

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear Friends, after our celebration of All Saints on Sunday with the baptisms, confirmations and first holy communions, we kept All Souls Day on Monday with three Masses. It is a day when we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those undergoing purification in purgatory as they await their heavenly rewards. The feast reflects the doctrine that the actions of faithful believers on Earth can assist souls who died in a state of sin and remain in purgatory, helping them undergo purification.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1030).

Throughout the month of November, let us pray for the Holy Souls.

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. **Fr James**

Liturgical Calendar November 2025 Yr C Psalter Wk 4

Sat 8th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Busko, Rapa,
			Stojewski
			families RIP
Sat 8th	11.00am Confessions & Adoration		
Sat 8th	6.00pm	THE LATERAN	The Parish
		BASILICA	
Sun 9th	8.00am	THE LATERAN	November Dead
		BASILICA	List
Sun 9th	10.00am	REMEMBRANCE	Requiem Mass
		SUNDAY	
Mon 10th	9.30am	St Leo the Great,	Mills &
	Rosary	Pope and Doctor	Phillips
	9am	of the Church	families RIP
Tue 11th	NO PUBLIC MASS. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30		
Wed 12th	1.00pm	St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	Forgotten Souls
Thu 13th	9.30am	ALL BENEDICTINE	Anna & Tadeusz
		SAINTS (FEAST)	Kania RIP
Fri 14th	1.00pm	Feria	November Dead
			List
Sat 15th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	John Farren RIP
Sat 15th	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 15th	6.00pm	33RD SUNDAY IN	Stephen Booth
		ORDINARY TIME	RIP
Sun 16th	8.00am	33RD SUNDAY	Anna & Tadeusz
			Kania RIP
Sun 16th	10.00am	33RD SUNDAY	Eva Ward RIP

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

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a reception class place for your child to start school in September 2026. 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 followed by a tour of the school with Year 6 pupils. Open mornings are on Friday 3rd October 9.30 am - 10.30 am and Wednesday 19th November 9.30 - 10.30am.

No need to book. Further details and application forms available on the school website. Thank You.



Holy Alexander Smith, who will be Baptism baptised this Sunday at 12 noon. A warm welcome to Alexander and all his family.

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

Lately Dead-Sanal Antony, David Madgen Anniversaries: Vera Barrington Hopkins,
Shirley Gutowski, Paula McQuillan, Noah Bolt,
Katie Meakin, Ann Lock, John McSherry,
James Baskerville, Harold Welch,
Thomas McCourt, Mary Daniels, Jude James.
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, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, Lynne Howells, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Ana Rudnicki, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Margaret Davis, Margaret Skelding, James Spradbery, Teresa Bord, Sarah, Patricia Marongiu, Sarah James, Kath Feely, Pauline and David Day, Mark Edmunds, Didit Buhain, Margaret Davis, Ann Marie Hughson, Vera McHale.

Special Celebration at SFX!

Last Sunday at the 10.00am Mass with great joy we celebrated 3 Baptisms of Light and Ordain and Charley.

2 Confirmations of Ashleigh and Charley Ashleigh was also received into the church All four received their first Holy Communion.



A great day for them and for our parish!

Composing the Music we have Heard in Heaven – with Fr Dominic White OP, Prior of Blackfriars, Oxford. Fr Dominic will shares a musical experience of beauty and faith as a composer, organist and pianist. Do join us at St Francis Xavier's Church, Hereford, at 7pm on Thursday 13th November.

Open Invitation to all parishioners

On Sunday 23rd of November (Christ the King) at the 10.00am Mass we will be accompanied by our **Filipino community** leading the singing followed by a Filipino food buffet after Mass.

If anyone has Horizons for Hope survey forms to return, there is a box in the Narthex. Thank You



EMMAUS DISCOVER, YOUTH RETREAT: The event (for 13-17 year olds) takes place at St David's

College in Cardiff, on Sunday, 23rd November, the feast of Christ the King. That feast is also known as National Youth Sunday. The day runs from 10am to 5pm, and it includes the celebration of Holy Mass with Archbishop Mark. We will assist with transport for those travelling from different parts of the diocese. The day costs £10 per person, which includes travel,

lunch, and the day's activities. Please register to attend at rcadc.org/youth, the deadline date for registration is November 11th .Contact our office or speak to Fr James or Fr John.

Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Wendy Winterburn Angela Holmes Vigeetha Joseph	6pm Fiona Stokes Helen Booth
8am Cecilia Balestra Frances Hetterley	8am Tracey Buckley
10am Lorena D L Auer Thomas Kottuppallil Noel Elegado	10am Audrey Fussell Bruno Alves



Parish Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 29th November 12.30-2.30 in the Parish Hall.

The Raffle will be drawn at 1.30 pm Parish Raffle: This weekend you will find 2 books of raffle tickets in your newsletter. Please be as generous as possible in buying raffle tickets or

selling them to family and friends as this is a major part of our fundraising effort. If you know that you will not be able to buy any tickets, or sell them to others, please do not take them. Completed stubs and money will be collected in the Narthex after all weekend Masses for the next 2 weekends.

Items that are needed for the Bazaar: **BOTTLES:** Many bottles are needed for the popular bottle stall. Alcoholic and soft drinks are all very welcome. CHRISTMAS HAMPER items: See list in the narthex RED and GREEN items: Decorations, wrapping paper, Christmas crackers, paper serviettes etc. in traditional Christmas colours. J EWELLERY: Any unwanted jewellery TOYS: Small, clean, good quality toys. No large items please. CAKES: homemade cakes will be needed on the day. Any items donated for stalls can be left in the sacristy in labelled boxes after any weekend or weekday Mass from now on.

Make sure you have the date in your diary!



The Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Parishioners are kindly asked to donate items to make up Christmas Hampers. See the notice in the Narthex. You will see that the Hampers contain many items that will help you enjoy a

festive Christmas. Please sign against an item that you can donate (before 23rd November). Place your donation in the Christmas Hamper box in Sacristy. Thank you for your continued support.



Many congratulations to **Jay and Precious** who were married here at SFX on Saturday.

Welcome to new parishioners and visitors.

Do introduce yourselves to the welcomers and come along after 10.00am Mass for coffee and cake.

Reminder-There will be a retiring collection

at all Masses this weekend for the sick and retired clergy of the archdiocese.



Collection 2/11/2025 The Parish £845.90



What's on in November 2025?			
Thu 13th	7.00pm	Horizons of Hope Talk with Fr Dominic White OP	
Mon 17th	7.00pm	SVP in Kemble Hall	
Wed 19th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Group in Kemble Hall	
Thu 20th	10.30am	Poetry for Pleasure	