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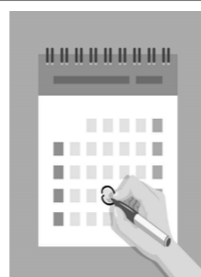
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Dear All, At our last Parish Advisory Council meeting, the focus was on our social calendar. Following the good response from everyone in our parish survey, we are following up a number of ideas such a curry night and having a parish quiz. Next on the calendar will be the Summer Barbeque: please put lunchtime Sunday 27th August in your diary! The Coronation Big Lunch was such a wonderful event, and I look forward to this.

There is always coffee and cake after the 10am Mass on a Sunday. We are also planning to have Coffee and Croissants after the 8am Mass on 18th June, and a Glass of wine after the 6pm Mass on 1st July.

You would be very welcome to the ABC Scripture group if you wanted to nourish your faith, and the Poetry for Pleasure group can expand your literary horizons. There are film nights and parish walks a few times a year. It is good to find small ways that we can get to know each other as a parish. Don't you think it sad when we come together for Mass but don't know those around us?
Fr Brendan



Liturgical Calendar June 2023 Year A Psalter week 2

Sat 10th	10.30am	Votive memorial of Our Lady	Stephanie West RIP
Sat 10th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 10th	6.00pm	CORPUS CHRISTI	Victor Hill RIP 40th Anniversary
Sun 11th	8.00am	CORPUS CHRISTI	Thanksgiving (Lloyds)
Sun 11th	10.00am	CORPUS CHRISTI followed by Corpus Christi Procession	Parish
Mon 12th	9.30am	Feria	Stephanie West
Tue 13th	No public Mass. St. Anthony of Padua Mass at Our Lady's at 9.30am		
Wed 14th	1.00pm	Feria	Thompson family Intentions
Thur 15th	9.30am	Feria	Helen Livingstone (sick)
Fri 16th	1.00pm	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Carole Virgo 70th Birthday RIP
Sat 17th	10.30am	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Holy Souls
Sat 17th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 17th	6.00pm	11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	N.K.Emmanuel
Sun 18th	8.00am	11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Parish
Sun 18th	10.00am	11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Frank Leahy Intentions

Corpus Christi Procession Calling all SFX Parishioners

This Sunday we will have our annual Corpus Christi procession through Hereford city centre. It is not exclusive to 10am Mass goes but is a privilege for all parishioners to take part. The procession begins straight after the 10.00am Mass. It is a wonderful opportunity to give a prayerful witness to our catholic faith. Processing through High Town takes Jesus into the town square and is a great occasion in the Church's year. It is wonderful when we have a good turnout of parishioners, which makes the procession so much more powerful. Do hope your can come along!



Remembrance Bernadette Johnson, Anthony Byrne Peter Devlin, Winifred Doran Sylvia Philips.

Recently Died Catherine Wales

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, Patricia Moroney, Mary Elizabeth, George Mecina, Ana Rudnicki.

Corpus Christi—Where is the Evidence?

Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist. There are many stories of miracles throughout Church history that confirm this important truth. It is important to note that no Catholic is required to believe any of these events. Even if they have been investigated and approved by the Church, the Church does not give any absolute guarantee to their authenticity. Nor does the Catholic dogma of transubstantiation depend on the authenticity of these stories (It is based on Scripture and Tradition). Nonetheless, these stories are particularly noteworthy since you can still go see evidence of the miracles today. Here is an example of just one. **When and Where?** In 1996. In the Parish of Saint Mary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. **What happened?:** While two other eucharistic miracles were investigated in 1992 and 1994 the most interesting and comprehensive study was done on the Eucharistic miracle of 1996. The host began bleeding when consecrated and part of it became human tissue. After several intense studies, it was found that the tissue was part of a heart, a muscle of the myocardium, the left ventricle, the muscle that gives life to the whole heart and body. The tissue revealed further that it belonged to a person who had gone through intense pain, experiencing extended periods of time where he could barely breathe, had immense strain put on the heart (both common features of crucifixion) and had been stabbed in the left side. What was most extraordinary was that despite the fact this should have killed the person, the tissue showed signs of being 'alive'. This was evidenced by intact white blood cells being found in the tissue. This showed the heart sample was pulsating. White blood cells normally disintegrate about 15 minutes outside of a living body. **Interesting fact:** The Archbishop who commissioned the research was none other than Jorge Bergoglio, now Pope Francis. For more comprehensive studies and a much larger list of Eucharistic miracles Google the title below:

Blessed Carlo Acutis Listed 32 Eucharistic Miracles

Belmont Abbey Fete 17th June at 2.00pm

The fete is a lovely family afternoon out with a variety of stalls, bouncy castle, games for the children, displays and a whole lot more, and all set in the beautiful monastery grounds.



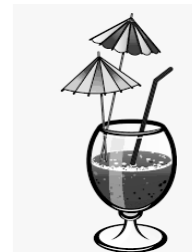
There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend for the Bishop's Day for Life Appeal.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Wendy Winterburn Imogen Cockcroft Vigeetha Joseph	6pm Stuart Fox
8am Angela Holmes Cecilia Balestra	8am Carola Morton
10am Mary Cook Peter Cunningham Dominic Smedley	10am Deidre Schofield

Drinks and Nibbles after Mass

You are warmly invited to pop into the parish garden after the Saturday night Mass on July 1st. 7.00pm

Drinks and nibbles will be served, and what a great way to have a chat to some of your friends old and new or meet new parishioners and say hello to Fr Brendan. All welcome.



Hereford Police Choir concert Friday June 23 7.00pm



Tickets are now on sale £10.50 or on the door.

Come and join us for a two part concert of singing by Herefords most iconic male voice choir, followed by refreshments. All charitably in aid of the pilgrims travelling to World Youth Day in Portugal.

Coffee and Croissants

You are warmly invited to Coffee and Croissants in the Parish Hall after the 8am Mass on **Sunday 18th June**. All welcome. Why not put a date in your diary and come along, be sociable, support the Parish, make new friends and get to know your brothers and Sisters in Christ!



Poetry for Pleasure

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th June 10.30 -1200 in the Parish Hall. The theme is "A poetry trip around the British Isles". No expert knowledge is required! Just bring a few poems on the theme to share with the group. All are welcome.



Tea, Coffee and Cake

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



Collections for 3rd/4th June
1st Collection **£468.45**
2nd Collection **£363.84**



Parish Calendar

15th June	10.30am	Poetry for pleasure
17th June	2.00pm	Belmont Abbey fete
18th June	8.00am	Coffee and Croissants after Mass
23rd June	7.00pm	Hereford Police choir concert SFX
1st July	7.00pm	Drinks and nibbles after the 6.00pm Mass in the gardens.
11th July	2.30pm	Ledbury Singers Concert SFX