


ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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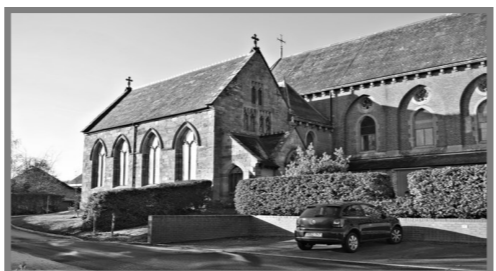


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Dear All, Did you know that our current parish of St Francis Xavier's was enlarged to take over the neighbouring parish of St Anne's, Bartestree? The church there is small and plain, but is unique in being a mediaeval chapel used for Catholic worship over a period of some six hundred years. It was originally the chapel of Old Longworth manor house built c.1390. Then it (yes, the church!) was moved to Bartestree in 1869. Sadly, the church was closed in 1995 and is now in the care of the Historic Chapels Trust and the parish part of our own.



Once a year we can celebrate Mass there. So do join us this Tuesday 25th July at 11am, the feast of St James, to whom the Church is dedicated. We can pray for its past parishioners, for Robert Phillipps who restored this Chapel for Catholic worship and built the neighbouring Bartestree Convent. We can pray for the sisters who served there for 130 years. And we can pray for all those cared for in St Michael's Hospice today, built in the convent grounds.

On 15th August there is also Mass in the Rotherwas Chapel. It is another mediaeval church used by Catholics: a rather unusual thing in this country.

It will be lovely to bless our pilgrims to World Youth Day at our 10am Mass and send them off to Portugal with the prayers of the parish. I hope they will be enriched by their meeting with fellow young pilgrims from all over the world, and by the inspiring presence of Pope Francis. Boa peregrinação! **Fr Brendan**

Liturgical Calendar July 2023 Year A Psalter week 4

Sat 22nd	10.30am	St Mary Magdalene	Michael Malone
Sat 22nd	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 22nd	6.00pm	16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Edgaras RIP
Sun 23rd	8.00am	16TH SUNDAY	Parish
Sun 23rd	10.00am	16TH SUNDAY	Stanley Howard RIP
Mon 24th	9.30am	Feria	Stephanie West RIP
Tue 25th	ST JAMES THE APOSTLE (FEAST) MASS AT LONGWORTH CHAPEL AT 11AM		
Wed 26th	1.00pm	Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.	Margaret Mary Martin RIP
Thu 27th	NB No 9.30am Mass today (See below)		
Thu 27th	12noon	Requiem Mass for Mary Barnacle RIP	
Fri 28th	1.00pm	Feria	Patrick Cleary RIP (1st Anniv.)
Sat 29th	10.30am	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Fr Vic Kotze
Sat 29th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 29th	6.00pm	17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Jise Varghese (Birthday)
Sun 30th	8.00am	17TH SUNDAY	Petronio&Anecita Tuyan RIP
Sun 30th	10.00am	17TH SUNDAY	Parish

Diary Dates -Two Special Masses

Coming up shortly we also have the two special celebrations of Mass in the county's two mediaeval Catholic churches, Longworth and Rotherwas, on 25th July and 15th August, their respective patronal festivals.



We welcome into God's family **Theodore Hejnar** who will be baptised this Sunday, at 12noon. We warmly welcome Theodore and all his family into our Parish.



Remembrance

Conrad Hogg, James Clinton, Neil Daniel, Margaret Parkes
Recently Died
Mary Barnacle: Requiem Mass 12.00 Thursday 27th July.



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, Jan Beavan, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Margaret Skelding, Christina James, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Mary Elizabeth, George Mecina, Ana Rudnicki, Sue Forder, Ausura Chukarov.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Today, on the Sunday before the feast of **Joachim and Anne**, the grandparents of Jesus, we celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme selected by Pope Francis for this year is, "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50).



The theme is linked to the theme for World Youth Day 2023, and Pope Francis will preside over a special Mass in St. Peter's Basilica to mark the grandparents' day and has invited parishes, dioceses, associations, and communities around the world to celebrate the day "in their own pastoral context."

The pope, who is 86 years old, has been an advocate for the dignity of the ageing and has often emphasized **the important role of grandparents in passing on the Catholic faith**. He established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021. Last year's theme came from Psalm 92:15: "In old age they will still bear fruit."

Five Practical ways in which you can encourage your grandchildren (and your children) in the faith.

- Practice** what you preach! A well known saying is that faith is 'caught not taught'. Your witness in all things will speak more loudly than your words.
- Teach** them prayers like the Rosary, saying a simple 'Grace before Meals', especially when you are in MacDonalds! We thank you the world so sweet, We thank you for the food we eat, We thank you for the birds that sing, We thank you God for everything."
- Talk** about the religious art you may have in your home and get them each a small statue of Jesus to keep by their bed-sides.
- Reverence** When they come for a sleepover have a set routine of kneeling by their beds with them and with an attitude of gratitude offer some prayers ... "What can we thank God for today?"
- Journey** Don't take them to church only on a Sunday; whenever you are in town pop in for five minutes as a routine, light a candle and say a short prayer.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Wendy Winterburn Imogen Cockcroft Vigeetha Joseph	6pm Philip Dixon
8am Angela Holmes Cecilia Balestra	8am Carola Morton
10am Mia Brennan Jaimol James Noel Elegado	10am Andy Milne

Parish Walk This Sunday 23rd at 2.30pm!

The Parish walk will be this Sunday 23rd July 2023. It is a 4.5 - 5 mile circular route around Hoarwithy via Sellack and King's Cagle churches. We will start at the impressive Italianate church of St Catherine in Hoarwithy at 2.30pm. The route is over fields and along quiet country roads. If you would like a lift to Hoarwithy, please contact Dorothy Kennedy on 07733 174681.



Wedding Bells at SFX

Paul and Brenda Williams are delighted to say: "Our daughter Joanna (Jo) is getting married to Gareth Noyes on Saturday 5th August at SFX at 12.30pm. Many parishioners remember Jo as an Altar Server/MC for 12 years, helping with the Youth Club and many other parish activities. Although she no longer lives in this Parish she is still involved with it. If any of you would like to attend the Nuptial Mass we would be very happy to have your company. Tea and biscuits will be provided in the Hall afterwards. (Sorry, it will be self-service).



Icon Workshops in September

Belmont Abbey is offering two 5 day Icon Workshops led by Fr Alex Echeandia Loro. **1st Icon Workshop** (Beginners to Intermediate) is from **11th-16th September 2023**, painting an icon of St Peter. **2nd Icon Workshop** (Intermediate to Advanced) is from **18th to 23rd September**, painting the Tender Icon of The Bridegroom. The cost for the teaching is £350 for each intensive workshop. For further details contact Fr Augustine, retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk Tel:374750.

Job Vacancy at St Mary's R.C. High School Lugwardine.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to appoint a part-time Chaplaincy Lead Required for September 2023. For further details please contact sturley@st-maryshigh.hereford.sch.uk




Tea, Coffee and Cake

Everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass. All welcome.



Thank you!
Collections for 15th/16July
1st Collection £425.45
2nd Collection £342.32



Parish Calendar

23rd July	2.30pm	Parish walk around Hoarwithy
25th July	11.00am	Longworth Mass
27th July	6.00pm	Singing practice, all welcome.
4th Aug	6.30pm	Bible study Group (ABC)
15th Aug	TBA	Rotherwas Chapel Mass
27th Aug	Noon	Parish BBQ