



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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### Dear All,

WOE, WOE, THRICE WOE ! can you remember Frank Sinatra singing 'And now the end is near. It's time to face the final curtain'? Well... today is my last Sunday at SFX ! I move to St.Wulstan's, Little Malvern, tomorrow morning. Before I am whisked away, I want to express my thanks to all who have been so kind in looking after me during my Broad Street sojourn. God reward you! I am especially conscious of all who contribute to the daily life of the Parish in dozens of ways, perhaps unseen and unknown. But remember the Catechism ?!: 'God knows and sees all things; even our most secret thoughts'. Keep it up! A Priest cannot do everything, nor should he!—it is your Parish, and you have skills and talents to be used! Yes, keep it up! SFX is a powerful example of the full collaboration between Priest and People which builds and benefits. Above all, remember the call to holiness! The Lord commands 'You must be HOLY!'



HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE ! Fr.Andrew Berry OSB leaves Our Lady's, Belmont Rd., tomorrow, and takes up daily duties at SFX for a month or so.

### Liturgical Calendar August 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 3

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 Int.
Mon 12th	9.30am Rosary 9.00am	St Jane Frances de Chantal	Mark Phillips (sick)
Tues 13th	No Mass here. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30am		
Wed 14th	1.00pm Adoration 12 noon	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Priest & Martyr	Mary Harrington (100 Birthday)
Wed 14th	6.00pm	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Vigil)	The Parish
Thu 15th	1.00pm (No 9.30)	THE ASSUMPTION (SOLEMNITY)	Andrew O'Connor RIP
Fri 16th	1.00pm Adoration	Feria	Ints. B.V.M.
Sat 17th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Pope's Int.
Sat 17th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 17th	6.00pm	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	M A Mathas RIP
Sun 18th	8.00am	20TH SUNDAY	Tom & Kathleen Kinoulty RIP
Sun 18th	10.00am	20TH SUNDAY	The Parish

### A very Big Thank you to Fr Thomas (&Martha) from all us at SFX. You will be missed.



We welcome into God's family Ronan Scrace, who will be baptised this Sunday at 12noon. We warmly welcome Ronan and all his family into our parish.



**It is with sadness** that we pass on the news of the death of Jean Payne who was a parishioner here for a number of years. Jean did great work for the Life charity in Herefordshire, helping to set up the Life charity shop (sadly, now closed), organising the annual Life street collection in High Town, holding her own annual cheese and wine party at home to fundraise and giving of her time as a counsellor to women with crisis pregnancies who were reaching out for help. Many people will remember her fondly. Rest in Peace, dear Jean, good and faithful servant.

### We remember all who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Angus MacLean, Maria Clifford, Wanda Glover, Jean Childs, **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. Teresa Bord.

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heaven, reveals that what God begins, he brings to completion.

On 1 November 1950, invoking his dogmatic authority, Pope Pius XII defined the dogma:

Known by its opening words of Latin, **Munificentissimus Deus**

(The most bountiful God) proclaims:

"By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

Written not long after the devastation of World War II, the encyclical implicitly conveys the hope that meditation on Mary's Assumption will lead the faithful to a greater awareness of our common dignity as the human family. In the dogmatic statement, the phrase "having completed the course of her earthly life" was carefully written to leave open the question of whether or not Mary died before her Assumption, or whether, like the Assumption of the Prophet Elijah, Mary was assumed before death; both possibilities are allowed in the formulation.

The entire decree (and the title itself) is also worded to suggest that Mary's Assumption was not in any sense a logical necessity, but rather a divine gift to Mary as Mother of God. *Munificentissimus Deus* teaches that Mary lived and completed her life as a shining example to the human race. The gift of her assumption is offered to all the faithful and signifies what to hope for at the end of time. Her assumption signifies God's intention to all the faithful.

"In the theology of Pope Pius XII, the Assumption of Mary's body and soul into heaven flow from her Immaculate Conception. The end balances the beginning, both having their profound reason in Mary's mission as the Theotokos." G Tvard

That transformation of our material bodies to which we look forward one day has been accomplished—we know it now for certain—in her. Msgr. Ronald Knox

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Sarah Williams Imogen Cockcroft Ancy Shajan	6pm Stuart Fox
8am Frances Hetterley Vera McHale	8am Dorothy Kennedy
10am Maria (Mia) Brennan Mary Cook Noel Elegado Gerald Okafor	10am Iola Gillick

**PARISH BBQ 1st September 11.30 am. (Food 12.00 noon onwards)** Everyone is welcome to the Parish BBQ in the garden on 1st September. (See the Notice board for full details). Please sign up as soon as possible. Pay for and collect your tickets at any Mass on 17/18 or 24/25 August.

Alternatively, place money in an envelope marked with your name and number of BBQ tickets required and hand into Church/Office and we will reserve tickets for you. Any vegetarians? Please let us know in advance. Paul and Brenda



### 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.

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF ST JOHN KEMBLE



This year's Pilgrimage takes place on **Sunday, 18th August.**

10.15am Monmouth to Welsh Newton - Pilgrims set off to walk to Welsh Newton from St Mary's Church, Monmouth after 9.15am Mass. Everybody welcome - bring a packed lunch.

3.00pm Welsh Newton - We meet for Rosary, Readings and Prayers at St John Kemble's Grave in the Churchyard at Welsh Newton.

4.15pm Monmouth - Benediction follows in St Mary's Church, and afterwards tea will be served in the garden, and produce sold.

**Collections 3rd/4th August**  
1st £439.01 The Parish  
2nd £350.02 Renovation



### Parish Calendar- August/Sept 2024

Sun 18th	3.00pm	John Kemble Pilgrimage
Sun 1st September	12.00	Parish BBQ
Sun 8th	3.00pm	Vespers Tintern Abbey