



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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**Dear Friends**, during this month of October much is taking place. This first weekend we have our Harvest Festival after our Saturday evening mass. Friday was the CAFOD Fast Day. This fast day CAFOD has shared the story of the drought Ware in Ethiopia has had to experience, walking five miles in the heat every day even whilst pregnant. Ware had a plan to build life-changing tanks and with CAFOD's support, this is what she did.

This weekend we welcome Steve Riedlinger from ACN– Aid to the Church in Need. In August, when we heard of the horrendous persecution of Christians in Nigeria, we gathered as a parish to celebrate mass and pray for them. Our Nigerian brothers and sisters provided a wonderful meal after the mass, and their choir enriched our celebration of the mass.

We pray for the wonderful work of CAFOD and ACN – Aid to the Church in Need. In the words of the CAFOD's prayer – Turn us away from indifference and lead us to work together to create a movement of hope. During this month we'll be gathering in people's homes to pray the Rosary. Let us keep in our prayers those who are suffering across the world. **Fr James**

## Liturgical Calendar October 2025 Yr C Psalter Wk 3

|          |                                         |                                      |                                             |
|----------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sat 4th  | 10.30am                                 | St Francis of Assisi                 | <i>Holy Souls</i>                           |
| Sat 4th  | 11.00am                                 | Confessions & Adoration              |                                             |
| Sat 4th  | 6.00pm                                  | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME         | <i>Thresiamma Mathai RIP</i>                |
| Sun 5th  | 8.00am                                  | 27TH SUNDAY                          | <i>Kania Anna RIP</i>                       |
| Sun 5th  | 10.00am                                 | 27TH SUNDAY                          | <i>The Parish</i>                           |
| Mon 6th  | 9.30am<br><i>Rosary 9am</i>             | Feria                                | <i>Thanksgiving for blessings received.</i> |
| Tue 7th  | NO PUBLIC MASS. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30 |                                      |                                             |
| Wed 8th  | 1.00pm                                  | FUNERAL MASS OF DOROTHY FOULKES      |                                             |
| Thur 9th | 9.30am                                  | ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST (FEAST) | <i>Mrs Agnes Hogan</i>                      |
| Fri 10th | 1.00pm                                  | St Paulinus of York                  | <i>Anjaly (Birthday)</i>                    |
| Sat 11th | 10.30am                                 | Mass of Our Lady                     | <i>Anna Kowalczyk &amp; family</i>          |
| Sat 11th | 11.00am                                 | Confessions & Adoration              |                                             |
| Sat 11th | 6.00pm                                  | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME         | <i>Kania Anna RIP</i>                       |
| Sun 12th | 8.00am                                  | 28TH SUNDAY                          | <i>The Parish</i>                           |
| Sun 12th | 10.00am                                 | 28TH SUNDAY                          | <i>Holy Souls</i>                           |

## Concert of Popular Music at Belmont Abbey

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** (7:30pm for an 8 pm start). To celebrate the opening of the refurbished Chapterhouse Guesthouse at Belmont Abbey, we are delighted to announce a special FREE concert by the Legacy Duo - pop classics and dramatic ballads performed by our parishoner-vocalists, David & Ditas Rohl.

## November -Month of the Holy Souls

At the back of Church you will now find envelopes for the deceased members of your family, friends and all whom you wish to pray for. Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

**Gift Aid letters** showing the contributions of individuals for the last tax year are now available. They will be in the Narthex during weekend Masses, or in the Sacristy at other times. Please collect as soon as possible. S. Cleeve

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

**Lately Dead:** Dorothy Foulkes  
**Anniversaries:** Elaine Bole, Michael O'Rourke, Agnes Hogan, Leonard Mason, Anthony Dawes, Kevin Morris, Betty Shergold, Elizabeth Francis, Catherine Bailey, Michael Duke, Sonia Jones.  
**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.**



**Pray for the Sick:** Ania Kuzba, Jan Beavan, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Ana Rudnicki, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Margaret Davis, Margaret Skelding, James Spradbery, Teresa Bord, Sarah, Patricia Marongiu, Sarah James, Rita Rees, Pauline and David Day, Mark Edmunds, Kath Feely, Didit Buhain, Margaret Davis, Ann Marie Hughson.



## October: the month of the Rosary

This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The Rosary became popular in medieval times as a devotion to the important moments in the lives of Jesus and his mother, Mary.

According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to

St Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. In 1571, St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet at Lepanto on the first Sunday of October to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. He later wrote that "by Mary's intercession before the throne of God, she did not cease to pour forth prayers and supplication for the safety of her people."

October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (7 Oct.), an important patron around the world, including the Diocesan shrine in Cardona, Philippines; Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Jashpur, India (second largest church in Asia); and the sanctuary of Fátima, Portugal. Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Leo invited Catholics to pray the Rosary every day during October "I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community."

This month why not take part in (or even host) the parish 'Rosary at Home,' when we meet in each other's home during October to pray the Rosary. More information, including sign-up sheets, can be found on the noticeboard in the narthex. See you there!

**Fr John**

**Confessional Box Soundproofing!** Following a suggestion from a parishioner this has now been upgraded. Confessions are every Saturday 11.00am to 12.00noon and on request.

| Ministers of the Eucharist |                                                  | Ministers of the Word |                                   |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6pm                        | Kathy Weston<br>Angela Holmes<br>Vigeetha Joseph | 6pm                   | Stuart Fox<br>Philip Dixon        |
| 8am                        | Cecilia Balestra<br>Frances Hetterley            | 8am                   | Stephen Cleeve<br>Dorothy Kennedy |
| 10am                       | Maria Brennan<br>Gerald Okafur<br>Moses Obanimoh | 10am                  | Audrey Fussell<br>Bruno Alves     |

## CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal

Thank you to all those who returned their CAFOD offerings last week. If you have your envelope this week or would like to donate, please put collection money in an envelope (Available in the Narthex) and put in the collection plate.Thanks



## This Weekend A Special Visitor!

Steve Riedlinger, Community Outreach Representative for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) will be visiting the Parish on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October. Steve will be talking about ACN's response to recent crises

and how we can support suffering and persecuted Christians.

There will be a further opportunity to support this Catholic charity through prayer and giving.

**We will be having a retiring collection today**

## Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Following a number of parishioner suggestions it was agreed at the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting to have the prayer to St Michael recited at every Sunday Mass after the decade of the Rosary.



**St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, By the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen**

**Welcome to new parishioners and visitors.** Do introduce yourselves to the welcomers and **come along after the 10.00am Mass for coffee and cake.**



**Collection 28/09/2025**  
**The Parish £814.53**  
**Thank You**



## What's on in October

|          |        |                                    |
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| Mon 6th  | 7.00pm | SVP in Parish Hall                 |
| Wed 8th  | 6.30pm | ABC Scripture group in Parish Hall |
| Wed 15th | 7.00pm | Parish AGM – Parish Hall           |