



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All,

The world seems even more fragile this week, with the escalation of conflict in the Middle East. The tragedy is for those caught up in these animosities and rivalries between faiths and nations, innocent casualties of war. In the Sermon of the Mount Jesus says: "Blessed are the Peacemakers." It makes our talk next Thursday given by Dr Maria Power all the more pertinent. How do we sow peace in this troubled world at war? How do we become peacemakers? And what does the church have to say about the present conflicts? Do come if you can, 7pm Thursday at SFX.



On Tuesday we will be celebrating the feast of St George. St George was a Roman soldier who died for his Christian faith, honoured not just in England but all over the world. His slaying of the dragon a symbolic victory over evil and sin. A few minutes' walk from where I am staying in Rome is *San Giorgio in Velabro*, an ancient and very lovely church that contains some relics of the saint as well as a fresco of St George in the apse with his white horse. Each cardinal is assigned a Roman church, and this one was assigned to Cardinal John Henry Newman, so it has a further English connection. It will be nice to wander down there and pray this week, particularly remembering the parish there. Happy feast of St George to all our English parishioners, and a blessed week to all of you. **Fr Brendan**

Liturgical Calendar April 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 4

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| Sat 20th | 10.30am | 3rd week of Easter | Rob Brodie RIP |
| Sat 20th | 11.00am | Confessions and Adoration | |
| Sat 20th | 6.00pm | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | The Parish |
| Sun 21st | 8.00am | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | John McGregor RIP |
| Sun 21st | 10.00am | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Michael Ramsay |
| Mon 22nd | 9.30am | 4th week of Easter | Colin Davis |
| Tues 22nd | 9.30am | ST GEORGE PATRON OF ENGLAND | The Suffering Souls |
| Wed 24th | 1.00pm | 4th week of Easter | Victor Hess Leszko |
| Thu 25th | 9.30am | ST MARK, EVANGELIST | Rob Brodie RIP |
| Fri 26th | 1.00pm | 4th week of Easter | Maurice Stansbury Anniversary |
| Sat 27th | 10.30am | 4th week of Easter | Margreth Euanice |
| Sat 27th | 11.00am | Confessions and Adoration | |
| Sat 27th | 6.00pm | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Rob Brodie RIP |
| Sun 28th | 8.00am | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Ancy Shajan |
| Sun 28th | 10.00am | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | The Parish |



Baptism

We welcome into God's family Tymon Las who will be Baptised this Saturday at 4.00pm We warmly welcome Tymon and his family to our parish.

Special Request

for a children's Tablet
A family the SVP are helping have a 4yr year old who is need of a computer 'tablet' for school work. Can any one donate one that they no longer require. Thank you, Audrey Fussell SVP President.



We remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Josie Polakowska, Nedas Damasas, Grace Gillespie, Margaret Joyce, Patricia Cotterell, Mary Clement, Robert Mahon, Terence Houston, Jennifer Maclean, Vi Rosser.



Lately Dead

Robert Brodie. Funeral at Belmont Abbey, Thurs 25th April at 2.00pm.

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, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Ana Rudnicki, Nicola Merrick, Teresa Loftus, Sarah, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, George Mecina, Margaret Skelding, David Warr, James Spradbery.

Can you help our SVP Group?

SVP stands for Saint Vincent de Paul.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church, founded in 1833 for the sanctification of its members by personal service of the poor. Our 10,000 members, motivated by faith, visit vulnerable or isolated people across England and Wales and offer them friendship and practical support. The essence of our work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift.

The SVP group at St Francis Xavier are looking for new members.

We meet twice a month on Mondays (first and third)

1. We currently need someone to go to the homelessness meetings (every 2 months at the Kinder centre by Asda and report back so we know what is happening.
2. A Treasurer who would send quarterly financial reports online to head quarters and keep the members aware of the group's financial situation.
3. People who are willing to visit people in their own homes or Nursing Residential homes. (They will need to be DBS first before they can take this on)



Thank you, Audrey Fussell.
Please contact the office if you can help.

RED BOX 2023 - THANK YOU!

In 2023 St. Francis Xavier's Parish raised £1174.38 through Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St. Francis Xavier's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of missionary priests like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.



| Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist | Ministers of the Word |
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| 6pm Wendy Winterburn Ancy Shajan Vigeetha Joseph | 8pm Fiona Stokes |
| 8am Vera McHale Cecilia Balestra | 8am Stephen Cleeve |
| 10am Thomas Kottuppallil Mary Cook, Noel Elegado Moses Obanimoh | 10am Audrey Fussell |

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Sunday 21st April is Good Shepherd Sunday and the Word Day of Prayer for Vocations.

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness.

A Prayer for Vocations

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.

Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.



How to Sow Peace in a World at War

Come along this Thursday at 7.00pm to a talk and discussion with Oxford Professor Dr Maria Power. Why not invite a friend?

Retiring Collection This Sunday Priest Training Fund Appeal 2024

This collection is for our archdiocese of Cardiff to help train our priests of the future. On average the archdiocese invests £190,000 in the formation of seminarians over their seven years formation period. There is obviously no public funding available so all the costs of study and a small maintenance grant comes from the parishes. There are some Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of Church.



A Cup of Tea/Coffee and Cake

Everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass. A great way to make new friends and meet with Fr Gregory.



Collections 13/14th April
1st £ 479.70 The Parish
2nd £357.78 Renovation



Parish Calendar—April/May 2024

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| Thurs 25th | 7.00pm | Talk by Dr Maria Power |
| Wed 1st | 6.30pm | ABC Bible Study |
| Thurs 2nd | 1.30pm | Thursday Social Club |
| Wed 15th | 9.00pm | Torchlight procession, Belmont |