



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All,

On Thursday I went to Cardiff with a couple of younger parishioners to represent the parish at a Mass at which the Papal Nuncio (the Pope's representative in the UK) gave the Pallium to Archbishop Mark. The Pallium is a sort of collar made of lamb's wool that since the early church has been given to symbolise the communion between the Pope and the local church. This unity of our Catholic faith across the world and across the centuries we will also mark on Thursday when we celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul. Let's pray for Pope Francis and the bishops of the church that they will be wise and faithful leaders.



On Tuesday we had a meeting of the Deanery clergy, and on Thursday evening a Deanery Advisory Council. There were lots of helpful suggestions about how our parishes can work better together across the county which we hope to follow up. One of the areas discussed was mission and evangelisation, and how we can encourage the lapsed to return to the church. How can we better share our faith and the joy of the Gospel? We plan to have a deanery celebration on the evening of 14th September.

Have a blessed week, Fr Brendan

Liturgical Calendar June/July 2023 Year A Psalter week 4

Sat 24th	10.30am	THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	William Fawcett RIP
Sat 24th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 24th	6.00pm	12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	M. A. Mathai
Sun 25th	8.00am	12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Parish
Sun 25th	10.00am	12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Thomas Keohane (Confirmation Day)
Mon 26th	9.30am	Feria	Holy Souls
Tue 27th	No public Mass. Mass at Our Lady's at 9.30am		
Wed 28th	1.00pm	St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr	Thresiamma
Wed 28th	6.00pm Vigil	STS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES	Parish
Thurs 29th	9.00am School	STS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES	Holy Souls
Thurs 29th	1.00pm	STS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES	Holy Souls
Fri 30th	1.00pm	Feria	Thanksgiving Liji Varghese
Sat 1st July	10.30am	St Oliver Plunket, Bishop, Martyr	Michael & Maureen Baldrev
Sat 1st	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 1st	6.00pm	13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Jiva Varghese Birthday
Sun 2nd	8.00am	13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Parish
Sun 2nd	10.00am	13TH SUNDAY OF	Andrew & Sue Forder

Next weekend there will be the "Peter's Pence" collection

The Church sometimes gets 'bad press', but often overlooked is the fact that the Catholic Church is the world's largest charitable relief organisation after the multi-government-backed United Nations.

'Peter's Pence' is the mandatory collection taken on this Sunday throughout the Universal Church to fund its charitable work. The collection is sent to Rome and is shared out amongst the various offices in the Holy See who distribute the Church's charity giving to the poor and marginalized, victims of wars



We welcome into God's family Albie-Lee Thomas who will be baptised this Sunday, 25th at 12.00

We warmly welcome Albie and all his family into our SFX Parish community.



Remembrance

Agnes Rogers, Barbara Johnson, William Griffin, Sr Philippa Clare, William Lewis.



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, Joan Colley, Fr Keith, Ausura Chukarov, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Midad Jasari, Jan Beavan, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Margaret Skelding, Christina James, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Ann Currie, Patricia Moroney, Mary Elizabeth, George Mecina, Ana Rudnicki, Sue Forder.

Miracles 2 The Most Recently Recognized Miracle at Lourdes



Sister Bernadette Moriau was born on September 23, 1939, in the North of France. At the age of 19, she entered the Nantes Convent to join the congregation of the Franciscan Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and she graduated in 1965 as a nurse. However, at the age of 27, she began experiencing pain in her low back and underwent 4 unsuccessful surgeries. By 1975, she was no longer able to practice her nursing. Unfortunately, this would only be the beginning of her many other ailments that would follow.

In 1987, Bernadette's neurological ailments began.

In 1992, she was fitted with a spinal neurostimulator.

In 1994, she began morphine medication.

In 1998, she was diagnosed with sphincter dysfunction.

Finally, in February of 2008, she made her long awaited pilgrimage to the Grotto of Lourdes.

While retracing the steps of St. Bernadette Soubirous on the 150th anniversary of the first Marian Apparition in Lourdes, Moriau says that she could feel the presence of little Bernadette, of Our Blessed Lady and of Jesus. While in great pain due to her many medical issues, she completed her pilgrimage with a full heart—without being in search of a miracle for herself.

On July 11, 2008—at the same time as the Eucharist procession in Lourdes was taking place—Moriau had her hour of adoration at her community chapel. It was there that a warm sensation fell over her. She felt called to take off all assisting medical devices and noticed that her foot had returned to normal. She then stopped taking her medications and ceased using the spinal neurostimulator.

Sister Bernadette Moriau's miracle at the Grotto of Lourdes was recognized as an official miracle on January 10, 2018. There have been 70 officially recognised and scientifically investigated miracles at Lourdes. A miracle has to be declared as Inexplicable, Instantaneous and Permanent.



Congratulations to Cecilia and Michal Krusz who were married here on Friday. We wish them every blessing for the future.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Wendy Winterburn Imogen Cockcroft Vigeetha Joseph	6pm Helen Booth
8am Angela Holmes Cecilia Balestra	8am Dorothy Kennedy
10am Thomas Kottappullil Jaimol James Noel Elegado	10am Liz Symonds

Drinks and Nibbles after Mass

You are warmly invited to pop into the parish garden after the Saturday night Mass on July 1st. 7.00pm

Drinks and nibbles will be served, and what a great way to have a chat to some of your friends old and new or meet new parishioners and say hello to Fr Brendan.



CAFOD: update on the conflict in Sudan

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website : <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>



SFX FILM NIGHTS presents "TWO CROWNS"



An acclaimed film about the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe A martyr of love" Friday 14th July at 7pm in Parish Hall. PG rating. Free Admission

In Polish with English subtitles. This is a really powerful, inspiring and entertaining film which you won't get on TV or Netflix!...Date for your diary! Why not come along and invite a friend ?

Open invitation to anyone who would like to come along to a music practice here in church next **Thursday 29th June at 6.00pm** to sing or play an instrument to help our music at Mass be even more wonderful. All welcome!



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



Collections for 17th/18th June

1st Collection £434.51
2nd Collection £320.84

Special collection 'Day for Life' £397.23
Many thanks for your support



Parish Calendar

1st July	7.00pm	Drinks/nibbles after 6.00pm Mass
11th July	2.30pm	Ledbury Singers Concert SFX
14th July	7.00pm	Film Night- 'Two Crowns'
27th August	TBA	Parish BBQ