



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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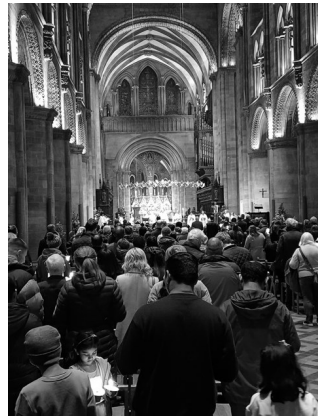
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Dear All, Happy Easter! Last week's joint Easter Vigil service with the Anglicans was truly a beautiful celebration of faith and unity. The atmosphere was filled with reverence and joy as we came together to commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord. Sharing this special moment with our Anglican brothers and sisters reinforced the bonds of friendship and solidarity within our community. It was a profound reminder of the power of faith to bring people together, regardless of denominational differences. Specifically, it was a wonderful new experience to me, and I have learned a lot from this celebration.

A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners for your wholehearted participation in our Easter celebrations last week. Your presence, prayers, and enthusiasm truly enriched the joyous atmosphere of the season. A special appreciation goes to those who dedicated their time and effort to prepare our church for the festivities, the wonderful service of the servers, also the choir and musicians. Your hard work behind the scenes did not go unnoticed, and it contributed immensely to our Paschal celebrations.

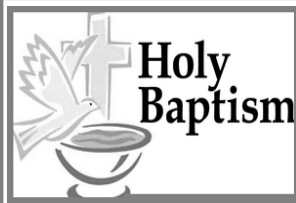
Fr Brendan is now back in Rome, we are looking forward to having him back for the Solemnity of Pentecost. We wish him peace and prosperity. May your Easter be filled with abundant blessings and renewed faith.

Fr. Gregory.



Liturgical Calendar April 2024 Yr B Psalter Wk 2

Sat 6th	10.30am	SATURDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	Henry Haverty Anniversary
Sat 6th	11.00am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sat 6th	6.00pm	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun 7th	8.00am	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Wiktor Daron RIP
Sun 7th	10.00am	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	The Parish
Mon 8th	9.30am	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Vincent McDonell
Tues 9th	No morning Mass. Mass at Our Lady's at 9.30		
Wed 10th	1.00pm	2nd week of Easter	Forgotten Souls
Thu 11th	9.30am	St Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr	Ann McManus
Fri 12th	1.00pm	2nd week of Easter	Holy Souls
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



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.



You may know someone who is **Sick or Housebound this Easter** who would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion? Please let Fr Gregory know by e-mail to the parish office.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Robert Mahon, Thomas Loftus, Maureen Toner, Irene Mann, Michael Kennedy.

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

The Annunciation Monday 8th



Mary's office as Mother of God was fixed from all eternity. For this her soul was made beautiful; for this she was formed in spotless loveliness in the mind of God *from the beginning, before earth came into being* (Pr 8:23). She was already in his plan of creation. But even though this was so, Mary's will was free. One would not, however, expect anything but perfect conformity from one so wholly devoted to the will of God. Accordingly she answered in nearly the same words as her Divine Son was to use on so many occasions-*thy will be done-be it done unto me according to thy word.*

With the word of a humble little maiden in an unknown corner of the world, the most tremendous occurrence of all time took place, and God became man.

Sr. Mary Jean Dorcy, O.P.

Fr. Brendan sends his thanks for your generous Easter Offerings. He is busy in Rome organising a training course for 22 monks and nuns from all over the world. He is staying at Sant' Anselmo, the Benedictine headquarters in the city. He will keep the parish in his prayers. Here is a photo he sent of the group.



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Sarah Williams, Imogen Cockroft Sarah Slancauskas	8pm Stuart Fox
8am Vera McHale Cecilia Balestra	8am Dorothy Kennedy
10am Mia Brennan, Noel Elegado, Moses Obanimoh Thomas Kottuppallil	10am Gwenfair & Iola Gillick



Divine Mercy Sunday is this Sunday the 7th April. There will be a special prayer service (Chaplet) with exposition at 3.00pm
Divine Mercy Sunday is a recent addition to the Church's calendar, and it has links to both private revelation and the Bible.

It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska in 1931, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared:

"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church *will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday".*

HEREFORDSHIRE DEANERY - HORIZONS OF HOPE

How to Sow Peace in a World at War



with Dr Maria Power

Dr Maria Power is a Fellow of Blackfriars Hall where she a Senior Research Fellow in Human Dignity at the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice.

Thursday 25th April 7.00pm

At St Francis Xavier Church, Hereford HR4 9AP

A Cup of Tea/Coffee and Cake

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



Collections Easter Weekend
Easter Collection
£1,700



Parish Calendar—April 2024

Sun 7th	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Service
Mon 15th	7.00pm	SVP
Wed 17th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Study Group
Thurs 25th	7.00pm	Talk by Dr Maria Power