



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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**Dear All,** Human relationships are complicated and the more sophisticated we have become as a society the more complex those relationships have become. Yet at the same time human relationships are simple and straight forward. We are made for each other, to live in community with each other and to grow in love and respect of each other. It was John Dunne who said: "no man is an island" and in those few words he sums up what human relationships are about. This is not to say that everything in the garden is rosy and that we love and respect everybody all of the time but it is the ideal and reflects what God intended. This ideal finds its fullest expression in the marriage relationship between a man and a woman, a relationship which is itself the foundation of society. Pope Francis when commenting on the importance of marriage says this: "marriage is important, and is necessary for the survival of humanity. Without marriage the survival of our society is at risk for marriage is its foundation." However, while defending the sanctity of marriage Pope Francis also recognises that we still have a responsibility to reach out in love to those whose marriages, for whatever reason in difficulty. We should never stop supporting those families where relationships have broken down or the cares and worries of the world have brought them to crisis point. Christ came to bring comfort and healing to those whose lives are torn apart, who are hurt and broken by circumstance and Pope Francis calls on each one of us to do the same. **Fr Andrew**



## Liturgical Calendar October 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 3

Sat 5th	10.30am	Anniversary of Consecration of SFX Church	The Parish
Sat 5th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 5th	6.00pm	27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Pope's Intention
Sun 6th	8.00am	27TH SUNDAY	World Peace
Sun 6th	10.00am	27TH SUNDAY	English Benedictine Congregation
Mon 7th	9.30am <i>Rosary</i>	Our Lady of the Rosary	Beryl Smith
Tues 8th	No Mass here. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30am		
Wed 9th	1.00pm <i>Adoration 12 noon</i>	St John Henry Newman	Zuzanna Maliszewsha
Thu 10th	09.30am	St Paulinus of York	Agnes Mosan <i>RIP</i>
Fri 11th	1.00pm	Pope St John XX111	Berard Byrne
Sat 12th	10.30am	St Wilfred, Bishop	Adam Foley <i>RIP</i>
Sat 12th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 12th	6.00pm	28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	David Warr <i>RIP</i>
Sun 13th	8.00am	28TH SUNDAY	The Parish
Sun 13th	10.00am	27TH SUNDAY	Holy Souls



## Applying for a place for your child for St Francis Xavier's RC Primary School

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you will need to apply for a reception class place for your child to start school in September 2025. Please come along and meet our Headteacher, Mrs Christopherson and our Reception Class teacher, Miss Smail. Mrs Christopherson will give an introductory talk on both mornings at 9.30 am and this will be followed by a tour of the school with our Year 6 pupils. Open mornings are on either

**Thursday 3rd October 9.30 am - 10.30 am or Tuesday 19th November 9.30am - 10.30 am.** There is no need to book.

Further details and application forms are available on our school website.

[www.st-francisxaviers.hereford.sch.uk](http://www.st-francisxaviers.hereford.sch.uk)

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

Elaine Bole, Michael O Rourke, Agnes Hogan, Leonard Mason, Anthony Dawes, Kevin Morris, Betty Shergold, Elizabeth Francis, Catherine Bailey, Michael Dyke, Sonia Jones.

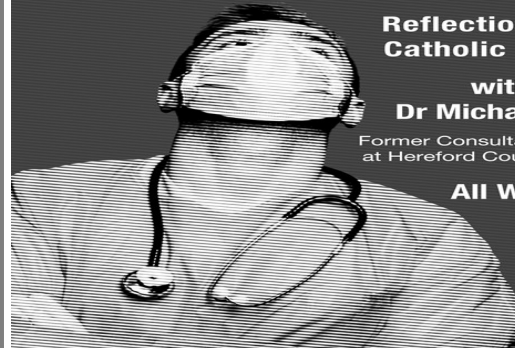
**Lately Dead- Fr Jake Dicto**  
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**



**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, Margaret Skelding, James Spradbery, Roy Pigou, Ann Marie Hughson, Teresa Bord.

HEREFORDSHIRE DEANERY - HORIZONS OF HOPE

## Navigating Ethical Potholes



Reflections of a Catholic Doctor

with Dr Michael Hall

Former Consultant Physician at Hereford County Hospital

All Welcome!

Thursday 10th October 7.00pm

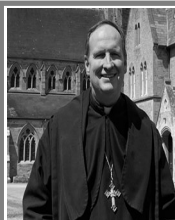
At Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey, Hereford HR2 9RZ



Congratulations to Misha Thomas and Daniel Harrod who were married here at saint Francis Xavier last Friday. The nuptial Mass was followed by a wonderful reception in Cardiff. We wish them all the very best for their future lives together.

## October is the month of the Holy Rosary

Do sign up on the noticeboards to host a meet up or find one close to you and go and support?



## Farewell to Fr Brendan Brennan

Abbot Brendan's last weekend as our Parish Priest will be 26th/27th October. There will be a collection for him after weekend Masses on the next two weekends i.e. 12th/13th and 19th/20th October. We will have an opportunity to say a very fond farewell and make a presentation to Fr Brendan after the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday 27th October.



The service in SFX church is open to anyone who has experienced a pregnancy/baby loss either directly or within their family.

Explore [www.babyloss-awareness.org](http://www.babyloss-awareness.org) to discover self-care advice and ways you can get involved during the week.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Sarah Williams Ancy Shajan Kathy Weston	6pm Stuart Fox
8am Vera Mchale Cecilia Balestra	8am Helen Booth
10am Thomas Kottuppallil Noel Elagado Moses Obanimoh	10am Iola Gillick

## First Holy Communion lessons for children who do not attend Catholic Schools.

There will be a meeting for parents and children in the church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm. You will be able to register your child at this meeting. All children MUST be registered before lessons begin in November. Children should be in Year 3 or above. For more details please email [firstholycm.2425@gmail.com](mailto:firstholycm.2425@gmail.com) please include your child's name.  
Brenda Williams



## Kitchen declutter!

We have had a declutter of the kitchen in the Parish Hall. Containers, trays etc that are surplus to requirements have been put on a table in the Parish Hall. If you think

they may be yours, or if you can make use of anything, please collect over the coming week. There is also a hostess trolley that is free to a good home! Any of these items that are not collected by the end of next week will be donated to a charity shop.



From next Sunday and for future Sunday's at Our Lady's Catholic Church on Belmont road there will be the re-introduction of the Sunday evening mass at 6.30pm. It is hoped that this extra mass will help anyone in the deanery who is on shift work or travelling.



## Red Missio Boxes

If you have one of the red Mission boxes it is now the time to hand in for the count please. If you can bring in and leave them in the sacristy or hand into the office by the 2nd Sunday of October. Many Thanks for your support in this great work.

## CAFOD Family fast day collection This Sunday

Please use the envelopes from the back of church or directly into the retiring collection at all Masses this weekend. For more information on the great work that CAFOD are doing see [cafod.org.uk/parish](http://cafod.org.uk/parish)



## Welcome to any new or visiting parishioners

Do come and introduce yourselves to the welcome team and if you are at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday do come in the hall for Coffee and cake straight after Mass and meet the parishioners and parish priest.



## Collections 28/29th September

1st £602.34 The Parish  
2nd £405.20 Renovation  
\*Cafod Retiring Collection this Sunday\*



## Parish Calendar- October 2024

Thur 10th	7.00pm	Talk at Belmont (See Above)
Wed 16th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Group
Sat 19th	4.00pm	First Holy Communion meeting