



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All, Looking ahead to the next few weeks, there are many events to get involved in across the life of the parish and deanery. There are prayers, pilgrimages, fetes, talks and special Jubilee events (to name a few), all of which are made possible by parishioners giving up their precious time and energy to help in the mission of the Church. I encourage you to get involved as much as you can and to use it as an opportunity to bring along your families and friends. It is important to nurture our faith, indeed, to "proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard" as the Entrance Antiphon says, to ensure that we are always growing in love and fidelity to Jesus Christ.

Our readings this Sunday bring us closer to the heart of the early Church and the role of the Holy Spirit in helping guide decisions. Jesus tells the disciples that the Holy Spirit will come and "he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." The same Spirit that guided and empowered the early Christians is available to us today. By embracing the Holy Spirit, we can find peace and strength to continue Christ's mission in our own lives.

We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and this year we want to prepare for it in a special way. We will begin praying a parish Pentecost novena on Friday 30th May, which will include specific intentions each day, before each Mass. Please take a leaflet home with you and join us by praying the novena with your families or in small groups. On Saturday 31st May there is the parish pilgrimage walk from SFX to Belmont Abbey for the Jubilee Family Day, a great event for families.

Let us embrace the Holy Spirit in our lives as a sure guide for every step of our journey. **Fr John**

Liturgical Calendar May/June 2025 Yr C Psalter Wk 3

Sat 24th	10.00am	5th week of Easter 1st COMMUNIONS	Liz Christopherson (Thanksgiving)
Sat 24th	NB: NO Confessions and Adoration		
Sat 24th	6.00pm	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	N.K. Kuriakose RIP
Sun 25th	8.00am	6TH SUNDAY	The Parish
Sun 25th	10.00am	6TH SUNDAY	Michael Ramsay
Sun 25th	11.15am	PARISH MAY PROCESSION	
Mon 26th	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Eddie O'Connor
Tue 27th	NO PUBLIC MASS. ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY (FEAST) Mass at Our Lady's 9.30		
Wed 28th	1.00pm	6th week of Easter	Lizzie McKenna RIP
Wed 28th	6.00pm	ASCENSION OF THE LORD(VIGIL) SOLEMNITY	Josephine & Victor Hill 75th wedding anniversary RIP
Thu 29th	1.00pm	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Albert Gregg RIP (anniversary)
Fri 30th	1.00pm	6th week of Easter	Souls in Purgatory Lucy Connolly & family
Sat 31st	10.30am	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (FEAST)	For Vocations
Sat 31st	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 31st	6.00pm	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	Patrick Hanley RIP (anniversary)
Sun 1st	8.00am	7TH SUNDAY	The Parish
Sun 1st	10.00am	7TH SUNDAY	David Warr RIP

This Thursday is the great feast of **The Ascension** - a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 6pm. Thursday Mass at 1pm **NOT 9.30am**

Parish May procession today Sunday 25th after the 10.00am Mass. Do stay for 15 mins for this traditional May celebration in honour of Our Lady.

Save the date! Sunday 8th June
Parish jubilee garden party following the 10.00am Mass. More details to follow.



Congratulations to all the children of the parish who made their First Holy Communion here yesterday morning. It was a wonderful celebration!

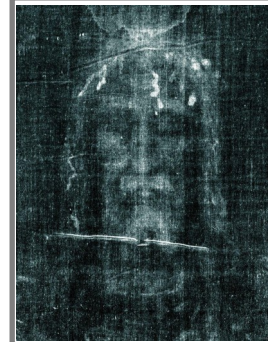
We remember all who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.
Latently Dead Bishop Mark Jabalé.

Anniversaries: Roy Bosworth, Eileen Jones, Gilean Brain, Margaret Harrison, Wyn Lowe, Margaret Tennant, Irma Farr, Vera Morris, Albert Gregg, Brendan Connolly, Frances Thomas, Lucy Criasia, Jane McGloin, Peter Horne .

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, Teresa Bord Ann Marie Hughson, Paul Kingston, John Moroney, Pauline and David Day, Mark Edmunds, Didit Buhain.



Is this the world's first selfie? And of none other than Jesus Christ!

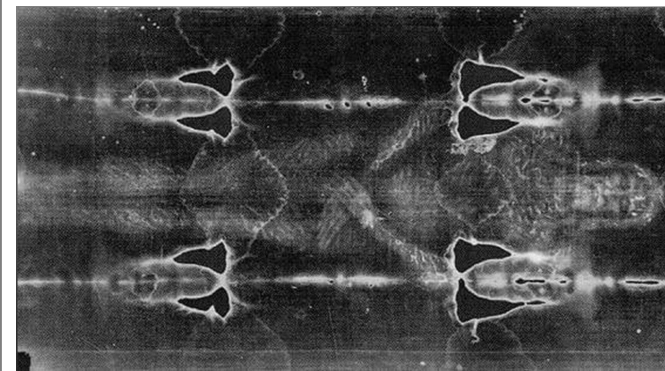
The Shroud of Turin

In 1978 a team of scientists was given access to the Shroud of Turin for 72 hours.

The "STURP" team confidently believed that with the latest scientific methods including help from NASA technology there would be ample time to uncover the secrets of the shroud. Nearly 50 years later surviving members are still searching for answers about the image!

The image of a man on a linen burial cloth. Venerated by popes. Studied by scientists. Examined by doctors. It has survived four fires. The image was not painted. Is this the burial cloth of Jesus which is mentioned in all four Gospels?

We are very fortunate to have the **SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION** coming to the parish for a second time. It is well worth a visit even if you have visited before. Recent research with up-to-date technology has uncovered a great deal more about the shroud. Do come along. Over 500 people visited in the week of the first parish exhibition. Pam Moon, who set up this touring exhibition, will give a talk on Sunday 15th June at 3pm. She is internationally recognised as a leading authority on the Shroud of Turin. Please do your best to come.



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



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist		Ministers of the Word	
6pm	Jane Gennard Wendy Winterburn Sarah Williams	6pm	Fiona Stokes Helen Booth
8am	Cecilia Balestra Vera McHale	8am	Tracey Buckley Lorraine L Williams
10am	Mary Cook Noel Elegado Gerald Okafor	10am	Gabriel Gillick Iola Gillick

How do they know it is a Miracle?

Dr. Kieran Moriarty CBE, a member of the International Medical Committee of Lourdes, will be giving a talk about the cure at Lourdes of John Traynor. This talk is part of the Herefordshire Deanery Horizons of Hope series. Why not come along to what promises to be a fascinating talk. **Thursday 5th June at 7.00pm** at St Francis Xavier Church Hereford HR4 9AP All welcome Refreshments



God from God Light from Light

An ecumenical service celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. Thursday 12th June at 5pm in Hereford Cathedral.

Preacher: The Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia, the Most Reverend Mark O'Toole. All are welcome.



VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS

St Francis Xavier's Pentecost Novena. 9 days of intercessory prayer for our community from Friday May 30th. Please take a leaflet from the Narthex to find out more about what a novena is and how to pray it with us.

Parish Walk Brockhampton Sunday 25th May

Meet at All Saints Church Brockhampton HR1 4SD (Grid reference – SO 5942 3215) ready to walk at 2 pm. *You may like to arrive earlier to look around this beautiful and unique church. With its thatched roof, Burne-Jones tapestries and wild flowers carved into the choir stalls and embroidered onto seat and hymn book covers, it is widely recognised as one of the most important Arts & Crafts buildings of the early 20th century.*

This is a circular 3 mile walk over varied terrain of woodland and farmland. It takes in a viewpoint over the River Wye, lovely views towards May Hill and an iron age hill fort. There are no stiles. There is space for parking on the lane outside the church, but please share lifts where possible. If you need a lift, phone or text Dorothy Tel: 07733 174681



Collections 18/5/2025
1st £ 422.51 The Parish
2nd £342.94 Renovation



Parish Calendar – May/June 2025

Sun 25th	2.00pm	Parish Walk
Sat 31st	9.45am	Pilgrimage Walk to Belmont
Mon 2nd	7.00pm	SVP All welcome
Wed 4th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture group
Thurs 5th	7.00pm	Talk by Kieran Moriarty