. It is not exclusive to 10am Mass goers but is a privilege for all parishioners to take part in. The procession begins straight after the 10.00am Mass at approximately 11.15am. The procession will go past the cathedral down Church Street and into High Town before coming back along Broad Street. The procession normally takes about 20mins.

It is wonderful when we have a really good turnout of parishioners, which makes the procession so much more powerful. **Hope you can join us.**



### Lost property

A few various items have been left in the church. Clothes, accessories, water bottles, umbrellas etc. The box of items will be put in the annexe for the next four weeks for you to claim. After four weeks if not claimed we will move them on to a charity shop. Thanks

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
<b>6pm</b> Sarah Williams Jane Gennard TBA	<b>6pm</b> Philip Dixon
<b>8am</b> Frances Hetterley Cecilia Balestra	<b>8am</b> Helen Booth
<b>10am</b> Mia Brennan Noel Elegado Gerald Okafor Peter Cunningham	<b>10am</b> Audrey Fussell



### Planning our farewell to Fr Gregory

After 3 months at SFX, Fr Gregory will be leaving us on **Wed June 5<sup>th</sup>** Everyone is invited to get together to celebrate his time with us and to say goodbye personally after the

### weekend Masses on 1st/2nd June.

It would be wonderful if everyone could join one of the following gatherings:

- Drinks (wine/soft drinks) and nibbles after the 6 pm Mass on Saturday 1st June
- Coffee and Croissants after the 8 am Mass on Sunday 2nd June

• Tea/coffee and cake on Sunday 2nd June after the 10 am Mass and Corpus Christi Procession  
**If you missed the collection at Mass last weekend there is a box at the back of church for your offering. Many Thanks**



### May Procession on Sunday 26th May 11.15am

**Do come and join us for this lovely devotion to Our Lady**

### Parish 200 Club Draw Winners March /April Draw 2024

Please can the following come and collect their winnings from the basket in the Sacristy. David Day, Jaroslav Liska, Honorah Crowley.



### Belmont Abbey Fete Saturday 15th June 2.00pm On the Abbey Lawns

Save the day! This is a lovely afternoon out for all the family. Free entry with a whole host of stalls and attractions including a mini zoo and a classic car display.



### 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 meet with Fr Gregory.



**Collections 18/19th May**  
**1st £ 481.80 The Parish**  
**2nd£ 430.67 Renovation**  
**Fr Gregory £840**



### Parish Calendar- May/June 2024

Wed 29th	6.30pm	ABC Bible Study Group
Sun 2nd	11.15am	Corpus Christi Procession
Mon 3rd	6.30pm	Music group practice
Mon 3rd	7.00pm	SVP
Thurs 6th	1.30pm	Thursday Social Club