



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear all, The Liturgy of the Church changes from season to season, as we were being invited to the paschal mysteries, everything changed liturgically. The colour changed from Purple to white, the Church was decorated more, the New Easter Candle, the renewal of baptismal promises and the Alleluia. All these symbols have significant meanings for the whole season of Easter.

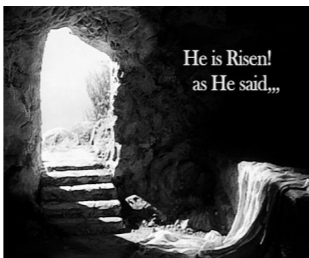


The Easter message from His Holiness Pope Francis summarizes the whole season of Easter, "Jesus Christ is risen! He alone has the power to roll away the stones that block the path to life. He, the living One, is himself that path. He is the Way."

"Only the Risen Christ, by granting us the forgiveness of our sins, opens the way for a renewed world" The liturgy of the Easter season is a sacred invitation to enter into a period of profound spiritual renewal and rejoicing. During this time, we are called to immerse ourselves in the mystery of Christ's resurrection and to allow its transformative power to touch every aspect of our lives.

Through the rich tapestry of prayers, hymns, and the readings, the Church invites us to deepen our understanding of the paschal mystery and to embrace the joy of new life in Christ. Let us keep praying for one another and God bless us all.

Fr. Gregory.



Liturgical Calendar April 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 3

Sat 13th	10.30am	2nd week of Easter	Holy Souls
Sat 13th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 13th	6.00pm	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Leticia Sambi
Sun 14th	8.00am	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Holy Souls
Sun 14th	10.00am	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	The Parish
Mon 15th	9.30am	3rd week of Easter	Doreen Gile
Tue 16th	No morning Mass. Mass at Our Lady's at 9.30		
Wed 17th	1.00pm	3rd week of Easter	Maria Tomaszewicz
Thu 18th	9.30am	3rd week of Easter	Rob Brodie
Fri 19th	1.00pm	3rd week of Easter	Rob Brodie
Sat 20th	10.30am	3rd week of Easter	Rob Brodie
Sat 20th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 20th	6.00pm	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Parish
Sun 21st	8.00am	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	John McGregor
Sun 21st	10.00am	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Michael Ramsay



Congratulations to Keith and Helen Oliver on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. 50yrs ago in this Church...and she is still singing! Their anniversary is on Monday 15th April.



Baptism
We welcome into God's family Eloisa Bonelle who will be Baptised this Sunday at 12 noon. We warmly welcome Eloisa and her family to our parish.

Gift Aid envelopes

The Gift Aid envelopes for 2024/5 are now available on the back row of benches in Church for you to pick up. Many Thanks.



We remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Patrick Mc Caughey, Eduardo da Silva, Pearl Bray, David Nash, Jack Gittings, John MacGregor.



Lately Dead

Robert Brodie. Funeral TBC
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, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Ana Rudnicki, Nicola Merrick, Teresa Loftus, Sarah, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, George Mecina, Margaret Skelding, David Warr, James Spradbery.

There is one image of the Resurrection you often find in many Eastern Churches. Jesus is standing in the centre, surrounded by light. Beneath him lies the darkness of death. He has smashed open the gates of the underworld, and he stands on the shattered pieces that remain. Death has been destroyed. It has no power anymore.

At the same time, he is reaching down to the figures of Adam and Eve, taking them by the hand, and lifting them out of their tombs, like a lifeguard lifting someone out of the water. It's the same for us: as Christ rose from the tomb he lifts us out of the spiritual darkness that we are in, bringing us to a place of safety. We just need to reach out and take his hand.



Special Request for a children's Tablet

A family the SVP are helping have a 4 year old who is in need of a computer 'tablet' for school work. Can any one donate one that they no longer require. Thank you, Audrey Fussell SVP President.



Job Advert TEACHER OF RE .5FTE/ CHAPLAINCY COORDINATOR 18.5hrs a week

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work as full-time combined role of Teacher of RE and Chaplaincy Coordinator at our 'outstanding' secondary school, St Mary's RC High School. All documents relating to this post can be accessed through the schools website under Contact Us – Vacancies.

Completed applications to be emailed to v cotton@stmaryshigh.hereford.sch.co.uk

MISSIO COLLECTION Please bring in your red boxes and leave them in the sacristy by 27th April. Thank you, Mary



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6pm Jane Gennard
Ancy Shajan
Wendy Winterburn

8am Frances Hetterley
Cecilia Balestra

10am Mary Cook
Peter Cunningham, Noel Elegado
Thomas Kottuppallil

Ministers of the Word

8pm Philip Dixon

8am Helen Booth

10am Valerie
Vaughan Williams

Sunday 21st April is Good Shepherd Sunday and the Word Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Our cathedral in Cardiff at 3.00pm will be holding a holy hour to pray for Vocations within our Diocese and across the world. The hour of prayer is open to everyone but may also be of interest for anyone looking to discern God's will for them at this time. Many thanks, Fr. Michael.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness.

A Prayer for Vocations

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit. Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.

Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Retiring Collection Next Sunday Priest Training Fund Appeal 2024

This collection is for our archdiocese of Cardiff to help train our priests of the future. On average the archdiocese invests £190,000 in the formation of seminarians over their seven years formation period. There is obviously no public funding available so all the costs of study and a small maintenance grant comes from the parishes. There are some Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of Church.



A Cup of Tea/Coffee and Cake

Everyone is invited to come along to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass. A great way to make new friends and meet with Fr Gregory.



Collections 6th/7th April
1st £ 579.87 The Parish
2nd £433.00 Renovation



Parish Calendar—April 2024

Mon 15th	7.00pm	SVP
Wed 17th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Study Group
Thurs 18th	10.00am	Poetry for Pleasure
Thurs 25th	7.00pm	Talk by Dr Maria Power