



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, A Cardinal comes to SFX! This Thursday we are delighted to welcome **Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald** to the parish. Originally from Walsall, he is a Missionary of Africa (White Father) and has worked aboard for over 50 years. We have invited him to the parish because Cardinal Michael is an **acknowledged expert in Christian-Muslim relations and Inter-religious dialogue**. In fact he was appointed by Pope John Paul II to be in charge of the Vatican department for inter-religious dialogue. What is the way forward for a world that is so divided, often by religion? His assignments have included Egypt and Jerusalem until retiring to a Liverpool parish in 2012, trying to engage in dialogue with those of other faiths in this country.

Do come to Cardinal Michael's talk on **Thursday evening at 7pm**, and/or **Mass at 6pm**. It will be an honour to have him with us and hear of his experience working with those of other faiths. Perhaps it is because we are strong in our own faith that we are called to understand and respect those from different faith backgrounds.

John Cook, our parish administrator, has been working hard in the last few months on a number of projects in the parish. He is on a well-deserved break for the next two weeks. We will monitor emails for anything urgent and check the phone from time to time. Do leave a message if you want me to get back to you. For emergencies you can also call **01432 374734** as well as the parish number, leaving a message if there is no answer. **Fr Brendan**

Liturgical Calendar June 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 4

Sat 22nd	<u>NB.10.00 am</u>	Parish First Holy Communion	<i>The Children</i>
Sat 22nd	No Confessions and Adoration here Confessions and Adoration at OL 10-11.00am		
Sat 22nd	6.00pm	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Guido Chiavarini</i>
Sun 23rd	8.00am	12TH SUNDAY	<i>Stephen Booth</i>
Sun 23rd	10.00am	12TH SUNDAY	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 24th	9.30am	THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	<i>Rob Brodie RIP</i>
Tues 25th	No Mass here. Mass at Our Lady's 09.30am		
Wed 26th	1.00pm	Feria	<i>John Dunne RIP</i>
Thu 27th	<u>NB No Morning Mass</u> Mass at 6.00pm with Cardinal Fitzgerald		
Fri 28th	1.00pm	St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr	<i>Remigius Lobo RIP</i>
Sat 29th	10.30am	Votive memorial of Our Lady	<i>Elikkuty Kuriakose RIP</i>
Sat 29th	11.00am	Confessions and adoration	
Sat 29th	6.00pm	STS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES	<i>Amini Joseph RIP</i>
Sun 30th	8.00am	STS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES	<i>Thanksgiving Jiva Varghese</i>
Sun 30th	10.00am	STS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES	<i>The Parish</i>

Celebrations in the parish On Saturday 22nd June

After the School first Holy Communion last weekend, 25 children of the parish will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at 10.00am. We wish them all our best wishes and prayers on this very special day. Many thanks to Brenda, Wendy and all of the catechists who have worked so hard preparing the children over many months.



The Solar panels are on our church roof! This is a picture of half of the panels, all finished and working Friday. Please now pray for lots of sunshine!



We remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Doreen Skyrme, Paul Gutowski, Robert Woodward, Hubert Bray, Mona Smith, Agnes Rogers, Barbara Johnson, Isabelle Brend, William Griffin, Sr Philippa Clare, Peter Lyons, William Lewis.



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.



SFX Confirmation Class

Congratulations to all of our young parishioners who were confirmed by Archbishop George Stack on Thursday.

The confirmands have completed a ten week instruction course along with another 17 young people from the deanery. It was lovely to see the Church packed for this special celebration. We hope our new Confirmands grow in their faith and immerse themselves into our parish life. **Joseph Allen, Serah Bilby, Sona Bilby, Courtney Bowkett, Patrick Christopherson, Grace Clark, Anthony Elegado, Reuben Fernandez, Idris Gillick, Alexander Landolfi, Owen O'Loughlin, Jesse Slancauskas, Theodore Spencer**

Parish Summer Party Sunday 14th July



We do not know exactly when Fr Brendan will be leaving the parish, so the Parish Summer Party will be our whole parish opportunity to celebrate his election as Abbot of Belmont and to say a very fond farewell to him as Parish Priest. The party will take place after the 10 am Mass, starting with tea/coffee/drinks, followed by lunch beginning at about 1200. Please bring some food (sweet and/or savoury) to share. It would be great if everyone could bring a national dish so that we can celebrate the wonderful cultural diversity in the parish. British party food is always welcome (sandwiches, sausage rolls, crisps, quiche, salads, cake etc) but any curries, noodles etc are always extremely popular with everyone! Food can be left in the conservatory (accessed from the garden) before Mass begins. Hopefully, the weather will be fine and we will be able to use the garden but failing that, we will use the Parish Hall.



Mums and Toddler Group?

A number of mums have enquired about whether we have a Mums and toddlers group in the parish. The answer is "not at present", but we have had in the past and could have in the future if there was sufficient demand. The parish can provide the hall and some toys etc but the group would need to be run by parents. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who might want to come along, even if they are not currently in our parish then please e-mail the parish office: hereford2@rcadc.org and we can see if there is enough interest to take it further.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6pm Wendy Winterburn, TBA
Jane Gennard

8am Frances Hetterley
Cecilia Balestra

10am Maria (Mia) Brennan
Gerald Okafor, Noel Elegado
Peter Cunningham

Ministers of the Word

6pm
Fiona Stokes

8am
Stephen Cleeve

10am
Audrey Fussell



General Election. The Rt Revd Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford, will chair an election husting on Monday, 24 June, at St John's Methodist Church, St Owen's St. This event is for local people to get involved in democratic engagement and is open to all. Doors open at 7pm. Attendees will hear from candidates of all the local parties before a question time. The event is free, but seats are limited; advance booking is recommended. For more information go to **ctih.org**



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. Please note: Change of meeting place. We have been given permission to use **St Michael's Church car park at Breinton (HR4 7PG)**. This is very close to the Lower Breinton National Trust car park. **Please use the church car park and meet outside the church at 2.30pm pm.**



There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence the weekend of June 29/30.

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See."

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 15/16th June

1st £ 507.53 The Parish
2nd £382.95 Renovation
The Bishop's Day For Life
Collection £422.81



Parish Calendar– June 2024

Wed 26th	6.30 pm	ABC Bible study group
Thurs 27th	10.30-1200	Poetry for pleasure
Thurs 27th	6.00pm	Mass/talk Cardinal Fitzgerald
Sunday 7th	2.30pm	Parish Walk