



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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As the end of the school year approaches, it is wonderful to welcome the children of SFX school, who will be helping our worship at the 10am Mass. We can pray for all our children and youngsters soon finishing the school year, moving up a year, or moving on to new things. We give thanks for the dedication and love that Mrs Diana Pearce brought to SFX school as head over the twelve years. Her contribution has been truly outstanding. And we offer our prayers and best wishes to Mrs Elizabeth Christopherson who will take over in September. That good leadership will continue.

Saints Peter and Paul were the best teachers. St Peter who overcame his weakness and uncertainty with a rock-like faith that saw him give his life for Jesus. And St Paul with tireless zeal nurtured the young churches and leaves us with a profound body of teaching in his letters: "I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith." (2 Tim:4)

This week I am travelling to Yorkshire to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Benedictine nuns of Stanbrook on Friday. Pray for them, as day in, day out, they pray for us all.

It is sad to report that Fr Frank Slater has passed away. After serving the parish of Leominster as their priest for many years he retired to Marden. I was able to see him this week, just before he died. May he rest in peace. **FR BRENDAN**



## TALITHA KUM

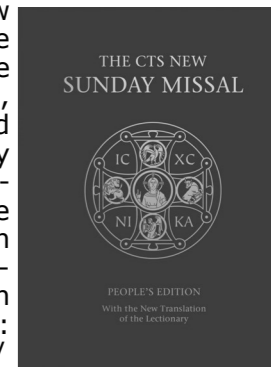
It is the saddest thing to watch she who gave you life, die. Two years on from a near fatal stroke and a descent into dementia via a succession of hospital wards, this would be her last evening on earth. 'I just want to die,' she had told me some weeks before. A lifelong Christian, her faith made the imperative of Christ's message an enduring comfort amidst the terror of mental disintegration - not knowing where you are or what has happened.

The solemnity of St Peter and St Paul often gives rise to the discussion of whether we have a Petrine church, that is a church concentrated on study, liturgy and getting things right or a Pauline church, that is an evangelical, outward looking church.

Asked about the Petrine-Pauline church, Saint John Paul II confounded his critics by saying he wanted to see Marian church, a church which enables us to say 'YES!' to God just as Mary did, a people which joins with Our Lady in saying, 'My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.' We trust in God to deliver us, to raise us from the dead just as Jesus did with Jairus's daughter. Do not trouble the rabbi, friends of Jairus tell him, for your daughter is dead. But Jesus has all the time in the world for those who seek him. Hades holds no power over him. Arise let us be on our way.

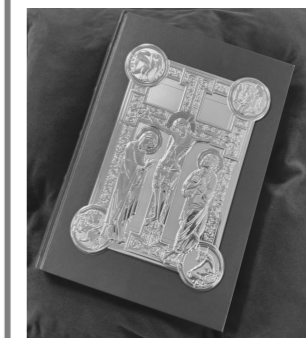
The morning of my mother's death the psalm for that hour, Psalm 33, seemed like a final message from her. 'I sought the

**New Lectionary** A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the Scripture readings for Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. You can pre-book and reserve a copy of The Sunday Missal (available on 14th October) and/or the Week-day Missal (available on 14th April 2025) at CTS online: <https://www.ctsbooks.org/shop/>



**FIVE** New Lectionary Books will be needed for the church. Four separate books for the ambo at a cost of £175 each. Also a Processional Lectionary, priced at £395, for Sundays, other solemnities and feast days.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR ONE OF THE NEW LECTIONARIES?



Your name will be inscribed inside the new Lectionary. Perhaps a parish group or family group would like to sponsor a Lectionary.

Please ask Abbot Brendan or contact the office for details. Thank you

### Liturgical Calendar June/July 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 1

Sat 29th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Amini Joseph RIP
Sat 29th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 29th	6.00pm	STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	Elikkutty Kuriakose RIP
Sun 30th	8.00am	STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	Thanksgiving Jiva Varghese
Sun 30th	10.00am	STS PETER AND	The Parish
Mon 1st	9.30am	Feria	Mary and Phil Barnacle (Joint Anniv)
Tues 2nd	12.00 Noon	Requiem Mass for David Warr RIP	
Wed 3rd	1.00pm	ST THOMAS, APOSTLE (FEAST)	Irene Lehane (Anniv)
Thu 4th	9.30am	Feria	Brian Daw
Fri 5th	1.00pm	Feria	David Warr
Sat 6th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Holy Souls
Sat 6th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 6th	6.00pm	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Denis Francis
Sun 7th	8.00am	14TH SUNDAY	The Parish
Sun 7th	10.00am	14TH SUNDAY	Birthday

**Our Annual Missionary Appeal** will take place on the weekend of 6th/7th July and will be preached by Fr. Serge Traore on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa.



**Parish Walk** The Parish Walk will take place on **Sunday 7th July**. It will be a 4 mile walk starting at Lower Breinton and taking a loop away from the river. It covers a variety of terrain including farmland, woods and a nature reserve. There are ascents and descents but all the hills are gentle. There are several stiles. Meet at **St Michael's Church car park HR4 7PG** (not the National Trust one) at 2.30 pm.

**We remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.** Anthony Confait, Peter Lyons, William Lewis, Mary Barnacle, Josef Lambert, Maria Sanchez, Bernadette Ann Johnson. **Lately Dead David Warr- Requiem Mass Tuesday 2nd July at 12midday** **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.

### Parish Summer Party Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 at about 12 noon. Please bring some food, sweet 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) and also curries, noodles etc are always extremely popular with everyone! Food can be left in the conservatory (accessed from the garden) before Mass begins.

<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>
<b>6pm Sarah Williams, Imogen Cockcroft, Jane Gennard.</b>	<b>6pm Stuart Fox</b>
<b>8am Cecilia Balestra, Vera McHale</b>	<b>8am Dorothy Kennedy</b>
<b>10am Thomas Kottuppallil, Moses Obanimoh, Peter Cunningham, TBA</b>	<b>10am Liz Symonds</b>

### Altar Server - Guild Enrollment

The Guild of St Stephen is an international organisation of altar servers. Like many other parishes, there is a long tradition at SFX of our servers being enrolled in the guild and wearing the distinctive medal. We haven't had any enrollments since covid, but we will be rectifying that at the **10am Mass next Sunday 7th July**.

All altar servers, who are not yet formally enrolled and have been serving regularly for six months or more, are eligible. We hope as many as possible will be at Mass next Sunday. Please arrive by 9:45am so we can be properly organised. Any questions? Email [servers@sfxhereford.org.uk](mailto:servers@sfxhereford.org.uk)



### 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 catch up with old ones.



**Collections 22/23 June**  
**1st £429.30 The Parish**  
**2nd £354.10 Renovation**



### Parish Calendar- July 2024

Mon 1st	6.30pm	Music group practice
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Thurs 4th	1.30pm	Thursday Social Club
6th & 7th	Missionaries of Africa Appeal at all Masses	
Wed 10th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Group