



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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**Dear All** This Thursday is an important day in the life of our parish. First, it is the **anniversary of the dedication of our parish church**. We will have a special **evening Mass at 6.00pm**, and, as is the custom, consecration candles will be lit around the Church as we give thanks for the blessings and graces that we receive together in this place.

So many people visit and say: "What a beautiful building!" And it is. But St Paul reminds us our goal is not the building but that we ourselves become the "living stones" of the Church. Something better than bricks and mortar! So it is a good day on which to have our parish **AGM, our Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm** when we can discuss together the life of the parish, see what is happening and reflect on what needs to be done. Do come along.

**October** is of course the **Month of the Holy Rosary**. There is a wonderful initiative in the parish – Rosary at Home. There are so many things we need to pray for in our world so do take this opportunity to meet up to ask the prayers of Our Lady and at the same time get to know your fellow parishioners over a cup of tea. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Many blessings, Fr Brendan



## Liturgical Calendar Sept/Oct 2023 Year A Psalter Wk 2

Sat 30th	10.30am	St Jerome	Paul D Williams RIP (Anniv.)
Sat 30th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 30th	6.00pm	26TH SUNDAY	Parish
Sun 1st OCT	8.00am	26TH SUNDAY	Holy Souls
Sun 1st	10.00am	26TH SUNDAY	Tom Hanley (birthday)
Mon 2nd	9.30am Rosary at 8.55am	The Holy Guardian Angels	Margaret Williams RIP
Tue 3rd	No public Mass here. Mass at OL 9.30am		
Wed 4th	1.00pm	St Francis of Assisi	Paulette Pratt RIP
Thu 5th	12.30pm	Funeral of Carmela Langford	
Thu 5th	6.00pm NB NO 9.30am	Anniversary of Consecration of SFX Church	Parish
Fri 6th	1.00pm	St Bruno, Priest	Mary Rapinett RIP
Sat 7th	10.30am	Our Lady of the Rosary	English Benedictine Congregation
Sat 7th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 7th	6.00pm	27TH SUNDAY	Thressiamma Mathai
Sun 8th	8.00am	27TH SUNDAY	Holy Souls
Sun 8th	10.00am	27TH SUNDAY	Parish

**The monks of Belmont have been invited to sing Vespers** at Hereford Cathedral at 5.30pm on Sunday 1st October on the vigil of the feast of local saint, Thomas of Hereford. Do go along if you can. Or call into the Cathedral to say a prayer at his shrine.



**October- The Pope's intention**  
We pray for the Church that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



**1st October Feast St Therese of Lisieux. Pray for us**

**Remembrance**  
Miriam Andrews, Paul Stroucken, Gerald Tibbott, Elaine Bole, Michael O'Rourke, Agnes Hogan.  
**Lately dead Carmela Langford**  
**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, Malcolm Darke, Sarah, Ian Power, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Christina James, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Fr Keith, George Mecina, Margaret Skelding, Ana Rudnicki, Dennis Schiavon, David John Warr.



## Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels on Monday 2nd October

The fact that every person is assigned a personal guardian angel is deeply rooted not only in Scripture, but also in the writings of the saints and the teachings of the Church. In the Psalms we read, "For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone" (**Psalm 91:11-12**). Saint Jerome, in commenting on **Matthew 18:10** says, "The worth of souls is so great that from birth each one has an angel assigned to him for his protection." We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, (CCC #336) the words of Saint Basil, saying, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life"

Though the reality of guardian angels is often spoken of to children as a comfort to them when they face fears, there is a deeper theology. The guardian angels are for all of us, and we ought not forget about our own. Angels are not only intercessors, they are mediators. This means that God entrusts them with His divine power, to act in His name and on His behalf, to deliver His grace, reveal His Truth, direct us down the right path, and protect us from evil. Though God is fully capable of distributing His grace Himself, it is His will that all He bestows upon us come to us



through mediators who are instruments, cooperating with His divine plan.

**Prayer to your Guardian Angel**  
Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
**Amen**



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
<b>6pm</b> Wendy Winterburn Sarah Williams Sarah Slancauskas	<b>6pm</b> Philip Dixon
<b>8am</b> Francis Hetterley Cecilia Balestra	<b>8am</b> Dorothy Kennedy
<b>10am</b> Mia Brennan Gerald Okafor Mary Cook	<b>10am</b> Gabriel Gillick

## First Holy Communion Lessons for children at non-Catholic schools



There will be a meeting for parents and children on Saturday 14th October at 4pm in the church. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament next June please come to this meeting. Children should be in Year 3 or above. Lessons will start on 28th October. If you are unable to attend the meeting please write a letter to me, Brenda Williams via the church giving details of child's name, date of birth and parents email address.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day Fri 6th Oct

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development are having their annual family fast day appeal this Friday. CAFOD have some really informative short film clips which really show clearly the scope of their work in different parts of the world and showing how the donations given are put into use on the ground. Below is a link to one such short clip. There is also a QR Code in this box if you wish to donate directly by scanning on your phone.



<https://youtu.be/NJr5jOvp1hU>

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

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you will need to apply for a reception class place for your child to start school in September 2024. Please come along and meet our Headteacher, Mrs Pearce and our Reception Class teacher, Miss Smail. Mrs Pearce will give an introductory talk on both mornings at 9.30 am and this will be followed by a tour of the school with Year 6 pupils. Open mornings are on Wednesday 4th October 9.30 am - 10.30 am and Thursday 16th November 9.30 - 10.30 am. There is no need to book. Further details and application forms are available on our school website. Thank you.



**A Rosary Sign-up Sheet** is now ready at the back of Church. Do consider hosting the Rosary at home. Praying the Rosary brings great blessings on the parish and on families. The Rosary will be recited also before 09.30 Mass on Mondays and Thursdays beginning at 08.55am. Our Lady has asked all the faithful to pray with her and October is the month of the Holy Rosary.



## Collections 16th/17th Sept

**1st Collection £592.55**  
**2nd Collection £383.03**  
**Xaverian Missionaries £821.21**



## Parish Calendar - October

Mon 2nd	7.00pm	SVP Meeting
Wed 4th	6.30pm	ABC Bible Study Group
4th & 16th	9.30am	SFX School admissions talk
Thurs 5th	7.00pm	Parish AGM
Sat 7th	12 noon	Mass for Marriage in Cardiff
Sat 14th	4.00pm	First Holy Communion meeting