



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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**WE'RE OFF TO BARRY ISLAND ?!**...or Benidorm, or Skegness, or Blackpool... wherever you go, enjoy the break! Recharge your batteries, and reflect: upon the trials & tribulations of the past year, and also upon the missed opportunities, and your ambitions and hopes for the year ahead. In all of this, thank the Good Lord for His Presence at your side, and the graces He always gives so that you can be ever more faithful to living the Gospel wherever you are and in whatever you do. Take Christ to the world! ...and start here at home! Join our SVP to support our own people in the Parish; help with the Children's Liturgy next term; Sing in the Choir, Serve at the Altar, help with Church cleaning. Don't leave the life of our Parish Family to others...do your own little bit. And, don't forget to pray! God reward you for all you do!

**SVP RAFFLE** tickets were going to be on sale again today but they were all sold out last weekend! and raised a fantastic £350. Many Thanks for your support and to our SVP team.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** don't forget **the Assumption of Our Lady** (15<sup>th</sup> August) is an Holy Day of Obligation. Note Mass times: vigil Mass at 6.00pm Wed 14th and on Thurs 15th Mass will be at 1.00pm-no 9.30am.

**RESULTS** the Olympic Games have been exciting. Remember also our students/pupils anxiously awaiting exam results. **Fr Thomas**

## Liturgical Calendar August 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 2

Sat 3rd	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Martin O Sullivan (sick)
Sat 3rd	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 3rd	6.00pm	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Holy Souls
Sun 4th	8.00am	18TH SUNDAY	Nigel & Lorraine Lloyd-Williams Ruby Wedding
Sun 4th	10.00am	18TH SUNDAY	The Parish
Mon 5th	9.30am Rosary 9.00am	The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	For recovery of Veronica & Kathryn Morison
Tues 6th	No Mass here. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30am THE TRANSFIGURATION (FEAST)		
Wed 7th	1.00pm Adoration 12 noon	Feria	For the victims and families of Southport attack
Thu 8th	9.30am	St Dominic, Priest	Holy Souls
Fri 9th	1.00pm Adoration, & Divine Mercy	ST TERESA, BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS PATRON OF EUROPE (FEAST)	Council of Christians and Jews
Sat 10th	10.30am	ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR (FEAST)	Sr Dolores RIP
Sat 10th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 10th	6.00pm	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Suffering Souls
Sun 11th	8.00am	19TH SUNDAY	The Parish
Sun 11th	10.00am	19TH SUNDAY	Private Intention



We welcome into God's family Giulia Melino who will be baptized this Sunday at 12.00 noon. We warmly welcome Giulia and all her family into our parish.

### Letters in the Sacristy

There are a few letters in the wicker basket in the sacristy for Chris Moore, Roberto Bernabo, David Day, Honorah Crowley. All for the 200 club ... please collect your winnings!



### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August:

"We pray for political leaders to be at the service of their people, working for their integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor."



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

Dorota Czernay, Doreen Millar, Jean Lewis, Joshua Ibanez, Christina Turville, Michael Wilkins, Martin Treanor, Paul Prout, Thomas Conn  
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. 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. Teresa Bord.

### This is MY BODY

Many were shocked by the ridiculing of The Last Supper at the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics. France has long been a secular republic. Arguably this is not working well. Similarly Britain, in turning its back on Christ, has suffered an ominous collapse in civil authority which we witness daily. God is not mocked. History holds clear lessons: Turn aside from the moral compass of the Judaeo-Christian faith and watch as society collapses. The Old Testament illustrates this time and time again. The Sunday Mass gospel readings during high summer come from John chapter 6. In a synagogue in Capernaum Jesus lays out in clear and simple language what will become the Mass. The Feeding of the Five Thousand had delighted the crowd. Yet Jesus urges his followers to work for that which endures, not the transitory comfort of bread. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood, he teaches, will have eternal life.



The Paris Olympics dishonoured God. Yet the fault of this blasphemy is ours as much as the poor misguided souls involved. For we have failed to proclaim the gospel with confidence. It's easier to turn the other cheek. Do we speak of the terror of falling into the hands of the living God?

In Hebrews we read that anyone who has violated the law of Moses dies on the testimony of two or three witnesses. The epistle continues: *How much worse is the punishment deserved by those who spurned the Son of God, profaned the blood of the covenant and outraged the spirit of Grace?*

Athletes compete against time. We are often late. However, there are two appointments we shall keep. The first is with the hour of our death. The second with divine judgement. Our job as the Church is to rescue the poor banished children of Eve from their burning houses of ignorance.

There can be little worse blasphemy than to parody the Last Supper. We pray for those who labour in darkness and despair; they whom we are committed to love, cherish and nurture. Let us be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ours is the mission to lead all souls to heaven, to tell them of our Saviour. That on the night he was betrayed he took bread and broke it and gave it to them saying, **this is my body**.... AM

**Insight online from Fr. Chris Alar:** <https://youtu.be/scqE60WfypU?si=t8Tp0kHPQadwpSvI>

<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>
6pm Wendy Winterburn Kathy Weston, Ancy Shajan	6pm Fiona Stokes
8am Cecilia Balestra Vera McHale	8am Stephen Cleeve
10am Thomas Kottuppallil Mary Cook Noel Elegado Maria (Mia) Brennan	10am Gabriel Gillick



**Abbott Brendan**, last Sunday afternoon, braved the heights and officially blessed our new rooftop solar panels. Have you noticed since last Sunday how sunny and hot it has been?!  
Read more about this in the local press at...Google -'Your Herefordshire'...solar panels'



### TINTERN SUNG VESPERS:

An Ecumenical Service of Prayers for Peace is to take place at 3.00pm on Sunday, 8th September at Tintern Abbey. The speaker is The Most Reverend

Mark O'Toole, Archbishop of Cardiff and Menevia, also in attendance are monks of Belmont Abbey. Entry to the Abbey is free for those attending the service and it is advisable to bring a folding chair. Lunches and teas are available in Tintern village.



### "Pilgrim's Progress to Rome ?

An eight-day trek in Autumn 2025, is a charity fundraising challenge organised by the charity Life. Life supports women in unexpected and crisis pregnancies and those experiencing pregnancy loss. Life are calling all those with "an adventurous spirit and a compassionate

heart", to learn more about an opportunity for people to join a trek to Rome, along part of the ancient Camino Via Francigena pilgrimage route. Email: [emilytraynor@lifecharity.org.uk](mailto:emilytraynor@lifecharity.org.uk) to receive more information.

### Volunteer Wanted for the Parish Please

The parish urgently needs someone who is interested in Evangelisation (How we spread the Good News) to join in the diocese zoom meetings once a month and then feedback any news/ideas to the parish. If this could be you please contact the office. Thank you.

### The WOW group At Belmont Abbey

is a group for widows and widowers who meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Centre at Belmont Abbey. We share coffee, chat and often cake and occasionally meals out and visits to local places of interest. The group would like to extend a warm welcome to any widows or widowers who would like to join us. Our next meeting is Tuesday 6th August at 11am. More info email [juliemirfin@btinternet.com](mailto:juliemirfin@btinternet.com).



**Collections 27th/28th July**  
1st £474.14 The Parish  
2nd £402.82 Renovation



### Parish Calendar- August 2024

Sun 18th	3.00pm	John Kemble Pilgrimage
Sun 25th	12.00	Parish BBQ