

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, I had to be away for a few days in Rome this week for some meetings. Although I didn't make it to St Peter's, it is always heart-warming to see the view of the dome from the Benedictine college of Sant' Anselmo where I was staying. It made me conscious of the Synod taking place there. What has been happening there? I know some people are a bit fearful of the synod, others very encouraged. I hope it can ultimately bring us together as church through this process of listening to each other under the guidance of the Gospel.



It is obviously a very important moment for the church. To help us understand it better I have asked Dr Austen Ivereigh, one of two British "experts" present at the Synod to fill us in on what has been happening. Fresh from Rome he will speak to the parish on Wednesday 22nd November – "What happened at the Synod – and why it matters for the future of the Church." He will give a similar talk at Belmont on 4th November at 10.30am if you can't make ours.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols visited Belmont last week and celebrated Mass in thanksgiving for our former Abbot, Bishop Mark's 90th birthday. It was a lovely occasion. Congratulations to him on reaching this milestone.

Sadly, we have had vandals in the church this week and are increasing security. I think it so important to have the church open for people to come and pray. Please be vigilant, and if you see anything untoward let me know. **Fr Brendan**

Don't forget! Next weekend clocks go back an hour at the end of British Summer Time.

Liturgical Calendar Oct 2023 Year A Psalter Wk 1

Sat 21st	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Special Intention
Sat 21st	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 21st	6.00pm	29TH SUNDAY	Peace
Sun 22nd	8.00am	29TH SUNDAY	Peace
Sun 22nd	10.00am	29TH SUNDAY	Parish
Mon 23rd	9.30am <i>Rosary at 8.55am</i>	Feria	Sheelagh Schofield
Tue 24th	No public Mass here. Mass at OL 9.30am		
Wed 25th	1.00pm	Feria	Sarah Stansbury anniversary
Thu 26th	9.30am <i>Rosary at 8.55am</i>	St Chad & St Cedd	James William Grimes
Fri 27th	1.00pm	Feria	Henry John RIP
Sat 28th	10.30am	STS SIMON AND JUDE	Ann McManus
Sat 28th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 28th	6.00pm	30TH SUNDAY	Peace
Sun 29th	8.00am	30TH SUNDAY	Parish
Sun 29th	10.00am	30TH SUNDAY	Gismonda Symonds RIP

The Missio Collection

will take place after all Masses this weekend. Proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission, **Missio** ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need regardless of their background or belief.



NOVEMBER dead list envelopes are now available at the back of church. They will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November.



We welcome into God's family **Aadam Lino** who will be baptised this Saturday at 9.30am. We warmly welcome Aadam and all his family.



Remembrance: Shiela Schofield, Guisepina Newnes, Carol Joyce, John Brown, Mary Sanders, Maria Quinn, Sarah Stansbury, Gismonda Symonds, Anthony Clark. Leonard Mason

Lately Dead
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pray for the Sick:

Ania Kuzba, Jan Beavan, Malcolm Darke, Sarah, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Fr Keith, George Mecina, Margaret Skelding, Ana Rudnicki, Dennis Schiavon, David John Warr, Stephen Booth,

Pope Francis calls for a day of prayer and fasting for peace



ROME – Pope Francis has condemned Hamas' terrorist attacks on Israel and pleaded with the militants to free their hostages unharmed, but he also expressed concern about the situation in Gaza with the tragic loss of life at an Anglican hospital. "I urge believers to take only one side in this conflict, that of peace," he said. War "cancels the future" and breeds hatred and revenge.

Speaking at the October 18 General Audience, the Pope said:

"The victims are growing, and the situation in Gaza is desperate. Please, let everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe," noting that various wars are raging throughout the world and appealing to both sides to "cast weapons aside, listen to the voice of the poor, the people, children."

"Brothers and sisters, war does not resolve any problem. It only sows death and destruction. It increases hatred, multiplies revenge. War cancels the future, it cancels the future," he said, and urged believers "to take only one part in this conflict, that of peace. Not of words, but prayer and total dedication."

To this end, **he announced Friday Oct. 27 as a day of prayer and fasting for peace**, and invited believers of various Christian confessions and those belonging to other religious traditions to join, as well as all those "who carry in their heart the cause of peace in the world."



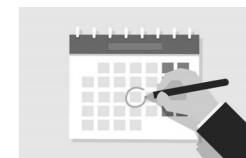
ALTAR SERVERS MASS IN CARDIFF LAST WEEKEND.

Followed by Pizza Hut lunch and 10 pin bowling
A great time was had by all.
Thank you to all our wonderful altar servers!

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Kathy Weston Sarah Williams Sarah Slancauskas	6pm Philip Dixon
8am Cecilia Balestra Frances Hetterley	8am Helen Booth
10am Gerald Okafor Jaimol James Moses Obanimoh	10am Liz Symonds

Thursday Social Club

In response to a suggestion made by several parishioners in the Parish Survey, a new afternoon social club will be trialled.



The Thursday Social Club will meet on the first Thursday of the month 1.30 - 3.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Activities could include prayer, discussion, simple craft activities, games, singing and refreshments, but can be tailored to meet the ideas of those attending. Come along and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners! Everyone is welcome. The first meeting will be on Thursday 2nd November.



Wedding Congratulations

To Sharon Alubo & Wale Koleosho who were married here on Saturday afternoon. We wish them every happiness and joy.

Parish Walk Postponed

Unfortunately the walk planned for this Sunday (22nd October) will have to be postponed. Although the forecast for Sunday, the ground is now waterlogged after days of rain. We will try to reschedule. Watch this space!



Hunt for actors! *The Hereford Passion* will be performed by members of the local community and share the story of Jesus' final days, leading to the crucifixion. The production, which will take place in the nave of Hereford Cathedral. More Info at: **The Hereford Passion 2024 | Hereford Cathedral**

The Hereford Fire Choir Concert at SFX Friday 27th October 7pm £6 on the door

A special concert from the acclaimed Hereford Fire Choir celebrating 30yrs of singing! Singing a whole variety of songs. Proceeds to the fire fighters charity and SFX Church.



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



Collections 30th/1st Oct
1st Collection £379.11
2nd Collection £ 308.73



Parish Calendar - October/November

Fri 27th	All day	Day of prayer/fasting for peace
Fri 27th	7.00pm	Hereford Fire Choir Concert
Wed 1st	All Saints day – A Holy day of Obligation	
Thur 2nd	All Souls day. The commemoration of all the faithful departed. Mass at 1.00pm	
Thur 2nd	1.30-3pm	Thursday Social club meeting.