



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear All,
At the coronation service a young chorister welcomed King Charles at the door of the Abbey Church saying: "Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings." The King responded: "In his name, and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve."
Like his mother, King Charles has a deep personal faith, and it is a faith that makes him want to be of service to all peoples in the United Kingdom and other territories, regardless of background, faith, colour or creed. He wants to be true to those Christian values in a world very different from that he was born into, and this King is a symbol of unity in a very diverse society.
This first coronation for 70 years is a great national event and a moment of joy. It is great that we can come together and celebrate it as a parish. Let us offer our prayers for the new King and Queen and pray that the Lord will bless them in exercising their responsibilities for the good of all. Fr Brendan



Liturgical Calendar May 2023 Year A Psalter week 1

Sat 6th	9.30am	Mass for the Coronation of King Charles III	Henry John RIP
Sat 6th	NO Confessions and Adoration		
Sat 6th	6.00pm	5th of Eastertide	Marian Busko
Sun 7th	8.00am	5th of Eastertide	Parish
Sun 7th	10am	5th of Eastertide	Anna Baylis RIP
Mon 8th	9.30am	5th of Eastertide	Dan Gibbons RIP
Tues 9th	9.30am.	Special Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse.	
Wed 10th	1.00pm	5th of Eastertide	Holy Souls
Thur 11th	9.30am	5th of Eastertide	Holy Souls
Thur 11th	1.00pm	Requiem Mass for Terence Houston	Terence Houston RIP
Fri 12th	1.00pm	5th of Eastertide	John McGregor RIP
Sat 13th	10.30am	Our Lady of Fatima	William Fawcett RIP
Sat 13th	11-12	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 13th	6.00pm	6th Sunday of Eastertide	Theresa Curley RIP
Sun 14th	8.00am	6th Sunday of Eastertide	Parish
Sun 14th	10.00am	6th Sunday of Eastertide	V.T. Augustine RIP

Collection next weekend for Catholic Communications

Annual Torchlight Procession at Belmont Abbey in honour of Our Lady This Wednesday 10th May 9.00pm. Recitation of the Holy Rosary and hymns around the Abbey Gardens. Refreshments from 6.00pm in Hedley Lodge and the gift Shop will be open from 2-9pm
Led by Archbishop Mark O'Toole



We welcome into God's family **Maya Custance who will be baptised this Saturday at 3.30pm**. We warmly welcome Maya and her family into our parish.

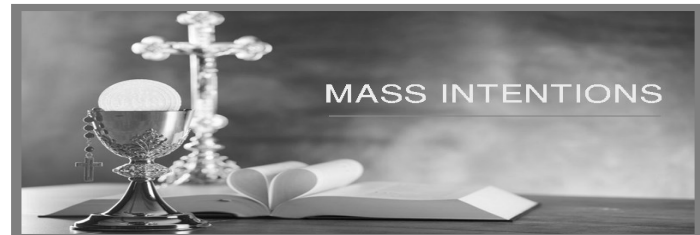


Remembrance Patricia Cotterell, Mary Clement, Robert Mahon, Jennifer Maclean, Vi Rosser, Joan Milkler, James Knowles, Sheila Doreen, John Lennon, Kathleen Hanna, Peter Finnegan, Sylvia Rame

Recently Died
Stanley Howard Funeral arrangements TBC
Terence Houston Thurs 11th May 1.00pm
John McGregor Fri 19th May 1.00pm
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Prayer for the Sick:
Ania Kuzba, Joan Colley, Fr Keith, Ausura Chukarov, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Midad Jasari, Jan Beavan, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Margaret Skelding, Christina James, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Ann Currie, Stephanie West, Patricia Moroney, Mary Elizabeth, George Mecina, Catherine Wales.



What are Mass Intentions?
The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass.
For what is Mass commonly offered?
You might think of offering Mass when someone dies, and on their anniversary each year; when someone is seriously ill or on a birthday, in thanksgiving or to ask for God's help in the year to come; when a friend or family member marries, or celebrates a particular milestone in life.
Do I have to be present at the Mass?
No, when you arrange for Mass it is the priest who makes the offering. You might try to be present, though, to add your own prayers and your own offering of the same Mass for the intention you requested.
How do I arrange for a Mass to be said?
The easiest way is to pick up a small brown 'Mass envelope' from the back of Church, fill in the details and then hand in via the collection plate or into the sacristy or parish office. It is the usual custom to make a small offering (stipend) to support the parish. The diocese suggests £10 or whatever you can afford. We will be looking at a digital way soon also.

Tea, Coffee and Cake
Everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass.



Parish 200 Club.
Winners for the **March Draw 2023** 1st Elizabeth Wilson £30; 2nd Annie McCourt £20; 3rd Regina Harrison £10. **April Draw 2023** 1st Helen Oliver £30; 2nd Mary Perris £20; 3rd Jeanette Livermore £10. **Also envelope for Mike Boaden.** Congratulations to the Winners who can collect their letters from the Sacristy.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Jane Gennard, Sarah Williams, Sarah Slancauskas	6pm Stuart Fox
8am Francis Hetterley Vera McHale	8am Stephen Cleeve
10am Mary Cook, Gerald Okafor Moses Obanimoh	10am Andy Milne

**CORONATION
big lunch**

The Coronation Big Lunch is this Sunday! 12 for 12.30pm start.

We will be having teas and coffees in the Parish Hall after 10am Mass as usual, so 10am Mass goes will hopefully not feel the need to go home and come back. Traditional British dishes. Kerala, Filipino, Malaysian, Portuguese and others. There will be music and children's games. Do come along to a parish get-together after such a long and difficult absence for us all.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 04th September 2023, led by Bishop Mark O'Toole. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.



Question - Why should I read the Bible?
Answer - The Bible, besides being the Word of God, is the best selling book of all time having sold over 6 billion copies!
The Bible might be described as a 'love letter from God!' Yet although most households own a Bible how often do we read it? The Bible is not easy, it is not even a 'book'. The very word means a 'library' of 72 different books with over 40 different authors and many different 'genres' or styles of writing. HELP! ABC is our Bible study group where you will get that help and friendship and a cup of tea! All Welcome.
Next Meeting Thurs 6.30pm in the Parish Hall



Collections for 29th/30th April
1st Collection £539.91
2nd Collection £430.44
Priests Training Fund Raised £581.49 Thank You



Parish Calendar

7th May	12 Noon	Coronation Big Lunch
10th May	9.00pm	Torchlight procession Belmont Abbey in honour of Our Lady
11th May	6.30pm	ABC Bible Study Group in hall.
15th May	7.00pm	SVP in Parish Hall
18th May	10.30am	Poetry for Pleasure (Hall)