



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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**Dear All,** Imagine that you have just received an invitation from King Charles to join him at Buckingham Palace for a state banquet. What a great honour and worthy of the very best you can give. No doubt you'd have your haircut, buy new clothes so you looked your very best. Most of all you would make sure that you arrived on time, perhaps even earlier to make sure you were there ready to greet the king. Being late wouldn't be an option. Every day and especially on Sunday we are all invited to the greatest of all banquets, the banquet of the Lamb, the Eucharist. Our invitation comes from God Himself and He is there waiting, arms wide open ready to greet us. The Eucharist is the greatest of all gifts. It is in the Eucharist that we are invited to meet our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. We are fed with his body, blood, and are blessed with graces beyond all measure. He calls us, humbling himself as he is placed into our sinful hands. What a fantastic gift we are offered and how blessed are we that God loves us so much as to invite us to meet him face to face. However, we often do not appreciate this wonderful gift, we turn up late for Mass, unprepared, not ready to greet our Lord. Sometimes it can't be helped but we should always do our very best to be there ready and eager to greet the Lord when he comes. After all if we can make the effort for the King surely how much more important it is when we come to meet the King of Kings. **Fr Andrew**



## Liturgical Calendar Sept/Oct 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 2

Sat 28th	10.30am	Our Lady's Mass	Nino & Maria Meschi
Sat 28th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 28th	6.00pm	26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Our Lady's Intention
Sun 29th	8.00am	26TH SUNDAY	Joan Livingstone (sick)
Sun 29th	10.00am	26TH SUNDAY	Gabby and Kevin Winston
Mon 30th	9.30am Rosary	St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Blessings Recieved
Tues 1st October	No Mass here. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30am St Therese of the Child Jesus (Therese of Lisieux)		
Wed 2nd	1.00pm Adoration 12 noon	The Holy Guardian Angels	Our Lady's Intention
Thu 3rd	09.30am	Feria	Don McDonnell
Fri 4th	1.00pm	St Francis of Assisi Cafod family fast day	Holy Souls
Sat 5th	10.30am	Anniversary of Consecration of SFX Church	The Parish
Sat 5th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 5th	6.00pm	27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Pope's Intention
Sun 6th	8.00am	27TH SUNDAY	World Peace
Sun 6th	10.00am	27TH SUNDAY	English Benedictine Congregation

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

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you will need to apply for a reception class place for your child to start school in September 2025. Please come along and meet our Headteacher, Mrs Christopherson and our Reception Class teacher, Miss Smail. Mrs Christopherson will give an introductory talk on both mornings at 9.30 am and this will be followed by a tour of the school with our Year 6 pupils. Open mornings are on either **Thursday 3rd October 9.30 am - 10.30 am or Tuesday 19th November 9.30am - 10.30 am.** There is no need to book. Further details and application forms are available on our school website [www.st-francisxaviers.hereford.sch.uk](http://www.st-francisxaviers.hereford.sch.uk)

## We remember all who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Muriel Reilly, Joan Haswell, Anthony Lloyd, Paul Williams, Reginald Philips, James Henry, Madge Supple, Miriam Andrews, Paul Stroucken, Gerald Tibbott.  
**Lately dead-** Joan Longford  
**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, Sarah, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Ana Rudnicki, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Margaret Skelding, James Spradbery, Roy Pigou, Ann Marie Hughson, Teresa Bord, Theo Bevan.



**Telephone Prayer Line** has been in existence for over twenty years in order to offer spiritual assistance to anyone requesting it. Presently there are fourteen parishioners who pray for whatever intentions are requested of them. It could be for someone who is sick, facing an operation, seeking a job, sitting an exam, or a whole range of other issues. Confidentiality is maintained - neither names nor specific details need be given. In the last twelve months we have had fifty-four requests for prayers. The system works by the person in the group who receives the request by telephone passing it on to the next member of the group who does likewise, until everyone has received the request. There are no set prayers offered as each individual prays in their own way. Telephone Prayer Line: If you would like prayers offered for an intention, please telephone one of the names below. If you would like to join the group to pray for others we would be pleased to hear from you. **See notice in the Narthex.**  
**Eileen MacGregor - 01432 352915 or Meg Furber - 01432 264560**

**Wye Valley NHS Trust** is raising awareness of pregnancy and baby loss in Herefordshire and Powys during Baby Loss Awareness Week (October 9 to 15) with a series of activities and events.

**The week culminates on Tuesday, October 15th with a Walk of Light departing from the Baby Memorial garden at Hereford County Hospital, 6pm, to St Francis Xavier Church, Broad Street, Hereford for a service of remembrance at 6.45pm.**



This service is open to anyone who has experienced a pregnancy/baby loss either directly or within their family. Explore [www.babyloss-awareness.org](http://www.babyloss-awareness.org) to discover self-care advice and ways you can get involved during the week.

<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>
6pm Jane Gennard Ancy Shajan Sarah Slancauskas	6pm Fiona Stokes
8am Vera Mchale Cecilia Balestra	8am Stephen Cleeve
10am Mary Cook Moses Obanimoh Lorena de Lima Auer Thomas Kottuppallil	10am Gabriel Gillick

**Parish "Elgar in Hereford" walk Sunday 29th September 2.30 pm** Meet outside the West door of the Cathedral (main door facing King Street) ready to start the walk at 2.30 pm. The walk should take one to one and a half hours. Tea and scones will be available in the Parish Hall after the walk. We have had to pay the Guild of Guides in advance in order to secure the booking. If you signed up for the walk, please pay Dorothy on the day. The cost is £6 per adult. **Places still available on the day.**

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## Navigating Ethical Potholes

Reflections of a Catholic Doctor  
with Dr Michael Hall  
Former Consultant Physician at Hereford County Hospital  
**All Welcome!**

**Thursday 10th October 7.00pm**  
At Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey, Hereford HR2 9RZ

**Red Missio Boxes**  
If you have one of the red Mission boxes it is now the time to hand in for the count please. If you can bring in and leave them in the sacristy or hand into the office by the 2nd Sunday of October. Many Thanks for your support in this great work.

**CAFOD Family fast day collection Next Sunday**  
Please use the envelopes from the back of church or directly into the retiring collection at all Masses next weekend.

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**Welcome to any new or visiting parishioners**  
Do come and introduce yourselves to the welcomers and **if you are at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday do come in the hall for Coffee and cake straight after Mass and meet the parishioners and parish priest.**

**Collections 21/22nd September**  
1st £450.20 The Parish  
2nd £337.67 Renovation  
\*Cafod Retiring Collection next Sunday\*

**Parish Calendar- September/October 2024**

Sun 29th	2.30pm	Parish Walk
Wed 2nd	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Group
Thur 10th	7.00pm	Talk at Belmont (See Above)